

RFC Chair Report

2017 - 2018

At least we didn't have any prolonged field closures!

But there challenges faced this past season. Primarily with scheduling and travelling. 4District (Richmond, Vancouver, Burnaby and the North Shore) become BCCSL, which includes all districts in the Lower Mainland. The season started late and schedules were done on a week to week basis. This was incredibly difficult on our field scheduler, teams, coaches and players. It is hoped with addition of a paid administrator and scheduler, that this won't be the case this year. It is expected that the schedule will be released in mid to late August.

Congratulations to the U13 Lions and U18 Gunners for coming out on top of their respective divisions! Well done!

Budget - as expected, with the addition of the Assistant Technical Director position, and at the suggestion of the Community Gaming Grant program, we showed a loss for the fiscal year of over \$130k. Certainly, this kind of loss is unsustainably, however it was felt that the timing was right, as a one off. We have increased our fees for the upcoming season, to more in line with the actual cost of delivering the program.

Concussion Testing - RFC had planned a Concussion Event in late November at Minoru Library Performance Hall with two brain / concussion specialists. Unfortunately, it was not very well attended. We will continue in making brain safety a priority.

Gaming Grant - RFC received \$95k for the year past. It is expected to receive the same amount, at a minimum.

Elementary School Program - RFC has taken over PE for the week at several schools this spring. In fact, we should be close to 6 schools. We are in the planning stage of working with Hamilton Elementary School and the Hamilton Elementary School on an after school program. Pilot project for June. We have begun booking for the next school season!

Spring Soccer - Our spring program is enjoying another robust season with approximately 400 players participating in the recreation program and approximately 200 players in the Cascadia League.

Stoke City - Stoke City Summer Camp was a weeklong event in August that sold out quickly. All proceeds were donated to KidSport with over \$5000 coming from the donations of our parents. They will be back again this year!

The Year Ahead - RFC and RGSA are hosting the Provincial A Cup from July 5 to July 8. When the call goes out for volunteers, please consider helping out. Coach education and training remain a priority. We hope to get involved in the community through various events including the Steveston Salmon Festival Parade.

RFC has a tremendous amount of people within its organization who are passionate, focused, hard working and excited to ensure that the program delivered is the best one possible. RFC doesn't exist without its volunteers. Coaches numbering in the hundreds, managers and board members.

Sincerely, Thank You. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with you with this past year.

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