

Penfield Rangers Soccer Club

Minutes from the Board Meeting on November 5, 2006

Board Members Present:

Rui Amorim, Steve Bartlett, Chris Bridenbaugh, Simon Buisman, Joe Carder, Steve Farina, Vicky Hansen, Kevin LoCicero, Tom Lynd, Randy Spaan, Curt Reguit, Dennis Skrtic, Dave Vadas.

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by C. Bridenbaugh, President

Minutes from the October board meeting were approved as submitted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Rangers Parent Meeting (November 12, 2006):

C. Bridenbaugh reported that Bay Trail is confirmed as the location for the upcoming Parent Meeting. The auditorium and a portion of the cafeteria were reserved. D. Weiner and the Executive Board have developed the meeting agenda. The meeting will begin with a uniform fitting followed by registration at the team tables. Following the registration process, the meeting will finish with the general presentation in the auditorium. The presentation will be made by club president, C. Bridenbaugh. As a part of the presentation, J. Lundy will explain how registration fees are used.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Annual General Meeting is confirmed for Sunday, November 19th in Penfield Courthouse A. Elections for new board members and officers will take place at the meeting. Four nominees for positions have been received. A sample ballot was presented for review by board members. Notices were sent to board members whose terms were expiring to determine their interest in being candidates.

Team Uniforms

C. Bridenbaugh indicated that after reviewing the proposals, the uniform committee made a recommendation to purchase uniforms from a new vendor. The uniforms will be manufactured by Nike, and samples will be available at the Parents meeting on November 12. Additional accessories such as sweatpants will also be available at the meeting. D. Weiner indicated that if players were not able to attend the Parent Meeting, other arrangements can be made to try on the uniforms at another date and location—possibly at the end of the Annual General Meeting.

Rangers Club Telephone

A motion to purchase a Vonage account to replace the existing cellular telephone service was proposed. A Vonage account provides for an email notification when an unanswered call is received and a voice mail is left. Following discussion, the motion passed. The existing phone contract will be cancelled. It was noted that places where the existing phone number is listed (web site, telephone book) will need to be identified and changed. D. Skrtic agreed to be in charge of this transition.

TREASURER

R. Amorim distributed copies of the 2007 budget and provided a quarterly budget overview for the board.

During the review, there was discussion concerning the distribution of the funds from the 2006 Kicks for Kids tournament. The board voted to donate \$500 to Camp Soar and the remaining \$829 to Flower City Soccer. R. Spaan, Kicks for Kids coordinator, will find out the correct addresses and contact information where the donations should be mailed.

R. Amorim indicated that a deposit slip for the club's banking account will be distributed to all coaches/managers. It will be the responsibility of each team to deposit all registration fees in the club's account and then provide the deposit receipt to R. Amorim.

REGISTRAR

Club Registrar D. Skrtic reported that all teams have completed tryouts. The following age groups are in the process of being registered: U15 (20 players); U16 (18 Players); U17 (18 Players); U18-19 (18 Players).

D. Skrtic provided an update on the Microsoccer Program. He indicated that the program had started successfully, and there were 91 players pre-registered and 10 walk up players. He noted the high ratio of boys to girls enrolled in the program (80% boys). He also noted there was a great response from volunteers.

EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR

D. Vadas indicated that all equipment has been inventoried. D. Vadas is working to develop a comprehensive list of equipment needs for the club. He will be working with Susan Weiner and the new uniform vendor to leverage the club's buying power. D. Vadas indicated that he would have a proposal at the next meeting.

WEB SITE COORDINATOR

V. Hansen reported that on-line payments have been working successfully. There have been ten (10) player registration fees paid online and two (2) Microsoccer fees paid online.

V. Hansen indicated that the Rangers are in the process of updating the appearance of the club's web site. She stated that when completed, it would look similar to the Penfield Strikers current web site.

V. Hansen informed the board members that the club had access to discussion forums on the club's web site for the purpose of discussing club issues and concerns among board

members. Following a brief discussion, the issue was tabled. Ms. Hansen indicated she would send a link to a sample forum to all board members.

KICKS FOR KIDS

There was a motion that the Kicks For Kids Tournament would be a standing agenda item. The motion passed.

The board agreed to provide R. Spaan, KFK Coordinator, an opportunity to appeal for volunteers at the upcoming Parents Meeting on November 12.

V. Spaan will be forming a committee of volunteers to work on the 2007 Kicks for Kids tournament.

There was discussion on the suggestion to consider the TOP soccer program as a potential charity for the Kicks for Kids tournament. TOP soccer is a program to help children with disabilities become more involved in soccer.

MARKETING UPDATE

K. LoCicero stated that he would not be running for the Rangers board again due to family commitments. He added that he would continue to be active in board-related activities and as a coach with the club.

K. LoCicero stated that the Rochester Rhinos soccer organization has expressed interest in becoming more involved in the Penfield Rangers club activities. He indicated there might be an opportunity to have them involved in the Kicks for Kids tournament. Rex, the Rhino's mascot, may also be available to make an appearance at the Microsoccer program. K. LoCicero indicated that he would continue to work with the Strikers and the Rangers to develop a symbiotic relationship with the Rhinos.

K. LoCicero indicated that the club still has many ball carrying bags remaining from previous fund-raising events. The board supported providing a ball bag to each volunteer and coach participating in the Rangers Microsoccer program. K. LoCicero also suggested that the bags be made available for sale at the Annual General Meeting. The cost to purchase a bag is \$5. The board also agreed this recommendation.

PRESENTATION: NYSWYSA UPDATE

C. Regruit provided an update on the accomplishments and priorities of the New York State West Youth Soccer Association (NYSWYSA). C. Regruit also provided information on the Olympic Development Program (ODP) and a summary of the topics discussed at the USYS Region I meeting. (A copy of his agenda is available for review.) C. Regruit also extended his offer to assist the club as Director of Training for the Penfield Rangers (U-5 to U-10 age groups). C. Regruit distributed an overview of the roles and responsibilities of such a position within the organization.

OTHER BUSINESS

J. Carder put forth a proposal to consider reimbursing additional team roles (such as assistant coach or manager) as a means to encourage further club involvement. Following discussion, the board requested that J. Carder and S. Farina further research this issue and benchmark with other organizations. They will then prepare a formal recommendation and submit it to the board for review.

Penfield Rangers Photo Day for 2007 will be managed by Steve Bartlett.

T. Lynd is coordinating a review of the current Rangers Policy Handbook. He will be gathering feedback from board members and will be updating the manual.

There was discussion on the need for indoor time for the U-19 team. It was agreed that time slot would be provided for the team. The registration fee for those players who are in town and attend practices will be the full fee of \$340. Those players who are at college during the indoor training season will only be charged a pro-rated fee.

D. Skrtic provide an update on the Penfield Town Planning meeting that he attended on behalf of the club. D. Skrtic indicated there were representatives from the various Penfield sports organizations and clubs. He stated that this the first five-year plan the town has created since 1991. The plan is 75% completed, however, feedback is still welcome. The 2007 budget includes money for a feasibility study for an indoor sports facility possibly located at Rothfuss Park. This feasibility study is expected to be completed within 6-9 months.

The meeting was adjourned by C. Bridenbaugh at 9:40 p.m.