



**Richmond FC Monthly Meeting
Approved - Public Minutes
March 15, 2018**

Present: Rein Weber, Steve Hood, Dan Brodie, Chris Parry, Danny Lam, Cristina Carvalheiro-Nunes, Don Jenkins, Terry Dowle, Liz Needham (for Treasurer's Report), Tania Webster (recorder)

Regrets: Mike Fletcher, Mark Fletcher, Jasmin Ma, Bill Barrable, Fred Weill, Mary-Anne Humphrey, Carlos Carvelheiro-Nunes, Emad Ghasghae

Presentation before meeting from U15 Metro Team.

Meeting called to order at 6:49pm.

Agenda approved as circulated.

February minutes approved as circulated.

Treasurer's Report:

February financials were circulated in advance of meeting. Liz did more research into the field rental costs compared to what we budgeted for 2017/2018. They are higher than budget (\$49,000 over budget, closer to \$69K if you remove the \$20K credit from 2016/2017). If costs are true, then will need to look to budget more for fields, which will result in registration fee increase for 2018/2019. Queries as to where overage has come from – increased exhibition games, no revenue to cover field costs for Stoke City Camp as the registration was by donation which went to Richmond Kidsport, rental costs increases annually by 1-1.75%.

MOTION

Terry Dowle moved and Cristina Carvalheiro-Nunes seconded to accept the February financials as circulated.

CARRIED

Technical Director Report

Evaluations completed. Sending out information about Spring training to players for coaches that submitted a program, deadline to submit was February 22.

U18 Gold Gunners won District Cup. U13 Bronze Hammers were runner-up. Graduates won their adult cup competition. Congratulations to all 3 teams.

Reviewing registration fee structure with Liz.

Coach applications – new coaches had to submit complete application. Returning coaches only had to submit abridged version with any new information. Many returning coaches did not submit anything.

BCCSL Update - One League (13 districts....). Will be hiring for paid positions. Can expect fees that Clubs are charged to place a team in league to increase to offset these new costs.

School program- Blair was a huge success. Going into McNeilly, Hamilton and Mitchell.

Technical Advisory Committee

Met on Wednesday March 14 to review Steve's fee structure work that he has been doing with Liz. There has been no RFC fee increase since 2015/2016 season. Discussion about whether our fees had been compared to other Club's fees. It is difficult to compare apples to apples as there are many unknown factors that affect cost. Playing on turf? (grass is much cheaper to rent), do they have a paid coach?, how much field space is used for a team practice?, how many practices per week?, how many practices with a paid coach? Are uniforms included or do players have to go and buy the uniform in addition to registration fee? Do players pay a posted registration fee and then an additional "technical fee"? Unless you have full details about each club's programming, you cannot compare fees.

Equipment Return

Most teams returned as expected on March 14. Some team's uniforms were not washed.

Miscellaneous Updates

Safeway - \$5,000 cash to sponsor 2018 Spring Soccer League. Going forward will be a different sponsorship package, not straight cash. Thank-you Safeway.

Sponsorship – Chris is approaching companies. Working on package for Provincials.

Richmond Sports Council – April 26 banquet for Richmond Sports Awards

German exchange – progressing slowly, but everyone is committed to make it happen. Thanksgiving 2018.

Canada Day Parade – still need someone to organize.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm

NEXT MEETING: April 19, 2018 630pm Brighthouse