

PATRIOT SOCCER CLUB

Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2011

Attendance: Penney Ward; Laurie Lessard; Lori Hayman; Sharon Giggey; Sue LaCerde; Alison Merrill; Tim Terranova; Stephanie Rogers; Rick McCann; Jay Andrews; Bruce Sawyer; Dana Giggey; Jim Moreau

1. **Call Meeting to Order: Called to order at 6:30 p.m.**
2. **Review and Approval of February meeting minutes:** Approved unanimously.
3. **Review and Approval of January and February 2011 Financial reports:** Approved unanimously.
4. **Laptop and External Hard Drives:** Stephanie reported on the costs of PSC purchasing a laptop or external hard drive for use by the Treasurer. Her Research indicates that external hard drives cost on average \$100 but use of the external hard drive could jeopardize data. Lap tops costs, with the appropriate amount of memory, ranges between \$399-\$500. The software needed, Microsoft Word and an anti-virus package, can be obtained at no cost by two board members who have additional licenses available through their home software packages. Internet access would be via WiFi via Board member. Quickbooks has already been purchased. The Board discussed other uses for the lap top such as (i) managing referees and payment of referees at Crossroads Challenge, (ii) utilizing "Total Community Manager" software (which would be provided by Penney) to manage mass mailings, to market Crossroads Challenge, etc.; (iii) typing minutes/notes at monthly Board meetings. Sharon reminded the Board that PSC does have a sales tax exemption certificate on file with Staples, as well as a member of Staples' rewards program.

The Board approved unanimously the purchase of a lap top and necessary accessories at an amount not to exceed \$500.

5. **Update on Soccer Clinic at Newbegin:** James has organized with the Gray Rec Department a soccer clinic for 2nd and 3rd graders consisting of 4 teams of 6 kids. The clinic format is similar to last winter's World Cup clinic. James, Mike Lessard, and Eric LaLiberty are assisting with the clinic. James suggested more help would be needed. He will send an e-mail to PSC coaches informing them of the clinic and requesting volunteers. Alison inquired as to insurance coverage for the clinic, and Penney confirmed that the clinic is considered a town program and would be covered by Town insurance.
6. **Update on Pine Tree League:** Dana has been in contact with all coaches and 3 coaches have confirmed that there is enough interest to register 3 teams for Pine Tree League: U10G/Tim Terranova (14 girls); U11G/Jon Merrill (9, maybe 10 girls); U9B/Eric Laliberty (8 or 9 boys). Tim and Jon to discuss with parents of the U10G to possibly move a couple of girls up to U11 to play just for Pine Tree League. It would likely be the girls that played up for Jon last spring. There would be no assessments for moving 2-3 girls up. Lori confirmed registration was ready for those players to register for Pine Tree League, with a deadline to register online by March 13, with payment (\$45/player) to the PO Box no later than April 15. PSC must declare teams no later than March 15 and make team and player fee payments no later than March 15.
7. **Advertising for Summer Camp and Crossroads Challenge:**
 - (i) **Summer Camp:** Mass e-mail; direct mailing of brochures (Kiaran will provide brochures); posters at schools and town offices and local businesses. Taking out an ad in the local newspapers was discussed. Rick McCann said that an ad amounts to about \$150/weekly. Laurie will approach the newspapers to see if we could run an ad at no cost by allowing the newspapers to put up a banner at Crossroads Challenge.

(ii) Crossroads Challenge: E-mails to Club presidents early and often; "business cards" with the information to be handed out at March 20 Soccer Maine AGM and handed out by Board Members and coaches at Pine Tree League games and fall Classic games.

8. Fees for Fall Player Registration and Crossroads Challenge Registration:

(i) Fall Registration: The Board voted unanimously to not increase player fees for the 2011 season:

\$125 first child;
\$100 second sibling;
\$75 third sibling

Online registration will open on 4/1/11 and close on June 1 (teams will need to be declared mid June). Payment requirements will not change from last year: ½ of payment due upon registration and remaining amount due no later than July 15. Players not paid by first game will not be allowed to play in game.

One player requested a financial scholarship for Pine Tree League and Summer Camp. After discussion, the Board approved unanimously to grant the Pine Tree League scholarship in full and to defer the Summer Camp scholarship until discussion with the Summer Camp host, Kiaran McCormack.

(ii) Crossroads Registration: The Board voted unanimously to not increase team fees so as to stay competitive with other local tournaments:

U9; U10 - \$275
U11 - \$350
U12; U13; U14 - \$375

Sharon will locate and work with a t-shirt vendor for designing and printing t-shirts for Crossroads.

9. Uniform Update: Rick gave an update on uniform vendors and provided some samples from various vendors. Rick is attempting to schedule meeting with more vendors. Rick will provide final options to the Board at the April Board meeting, at which time the Board will approve a vendor. Warm-ups will be the same or similar to the warm-ups from a few years ago. The vendor (Hanging by a Thread Embroidery) will be contacted for a price quote.

10. Field Development Update: Tabled.

11. Meeting with High School Coaches: Penney updated the Board on a meeting held with the high school coaches. PSC and the high school coaches will continue to work together, first by creating skills-based information for each age and the varsity coaches providing training to players and/or coaches.

12. Other: Soccer Maine's Annual General Meeting is being held on Sunday, March 20, at the USM Field House, which will include lunch, annual meeting, GotSoccer training, referee recertification, and possible coach and player clinics.

Soccer Maine is requesting volunteer/coach/referee of year award nominations. Penney will submit nominations to Soccer Maine for the winners of PSC's 2010 awards.

13. Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 5, at Androscoggin Bank.