



**Richmond FC monthly meeting
August 14, 2019**

Present: Steve Hood, Mike Fletcher, Mark Ellens, Emad Ghashghaee, Mark Fletcher, Jennifer Niemi, Fred Weil, Mike Biddlecombe, Volker Helmuth, Prit Lidder, Rein Weber, Carlos Carvalheiro-Nunes, Chris Parry, Liz Needham, Tania Webster

Regrets: Eric Trumbull, Dan Brodie, Cristina Carvalheiro-Nunes, Terry Dowle, Indie Sahota

Meeting called to order at 6:38pm

Treasurer Report:

July Financial statements were circulated in advance of meeting. June and July bank statements were circulated at meeting. No questions on financial statements.

Motion:

Mark Ellens moved and Mike Biddlecombe seconded to accept July financials as circulated.

Carried

Technical Director Report:

Steve circulated his T&D Report in advance of the meeting.

Select coach meetings U9-U18 on Saturday August 17.

Still have issues with fields for the fall and what is available from City do to Boyd closure, so regular season schedule it not ready. Have not received contracts for September 1 and on. City is still working on it. Field availability will be very tight. U18s will get first preference on fields because of jobs, etc...

Hourly rate for paid staff coaches will be reduced to accommodate for the cut to the training and development budget. Steve has met with all the staff coaches to explain the circumstances.

Marius – will go Monday 530-630, and 630-730 for Richmond FC goalie training (no charge). Once he is finished with Pacific FC, Marius will run a Friday night academy with registration through him.

Hamilton after-school program in progress. Steve has also been in touch with West Richmond to take over summer camp delivery for 2020.

Governance/TAC

Committee has discussed returning to a paper copy of Player, Parent and Coach Code of Conduct (rather than the online version within the player registration). Although posted on website, most do not seem familiar with conduct standards. May alleviate some of the issues being encountered. Discussion about having team coaches and TD/ATD sign-off on all forms as well. Lots of paper. Perhaps Docu-Sign? For further discussion.

Strategic planning

Mark Ellens has taken on this role. Thank-you Mark. Mark led the Board through a brain storming activity “what would make the club better”.

Referee Report

Small-sided course on August 22. 3 refresher courses. Working with Bradley on a curriculum for next season. Entry level course August 23-25.

Looking at Stack referee scheduling system – is it better to warrant switching systems, not sure at this point.

Equipment Reports

Marcron kit for U18s will be arriving soon. Online store for U18s to pilot only.

Miscellaneous Updates

Indoor League:

Kids- individual registration for Sunday night soccer rec league, indoors at school gyms. First two Sundays use for “evaluations” to make balanced teams. Adults – register by team. Staff coaches overseeing each location.

Field policy – The City’s new policy is that they will no longer give refunds (account credits) for cancelled fields. This is a significant change from past and will have budget impacts as Richmond FC returns numerous fields back to the City so others can book. Concerns were raised at the last Richmond Sports Council meeting that this was unfair. Sat down with Bill McNulty and Jim Lamond. Have gone back to City to request to re-work policy.

Richmond FC will be holding its first Cleat and shin guard swap. Info to be circulated out.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm