



**Richmond FC Monthly Meeting
June 11, 2019**

Present: Rein Weber, Liz Needham, Mike Fletcher, Carlos Carvalho-Nunes, Steve Hood, Mike Biddlecombe, Mark Ellens, Prit Lidder, Terryn Dowle, Emad Ghashghaee, Cristina Carvalho-Nunes, Volker Helmuth, Chris Parry, Tania Webster (recorder)

Regrets: Indie Sahota, Mark Fletcher, Eric Trumbull, Jennifer Niemi, Dan Brodie, Fred Weil

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm

Election of Officers:

Rein Weber, Chair and Mike Fletcher, Vice-Chair by acclamation.

Eric Trumbull, Treasurer and Chris Parry, Secretary by acclamation.

Appointment of other club roles:

Equipment Manager – Emad Ghashghaee and Jennifer Niemi (Emad to do purchasing, Jennifer to do the day to day stuff)

Marketing and Branding: Tania, Chris, Emad, Dan

U5/U6 – Tania Webster

U7/U8 – Rishi Sekhon

U9/U10 – Volker Helmuth

U11/U12 – Prit Lidder

U13-U15 – Mark Ellens

U16-U18 – Terry Dowle

Adult Soccer – Mark Fletcher, Carlos Carvalho-Nunes

Sponsorship and Gifting – Chris Parry, Rein Weber and Emad Ghashghaee

Volunteer Coordinator –

Competition and Events – Tania Webster

Discipline – Eric Trumbull

Governance – Terry Dowle, Mike Fletcher, Rein Weber

Discrimination and Harassment – Mike Biddlecombe

Privacy – Volker Helmuth

Risk Management – Liz Needham (Volker Helmuth – director)

Scholarships – Fred Weil

Technical Advisory Committee – Fred Weil, Carlos Carvalheiro-Nunes, Terry Dowle, Rein Weber, Rashid Remtula, Prit Lidder

Health and Safety – Mike Biddlecombe

Strategic Planning – Mark Ellens, Chris Parry, Rein Weber

Building Committee – Mike Fletcher, Chris Parry, Rein Weber, Carlos Carvalheiro-Nunes, Terry Dowle

BCCSL District Rep – Fari Fuladi

Richmond Sports Council – Mike Fletcher

RSA District – Chris Parry, Terry Dowle, Rein Weber, Mike Fletcher

Other Business

Team Managers:

Lack of team manager for each Richmond FC team is a concern. Not challenging but needs to be done and right now many coaches are doing coach and team manager role. Cristina to do “how to be a team manager” guidelines. Board supports a mandatory requirement that each team has a manager who does admin side.

Funding request for U16 Division 1 team for Provincials (Prince George):

U16 team submitted request for \$4200 (total cost is \$8300) to cover lodging at UNBC for players/coaches. Team will cover travel costs, other expenses. RFC has supported teams in past who travelled to Provincials (e.g., Kamloops, Kelowna) and Nationals. Team is also doing own fundraising – Soccer Saturday, pub night, applied for travel grants. The board discussed where the money would come from as this request is not in the 2019/2020 budget passed at AGM, will need to cut somewhere. After discussion of various options – Thanksgiving tournament net revenue (~\$2,000) will go directly to covering amount and remainder will come from the Equipment budget.

Board discussed funding teams in general for travel to provincial and national competition and should have a policy that includes teams demonstrating that they are doing their own fundraising.

Motion

Mike Biddlecombe moved and Prit Lidder seconded that Richmond FC support the U16 Division 1 team’s request for \$4200 to cover lodging for players and coaches at UNBC during the 2019 Provincial B Cup in

Prince George with money to come from net revenue of 2019 Thanksgiving Tournament and balance from the 2019/2020 Equipment budget.

Carried

Declining registration in youth sports and how to grow:

Chris reviewed census data for City of Richmond. Report on Slack. Richmond is the 4th largest city in the lower mainland. Population in Richmond is going up in city centre and east Richmond. If want to grow – need to appeal to these areas. High poverty in Richmond 27% compared to national average of 20%. Lots of single parent families as well. No one offers adult recreational league (RASA is not recreational). Indoor kick around sessions – just play and no instruction. Potential for elementary after school league (would require a sponsor to offset the costs if want to provide free of charge).

Technical Update:

Steve reported that BCSPL (high performance) is being opened up to more clubs because CSA has now taken ownership of it. PDP League – new name. Current BCSPL clubs have to apply for the national youth club license (going through process as we speak) – new standard to operate as high performance club (can also get a skill centre license and feed into another national youth club). July 31, 2019 other clubs can apply to be granted a national youth license for participation in the PDP. CSA is looking for cradle to grave clubs that cover all levels of play – recreational to high performance. Does Richmond FC apply for own national youth club license or continue to feed into Fusion FC (current BCSPL club for U13 and up)? BC Soccer still decides who can ultimately join the PDP League. For further discussion at next board meeting.

June 29 –medals spring league. Many emails that this is Canada Day long weekend. Change to June 22. Need director help – 10am to 1pm need directors.

Thanksgiving Tournament – add u9 and u10 festival on the Monday.

Meeting adjourned at 848pm.

Next meeting: June 20, 2019