



Penfield Strikers Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2011

Call to Order

Laura Payne-Bourcy called to order the regular meeting of the Penfield Strikers at 6:40 pm on June 12, 2011 at Penfield Presbyterian Church.

Attendance

Laura Payne-Bourcy, George Pancio, Bob Wells, Cathy Pietak, Dito Garcia, Bob Poetker, Ron Cappellino, Colleen Bell.

Meeting Minutes

As there was not a quorum present, approval of the May, 2011 meeting minutes was held in abeyance until July's Board meeting.

Registrar's Report

As Linda Teglash was unable to attend tonight's meeting, she submitted her report to Board members via e-mail as follows: RDYSL registration is now complete for players ages U8-U16. Strikers will field 307 girls and 19 teams:

- U8 - 14 players (Julie Neill)
- U9 - 14 players (Jon Getz)
- U10A - 13 players (Colleen Bell)
- U10B - 12 players (Mark Irving)
- U10C - 12 players (Deb Benkovich)
- U11A - 17 players (John Richiusa)
- U11B - 18 (+1) players (Gabe Hallancia)
- U12A - 17 players (Adam Uzelac)
- U12B - 17 players (Frank Monfalcone)
- U13A - 17 players (Kelly Masters)
- U13B - 18 players (Dave Coumou)
- U14A - 17 players (Nicole Hercules)
- U14B - 17 players (Dito Garcia)
- U15 - 15 players (Bob Wells)
- U16A - 18 players (Andrew Creathorn)
- U16B - 18 players (Wayne Martin)
- U19A - 19 players (Alane DiMartino)
- U19B - 21 players (Justin Allen)

L. Teglash reported registration for the Libbie Tobin Summer Soccer Camp is underway with 79 players registered. Linda will begin working on registration for the 2011-2012 season next month. The goal will be to open registration effective the first week of August.

Skills Training

Discussion was had by all regarding SSI skills training and how the 2012 indoor program should be defined and structured. Items discussed included the following:

- The proposed targeted age groups of U8-U13, possibly even U12, would receive SSI skills instruction.
- Given the positive feedback from last year's Libbie Tobin clinics, the club will investigate further opportunities with Libbie for skills training for U14 and above players.
- The skills budget item can be broken down however the Board desires to accommodate skills expense; i.e. SSI and Tobin.
- The desired ratio of players to skills instructor is 1:12. This will necessitate coach training and involvement.

- Skills training must include a goalie training component, with U11-U12 being the recommended age for beginning training.
- Goalie training to be experienced based rather than age based; i.e. beginner, intermediate and advanced.
- A proposal that November-January advanced training be offered and January-April beginner/intermediate training be offered at the BSZ side field allotted for this purpose.
- The suggestion that this training possibly be outsourced. Very positive feedback was received regarding Pierce Catone and his "hands-on" instruction at this spring's goalie training.
- The suggestion that Erich/SSI preview skills training to the coaches pre-season and then again once every six to eight weeks during the indoor season and also provide a three-month outline of skills instruction goals.
- The suggestion that the club delineate its expectations in future contract with George Werner.
- The observation that teams who actively utilize and incorporate SSI training into their play and those that don't result in a lack of experience and cohesion between teams; i.e. "A" and "B" teams.
- The time allotted for skills and practice may need to be adjusted for reasons previously discussed at May's Board meeting; i.e., 1 hour 15 minutes practice/45 minutes skills. The field coordinator's input was this could be hard logistically and that perhaps having skills every other week is a better alternative.

2012 Club Fees

Club fees for 2012 will be \$400; a modified fee of \$275 for U19 teams. When benchmarking fees for other RDYSL clubs, it was taken into consideration that Strikers includes a skills training component in off-season practice and there are no add-on expenses; i.e., uniforms and tournaments.

Discussion was had by all regarding the club's general practice of recruiting unpaid coaches. Volunteer coaches make low club fees possible. However, the Board will look to the Coaching Committee for input and policy direction for reconsideration of this general practice.

- Specific discussion was had regarding the U14 team coached by Nicole Hercules and the possibility of her being recruited by other teams. It was agreed that George Werner reach out to Nicole on behalf of the club to determine her continued interest in coaching a Strikers team as a "paid" coach.

Fall Tryouts

Discussion was had by all regarding upcoming tryouts and ideas for disseminating information regarding Strikers, including use of school newsletters and the Pen Rec magazine.

- Contact will be made with the town recreation department to coordinate field availability, dates and times.
- Initial discussion was had regarding neutral evaluators for tryouts with further discussion to follow in August's Board meeting.

All Girls/All Soccer

L. Payne-Bourcy solicited a volunteer to assist in the coordination and rostering of players for the fall AGAS program.

- Dito Garcia volunteered to help the AGAS Coordinator, Brandon Ramsey, in the rostering of players.
- Discussion was had by all regarding the nature of the AGAS program and some of the issues experienced last fall, including an imbalance of age and ability among some teams and a drop-off in registrations. It was indicated that the intended purpose of the program is to provide a fun fall soccer opportunity for local players and not a club-level soccer experience. The difficult economic environment was cited as a possible reason for the drop-off in registrations.

Other Business

George Pancio noted the Town Hall shed was found unlocked and in a state of disarray. George locked it up and noted the combination is #1608. He volunteered to get back there within the next couple weeks to clean up a bit.

July Agenda Items

- Budget Approval
- Registration Process
- Group-On opportunity through Valenti's as presented in March with a club kick-back used for a "Targeted Training Fund."

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned.

Meeting minutes submitted by: C. Pietak