



Richmond FC Monthly Meeting September 27, 2018

Present: Rein Weber, Steve Hood, Mike Fletcher, Chris Parry, Emad Ghashghaee, Terry Dowle, Carlos Carvalheiro-Nunes, Danny Lam, Eric Trumbull, Mike Biddlecomb, Dan Brodie, Tania Webster

Regrets: Bill Barrable, Mark Fletcher, Liz Needham, Fred Weil, Jasmin Ma, Cristina Carvalheiro-Nunes

6:46pm meeting called to order.

Minutes of August board meeting were approved as amended to reflect Bill Barrable absent.

Treasurer's Report

August financial statements circulated in advance of the meeting. Gaming grant received for \$100,000 (as budgeted), thanks to Liz for all her hard work on that. \$13,500 RGSA cheque still showing – to follow-up with Liz. Forecasting statement circulated.

2018/2019 registration #s – 1078 (likely to see about 15 more registrations). 2017/2018 was 1123. Down 45 – mostly at U5 intake and the U16-18 Division 3. All other age groups are solid and on par with previous years. Discussion about declining school age population in Richmond tied to affordability of housing. Abbotsford and Langley clubs are seeing their numbers rise, some clubs there are full and not accepting registrations. Look at testing a spring program that includes Hamilton specifically and located at King George field and maybe Sunday morning programming for Hamilton area.

Technical Director Report

Steve submitted report in advance of meeting. Goal keeping coach diploma – 5 hours. \$90 per coach and minimum is 12 (cost does not include fields or classroom).

Steve met with Dave Nutt of CSA to discuss RFC programming and how it aligns with new licensing and skill centre. Nutt very pleased and indicated RFC had progressive offerings for players in Richmond. Encouraged RFC to apply for Skill Centre License when it becomes available. Dave mentioned in future PDP license (5 years down the road).

Discussed team results to date. Typical issues at this point in the season – illness, school start-up, etc..

Opening Day Festival – successful, went very smoothly despite poor weather. Turnout was great.

Goal keeping program – concerns about lack of accessibility running only on specific night. Mostly based on the provider’s availability and fields. Marius expressed concern about safety of Boyd field and firmness, so not suitable for the GK clinics. Leaves only Minoru which we do not have a lot booked. Offering BC Soccer Goal Keeping diploma and then our volunteer coaches can deliver goalie training in team practices. Look to add two additional Wednesday sessions (U13-U15 and U16-U18) with Marius pending his availability and if we can get field space at Minoru. Any cost surplus of two additional GK clinics will not be attributed to T&D budget – board in agreement.

Strategic Planning

Vantage Point draft proposal circulated in advance of meeting. How boards work, how to make boards more harmonious. Paul Varian’s talk was valuable – but need more guidance on how to be more efficient. \$3000 over two months. Comment that these things are only value if the entire board attends, no point if all members are not there. Varian was great but a third of the board was missing.

Discipline Report:

Doing well so far. Only one red and a handful of yellows. Far better than other districts.

BCCSL

RE-alignment will take place at end of October. Wonder if Metro would be tiered – A and B within the division – not sure at this point. Emad and Steve will go through results and also send out the feedback form to coaches.

TAC

Discussed some player transfers.

Equipment Report

U5-U12 pick-up went well. Thanks to everyone who came out. Thanks to our new volunteer Jennifer Niemi (U15 parent).

Jerseys/shorts – for U13-U18 and u11 and U12 development. Coming up on end of 3 year cycle. Currently using Umbro. Adidas releases on 2 year cycle. So want to ensure we enter at beginning for two year cycle. Depending on that – may hold the Umbro uniforms to enter into Adidas cycle at start of 2 years.

Miscellaneous

Men’s Soccer: Graduates – 3-0, Alumni – 2-1, Masters – 1-2
Looking to run a couple of pub nights to support the teams.

Germany exchange – not coming at Thanksgiving. Would still like to have our U17 Division 1 team to Germany at Spring Break 2019. Will look into what is involved with that.

First aid- the fire fighter course is not a certification.

Now What Facilitation – conflict resolution workshops. RGSA has put teams through and said well worth it. Also offers a leadership component for coaches. Suggestion of starting with the U14s – board agreed to pursue this.

Meeting adjourned: 8:30pm

Next meeting: Thursday October 18, 2018