

PATRIOT SOCCER CLUB

MEETING MINUTES

February 1, 2011

Attendance: Penney Ward, Bruce Sawyer, Dana Giggey, Stephanie Rogers, James Carter, Rick McCann, Jim Moreau, Lori Hayman, Mike Lessard, Laurie Lessard, Alison Merrill

- 1) **Call Meeting to Order:** Called to order at 6:33.
- 2) **Summer Camp and Coaching Clinics:** Paul Baber and Iain Manson gave a presentation regarding the summer camp/clinic programs they offer. We need to decide what we want from a “camp”. Training for older players can be intense with bursts of hard work. Players trained in that way cannot train all day. That kind of training would be best served with a 2 hour program. Do we want the camp to be fun or technical? Do we want to prepare the teams for the upcoming season? Tactical training is better when all or most of the players from one team are there to work together. If MPS hosted a camp they would recommend splitting the players into 2 groups with the younger kids working from 9 to 12 in the morning and the older kids working from 4 to 7 in the late afternoon/evening. Some advantages to using MPS for a summer program would be that they have local coaches who are older and not young people who are only in the states for the summer. MPS coaches already have a connection to the community because they are already premier coaches to some of our PSC players. MPS would look to our coaches to find what the different team training needs are. They would provide the brochures. They could provide coaches training as well. Camp costs would include a t-shirt and a ticket to a PDL game.
- 3) **Review and Approval of January meeting minutes:** Approved.
- 4) **Review and Approval of January Financial reports:** Transfer of responsibility still in progress. Report will be provided as soon as possible.
- 5) **Player Development Opportunities:** Discussion on player development choices for 2011. Challenger Camp was ruled out. Consensus was that the MPS program was not what we are looking for in a summer camp. If we went with Kiaran’s MC Academy, Dean from the Gray Rec Dept would be willing to partner with us. Dean’s requirement for sharing the funds would only be to cover his costs. Kiaran would create a brochure. Also, if we were partnered with Gray Rec the camp could be advertised in the Gray Rec flyer that is sent home with the kids in their weekly totes. Much discussion about the benefits of partnering with a HS coach. Majority vote was for Kiaran’s MC Academy. Dates of camp will be August 1 thru August 5<sup>th</sup>. Will offer 3 levels of camp. K-2 will be in the mornings, 3 to 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be half day and 5,6,7 and 8<sup>th</sup> grades will be all day. Will use Kiaran’s 19% increase structure. Will propose that the Gray Rec Dept will keep the proceeds from the younger groups and PSC will keep the proceeds from the all day camp. We need to have Dean attend our next meeting.
- 6) **By Laws Revision Update:** By laws revisions are still in progress. Penney and Sharon would like another person to be on the committee. Rick McCann volunteered.
- 7) **Pine tree League:** Pinetree League costs \$125 per team plus the \$13 per player fee. Decided that PSC would charge \$45 per player which would cover all costs including referee fees. The deadline for declaring teams is March 15<sup>th</sup>. The season is 6 games on Sundays.

- 8) Co-Curricular Meeting:** MSAD15 had a co-curricular committee that reviews procedures and programs in the school district that relate to extra- curricular activities. The committee is comprised of representatives from all areas. There will be a benefit for PSC to be a part of these meetings.
- 9) Communications Meeting:** MSAD15 has created a Communication Committee who's tasked with the job of finding ways to communicate with the community in a better and more effective way. They want to improve the district's website and find a way to provide consistent publicity. They are looking at other school website for ideas.
- 10) Soccer Maine updates:** Items that were discussed at the Central District President's Meeting included a review of the GotSoccer software. There is a need for more training to be provided to users. The organization's lack of adequate communication was addressed. They are aware that there needs to be more communication to the presidents of the states soccer clubs. The subject most discussed was Division 2 and the desire of most clubs to go back to having season end playoffs and a championship games. There is a desire for D2 to be competitive. Soccer Maine will be looking at this.  
A recertification class will be held in Gray at the Middle School café on March 11<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 9 pm. There will be a referee certification class held in Gray on June 5<sup>th</sup> and June 12<sup>th</sup> from 9am. to 5pm. Location to be determined.
- 11) Purchase of Laptop:** Vote for purchase of laptop dedicated to PSC use. After short discussion the majority voted for the club to purchase a laptop. Stephanie will get 3 quotes to include research on what software is included or not. Will also do research on external hard drives and find out if a software program can be loaded on it or if a computer will still be required.
- 12) Meeting Days:** Penney had a request to look at the day of the week that meetings are held. She received a suggestion to move the meetings to Sunday evenings. The majority agreed to keep the meeting day as is.
- 13) GNG Boosters:** Penney, Sharon, and Bruce met with Peter Martell and Debbie Nickerson regarding the Crossroads tournament and how PSC can work with the Boosters. All decided that it was important to allow one vendor to sell at the tournament, besides the Boosters. Project Graduation will be given the opportunity to supplement the food choices of the Boosters. The meal plans for referees works well and will be kept the same as last year. Boosters will keep the snack shack open through the first half of the last game of the day in 2011. If PSC hosts any other festivals or playoff games Boosters will open for those as well.
- 14) High School Soccer Teams:** Penney will be setting up a meeting with the Varsity coaches to look at how PSC and the HS programs can work together to progress both programs.
- 15) New Uniforms:** Rick has some sample shirts on order. He will bring to the next meeting so the board can start looking at the next uniform design we may go with.
- 16) Indoor Soccer:** James has been talking with Dean at the Gray Rec Dept about an indoor program at Newbegin Gym for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. James plans for it to work like the program he offered last winter. Looking at starting at the end of February on either Saturdays or Sundays.
- 17) Next Meeting:** Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm at Androscoggin Bank.
- 18) Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.