



Penfield Strikers Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2011

Call to Order

L. Bourcy called to order the regular meeting of the Penfield Strikers at 6:30 pm on February 13, 2011 at Penfield Presbyterian Church.

Attendance

L. Bourcy, G. Pancio, B. Wells, C. Pietak, J. Getz, L. Teglash, G. Werner, L. Jackson, M. Cushman, A. Carroll, . C. Bell, J. Sabel, D. Garcia.

Meeting Minutes

L. Bourcy submitted the January meeting minutes for approval. D. Garcia made a motion to accept the January minutes; B. Wells 2nd; all were in favor.

Director of Coaching/Coaching Committee Report

G. Werner reported on January's club-wide coaches' meeting. An agenda item discussed was recent skills training observations brought to the January's Board meeting and encouragement of coaches to be involved with the skills training program. To that end, a "coaches only" skills training was conducted on 2/5/11. George emphasized two points:

- (1) The need for coaches not to deviate from planned skills progression so as to not introduce too much material to the players at once.
 - (2) The need for skill consistency for effectiveness.
- Discussion was had by all, including a reiteration of the club's mission to develop players at varying skill levels.
 - L. Bourcy has suggested that there be an annual October meeting with George for all coaches so the skills training approach and expectations for the year can be discussed.
 - L. Bourcy reported on the January Libbie Tobin skills clinic conducted for the U14 and above teams. 43 players attended, and all reports indicate that it was very well received.
 - L. Bourcy submitted a proposal for a goalie training clinic. Discussion was had by all. At the current time, space at Brighton Sports Zone is not available for such a clinic, so it was proposed that the club wait until the spring and possibly link the clinic to the conditioning camp. It was further suggested that space to accommodate a goalie training clinic be a part of any new contract negotiated with BSZ in the future.

Vice President's Report

G. Pancio reported on conversations with Jeff at BSZ on contract negotiations for future use of the facility. The proposal made was to continue the club's use of BSZ on Saturdays from 12:00-4:00 at a total contract cost of \$40,950 annually, a \$5,200 increase over the current contract cost.

Discussion was had by all regarding the pros and cons of continuing an exclusive affiliation with BSZ at a fixed contract rate. Topics included:

- Possible future development of a town sports facility
- The proposed length of the contract term
- Funding a contract commitment should club enrollment drop
- Concerns about turf condition and replacement thereof
- A proposal to provide additional space for goalie training, perhaps ten times per year.

L. Teglash made motions to: (1) Continue our affiliation with BSZ and to maintain exclusive use of fields on Saturdays from 12:00-4:00; (2) Negotiate a four-year contract with BSZ with a fixed \$40,950 annual fee, said contract to include a clause submitted by J. Getz regarding facility upkeep and turf condition.

C. Bell 2nd; J. Getz abstained; all others in favor.

Photo Coordinator's Report

A. Carroll reported on behalf of Mary Carroll. Mary met with Amy Cutrona and obtained photo company solicitations and building use permit. Discussion was had by all regarding the selection of a photo company and a date for club-wide team photos.

- J. Getz made motions to: (1) Select Upstate Photography as our vendor; (2) Set May 1, 2011 at Penfield High School as the photo session date and location. L. Jackson 2nd; all were in favor.

Uniform Coordinator's Report

C. Bell reported that all uniforms have been distributed to team managers and they look great! Valenti Sports will be stocking additional socks.

- Discussion was had by all regarding the Valenti coupon proposal submitted at February's Board meeting (\$50 coupon w/ 10% in-store discount sold for \$39 each.) Questions and topics included:
 - A 200 coupon minimum
 - Restrictions on coupon use (i.e., Use coupon value all at once? Use coupon next year? Valid for team apparel?)
 - B. Wells submitted whether there is a need for another team fundraiser as many team accounts are well funded already.

After discussion, it was determined that the club will not go forward with the Valenti coupon opportunity. Instead, it was suggested that a Striker's "Cheat Night" might be better received. C. Bell will contact Valenti's regarding that possibility with further discussion to be had at the March Board meeting.

Field Coordinator's Report

No report submitted.

- L. Bourcy to contact the Town and seek clarification on who is responsible for scheduling at the new artificial turf field at Penfield High School.

Head Manager's Report

M. Cushman reported on the club-wide managers' meeting held on 2/13/11. Managers from every team attended, and it was felt that things went well. Managers expressed that they liked all relevant information being covered in one meeting along with uniform distribution.

- A topic of discussion at the managers' meeting was on-field player injury and who ultimately should call an ambulance if a parent is unavailable. Discussion was had by the Board with input from J. Getz. It was agreed that managers are protected and would not be "blamed" if parents for some reason did not want an ambulance called, the same way if anyone were to come across a car accident and called an ambulance. The recommendation is to always ask if the parents are present, and if they are not, to make the best call possible and err on the side of caution.
- Also discussed was the protocol for coaches and managers assessing injuries and application of First Aid. L. Bourcy will contact the club's insurer and ask what is recommended.

Treasurer's Report

B. Wells reported on the status of the club accounts as follows:

Operating Account: \$32,429.60
Money Market Account: \$ 900.00
Registration Fees: \$97,000.00

- Final payment has been made to Brighton Sports Zone.
- Bob reported that RDYSL has billed Strikers for 280 players, while the club has budgeted for 300 players. L. Teglash to confer with Bob to resolve disparity.
- There remains \$6,900 in unpaid registration fees. Discussion was had by all resulting in the decision that managers not distribute uniforms to unpaid registrants. L. Bourcy and B. Wells to follow up with involved players.
- L. Bourcy reported that the club's submission and request to RDYSL for reimbursement of costs associated with the NYS West License E coaches' clinic has been granted.
- L. Bourcy has prepared another submission to RDYSL for a regional goalie training clinic.
- J. Getz made a motion to approve managers' authorization to sign club checks; D. Garcia 2nd; all were in favor.

Registrar and Webmaster's Reports

No reports submitted.

Communication Coordinator's Report

A. Carroll reported on the status of the "Goal Post" newsletter. Two issues have now been circulated with positive feedback. Alex continues to seek input on proposed newsletter items from all club members. Discussion was had by all with the following topics suggested:

- U16 European trip article
- Wellness articles
- Fundraising suggestions
- Coupon offerings from local Penfield businesses and/or Striker family-owned businesses
- A Striker alumni piece (What are they doing now?)
- Advertisement of the Eastside Y spring micro soccer program
- Club special needs, i.e. volunteers needed for field lining

Speed Training Report

D. Garcia reported on his speed training efforts. Dito has completed the speed timing procedure for 158 girls and noted an average .30 second improvement in times. L. Teglash to forward to Dito the girls' birthdays so he can complete his analysis. The fast-leg drill will be taught to the U11 and above teams in March.

Sponsorship Coordinator's Report

L. Jackson reported that the club's website has been updated with current team sponsors.

Equipment Manager's Report

No report submitted.

President's Report

L. Bourcy reported that Libbie Tobin is interested in collaborating with the club in her annual summer soccer camp. Discussion was had by all regarding Libbie's request and role with the Strikers club with the conclusion that an association would be mutually beneficial. Details and further discussion to be had at future Board meetings.

Other Business

Sean Doherty, Penfield Rangers President, appeared and presented to the Board information regarding a new Rangers endeavor for U5-U8 players. He reported that the registration numbers for U8 Ranger players was down this year resulting in the formation of a U9-C team. The Rangers club is also planning to create a U7 team to include girls.

Sean also reported regarding an Eastside Y program to be offered in the Spring Session 2 (April-June). NY Premier Soccer is partnering with the Rangers to form a micro program and is inviting Strikers to participate. It is tentatively thought it will be offered to U5-U8 players at a cost of \$48 for an 8-week session.

- Discussion was had by all, and Strikers will encourage participation and disseminate information to club members, possibly through the "Goal Post" newsletter.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.
Minutes submitted by: C. Pietak