



**Richmond FC Monthly Meeting  
August 23, 2018**

**Present:** Rein Weber, Liz Needham, Steve Hood, Emad Ghashghae, Indie Sahota, Mark Fletcher, Danny Lam, Mike Biddlecomb, Chris Parry, Fred Weill, Tania Webster.

**Regrets:** Dan Brodie, Eric Trumbull, Mike Fletcher, Bill Barrable

Called to order at 643pm.

Agenda approved as circulated

May 16, 2018 public minutes and July 17, 2018 public minutes approved as circulated.

**1: Financial report:**

May, June, and July bank statements circulated at the meeting. July financial statements circulated in advance of meeting. What is \$13,000 in miscellaneous expenses? RGSA check for 2015 spring league sharing revenue which was never cashed. Has now been cashed and will come off the books next time.

Received \$28,000 for legal fee reimbursement from RFC insurance. Will be in August statements under "other income".

No news on Gaming Grant yet.

**Motion:**

Chris Parry moved and Mike Biddlecomb seconded that the July financial statements be accepted as presented.

**Carried**

**2: BCCSL Update**

Fari Fuladi (U18 Division 2 Coach) is our representative to the league. Thanks to Fari. Metro schedules out. Division 1 and 2 schedules out next week. Division 3 beginning of September. Division 3 teams will have some travelling to do.

Emad doing pairing for field schedules on home games. Will be more balanced this year. Most of our teams in the east division (with Langley and Abbotsford) as west included Sechelt, Bowen Island, Squamish.

Got Soccer – all coaches/managers will have to enter their team information. This will also allow the team lists to be pre-populated with RFC information and your opponent information. Will already be populated with the game information done by the League.

Metro referee scheduling will now be done by BCCSL (instead of BC Soccer). Metro referee fees have gone up which we were not aware of so this not accounted for in the approved 2018/2019 budget. Also looking at revising the referee mentorship program.

### **3: Technical Director Report**

Steve sent out his report in advance of the meeting. Sub-committee formation that may report to board or TAC – for further discussion.

“CSA Quality Soccer Provider” license – new and RFC is going to apply for. There is a mandatory \$30/person “Respect in Sport” online course (This is not a NCCP course). All coaches, assistant coaches, co-coaches, managers - have to complete as part of the License. Club would have to pay for this per person. Hockey Canada and many other sports already do this course – soccer is the last to get on board with “respect in sport”. Not in 2018/2019 budget so will have to absorb somehow. Club charter already ticks a lot of the boxes except the Respect in Sport course. Application process is relatively simple. Skill Centre Information has not been released yet. Big push from CSA right now is this “quality soccer provider” and national youth license.

Stoke City Camp – need to discuss continuation. Full cost per person is around the \$230 range. Can’t keep offering at a loss. Do we bring back and charge the full cost ~\$230? When it was offered free, after 2016/2017 surplus, it filled up in two days. 2018 summer we charged \$70 and it did not fill up. Other suggestions is Rangers Camp - offer to club first and then send out to the Rangers Supporters Club (people travel from all over to attend these camps).

Whitecaps Academy Centres tournament every March – from across Canada. Always held in Richmond. Looking to get more involved with local clubs in terms of coach development. Running clinics and inviting our coaches to sit on the bench. Possibly run clinic for our coaches specifically.

U9-U12 – will have better flow between the recreational and select/development program. Through Recreational program technical leads - Mike Morin U9/U10 Recreational, Chris Sargeant U11/U12 Recreational.

U9/U10 coaches – shortage of coaches at U9 and U10 Recreational program. Per the norm. Discussion about paying people to coach teams (“professional” coaches). No budget for that there is not the population of “professional” coaches to cover all the teams. Would need to charge more on registration fee or make a fee structure - \$300/volunteer coach or \$400/professional coach (Recreational Program).

Staff Coach Attire:

Once every 3 years. Now on the 4<sup>th</sup> year. \$200/coach through Sportstown (rain jacket, training top/polo, track pants, track top. No parka too costly). 15 staff coaches. Not from T&D budget. Maybe equipment.

### **Motion**

Carlos Carvalheiro-Nunes moved and Cristina Carvalheiro-Nunes second that the board approve new cycle of \$200 for coach attire.

**Carried**

**First Aid Training:**

Other clubs in lower mainland are making mandatory first aid training for one team person to take and staff coaches. Looking at a fire fighter option – course for 20 people at a way lower cost of \$200 that St. Johns offers. Do you get a certificate out of this? Or is it just an informational thing? To report back.

**4: Miscellaneous:**

Masters Team - Can the existing masters teams which is 80% RFC parents join the Richmond FC.

**Motion:**

Mark Fletcher moved and Chris Parry seconded that Lane Home Furnishing join Richmond FC.

**Carried**

U21 Teams/League Proposal: Rhys Giannarelli submitted proposal regarding formation of U21 teams and a U21 league. Board discussed and felt at present the Richmond FC Graduates and Alumni teams fulfill this gap. The teams play in the RASA League (Division 1 and Division 2) and VMSL has an U21 division already. Possible consideration for a Graduation Committee to better facilitate the move from youth to adult soccer.

Fees for Alumni and Graduates Team: Mark Fletcher presented fees for Alumni and Graduates which are around ~\$250/player. Some players, many of whom are university students, cannot afford the fee and is a barrier to participation. There is no outside financial assistance available. Sponsorship is not helpful in terms of paying fees for players as they usually want to give free beer and food. Could look to hold a pub night in support of the Graduates and Alumni, but should have a larger discussion on how to support these players.

Elementary school program – have school in line for fall. Confirming final details.

Goalie clinic refund: board received request for spring goalie clinic refund. Discussed details of situation and board came to resolution which will be communicated to individual.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.

Next meeting: September 20, 2018