



**Richmond FC
Board Meeting
September 19, 2019**

Present: Steve Hood, Mark Ellens, Emad Ghashghaee, Indie Sahota, Terry Dowle, Dan Brodie, Carlos Carneiro-Nunes, Chris Parry, Eric Trumbull, Mike Fletcher, Mark Fletcher, Tania Webster (recorder), Rein Weber, Liz Needham (Book keeper)

Regrets: Prit Lidder, Fred Weil, Cristina Carneiro-Nunes, Volker Helmuth, Jennifer Niemi, Mike Biddlecombe

Meeting was called to order at 6:40pm.

Minutes of August meeting were approved at meeting.

Treasurer Report

August Financial statements were circulated in advance of meeting. Coast Capital bank statements for August were circulated at meeting. Revenue is running on budget at this point. There were no questions regarding the August financial statements.

Motion:

Mike Fletcher moved and Mark Ellens seconded that the August financial statements be accepted as circulated.

Carried

Technical Director Report

Steve's TD report was circulated in advance of meeting.

U5-U12 Recreational Opening day went well. Concession was well received. Will continue to keep it open as long as there is volunteers.

Registration for the Richmond FC goalie training on Monday nights is solid and has started up.

Q: Can we offer goalie training at practices? Something to consider to encourage more players to be goalie. Rather than having players go to stand alone goalie sessions.

Boyd Update – Boyd Red and Boyd Blue will be open by Thanksgiving. Boyd Yellow and Boyd White – not til end of October. Completion date was September 23.

Discipline Report

The new Stack system has been problematic for referees. Now using BC Soccer Discipline system until resolved. To date Richmond FC has two red cards, some yellows and youth suspension carry over to adult.

Canada Soccer Youth License:

Richmond FC's Letter of Intent was submitted in August. Accepted by Canada Soccer so now have to submit application and supporting documentation by end of October. It will be a lot of time and effort. Rein has met with Diana Truman (RGSA Chair), they also submitted intent and have been invited to submit application. Will meet to discuss how to go forward together.

Adult Soccer

Mark expressed concern that this is 4th year with same uniforms. Jerseys are okay. But in need of more shorts and socks. Looking for sponsorship for the men's teams.

Sunday Indoor League:

Gyms will be good to go. Have figured out content and format/cost. Will be co-ed. Youth and adults. Need to determine staff coach involvement and referees. Thanks to Chris for work on this.

City of Richmond Field Cancellation Policy:

City has changed policy and will no longer give refunds/credits for returned fields (in advance of booked date). This met with wide-spread criticism from many field sports/clubs at Richmond Sports Council. Asked for a revision. City has return with revised policy for the fields to receive return credit;

- game fields have to returned 10 days in advance
- practice fields have to returned by Thanksgiving (for all practice fields until March of following year that won't be using). This means all practice fields must be set by Thanksgiving, for the remainder of the Fall/Winter Season.

This was seen as still unacceptable. Steve Valenzuela of RASA (adult soccer league) has taken the lead on this and is going to go back to City.

New Business:

Return to Coach Appreciation on the eve of the Thanksgiving Tournament with the coach's game and celebration after game? Friday October 11.

Concussion Protocol – in general this needs to be reviewed (last done in 2017). There is an offer for one team to run a free trial to pilot of Head Check App with the Richmond FC U15 Metro team. Usually \$4/player.

Motion:

Carlos Carvalheiro-Nunes moved and Dan Brodie seconded to pilot the Head Check App with the U15 Metro team.

Carried

BC Soccer – proposed bylaw and rule amendments. Richmond FC provided feedback. Two major ones are 1) Academies can be full members and 2) no out of district limits (currently 5 per team). BC Soccer removed the amendment to make registration of a player to an age group and not a specific team. A player can play any team up or down within age group and older. This has been removed. Steve will attend the AGM.

August 2020 – BC Senior Games. Looking for volunteers to help organize.

Scholarships – 1 applicant has not submitted confirmation that he will be attending college. Board discussed creating a policy on length of time a RFC scholarship can be available, this would be in line with other scholarship policy.

Motion to go in-camera

Motion to go out of camera.

Meeting adjourned 9:00pm