

Penfield Rangers Soccer Club, Inc.

June 9, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Call to order: Sean Doherty called to order the regular meeting of the Penfield Rangers Board of Directors at 6 p.m. on June 9, 2013 at the Eastside YMCA.

Coaches Committee: Joel Maness reported on behalf of the Coaches Committee. Joel advised that a meeting was held on April 23rd with New York Premier. Sean and Joel met with Dean of New York Premier. They concluded that the PDO was not worth it and would not be continued next season. Dean advised that they would not charge the Rangers for the remainder otherwise owing for the PDO. Next year New York Premier will provide only the Skills program and the Coaches Clinics. New York Premier very much wants to continue the relationship with us and other teams.

We paid \$10,000 in total to NY Premier, \$2500 of which was for the PDO. The consensus was that Lewis had been working hard and well, and it was unfortunate that he could not return to the United States.

The proposal for a Micro program did not succeed because only 3 kids signed up.

New York Premier wants to do a three day camp this summer for U8 to U14 (“School for Excellence”).

Joel discussed tryouts for September. We will use grey tryout shirts this year so as to avoid potential confusion with players wearing white tee-shirts last year. We need to work out the dates.

Joel raised the idea of a mentoring program whereby older kids would teach the younger ones. The idea was well-received.

Joel also proposed that a conditioning camp be conducted the weeks prior to the outdoor season in April 2014. The players would be divided into two groups, those U12 and younger, and those U13 and older. This would involve “suicides” and distance running.

Joel pointed out that the PDO observed players that should have been playing at a higher level and should have been recommended for this purpose last fall. Sean believed that this is covered adequately by the Board policies already. Play-ups should be raised after the first weekend of tryouts and should start with the age group coordinator.

Sean recommended that the Board amend its policies to state that if a player declines a spot, the player cannot be on another Rangers team. This is intended to address an issue that arose last year. Chuck agreed to draft a policy proposal for the July meeting.

Marketing: Steve reported that the Facebook and Twitter pages are up and that we need people to “like us”. 28 have done so thus far. The Club also has a constant contact account now. Steve reported on the Fourth of July Parade (June 29th) and that Rangers players would be participating. He reported also that some teams have their own Facebook pages.

President: Sean reported that the club was fined \$10 for barely visible lines at Rothfuss. A player on the U-16 team was red-carded for elbowing an opposing player in the back. This resulted in a \$50 fine to paid by the player, a loss of two team points, and the player must sit out two consecutive games. George Hebert reported concerns via email about the sideline behavior of one of our coaches.

Sean reminded the Board that IDs must have photos and be laminated.

Treasurer: No report.

Registrar: No report.

Don’s Night: The evening raised \$700 for the club and came at no expense. Given that the weather was terrible and conflicted with the Chili Tournament and a lacrosse game, the event was considered a success. For next year it was recommended that we have an earlier date – fall or spring.

There was discussion regarding a fall event – a bonfire celebration after tryouts. This could also be a fundraiser.

Chili Tournament: Concerns were raised about the lack of appropriate matching of team skill levels. Sean recommended that the tournament coordinator be contacted in advance to inquire about the skill levels of teams participating. Placement in a division with higher level teams is not an unusual occurrence.

Picture Day: Completed earlier in the day – June 9th.

Calendar of Upcoming Events: July 7th – next Board meeting; August 2nd – End of season; and August 3rd – Board meeting.