



Richmond FC Board Meeting January 21, 2020

Present: Rein Weber, Steve Hood, Chris Parry, Jennifer Niemi, Volker Helmuth, Eric Trumbull, Mark Ellens, Fred Weil, Dan Brodie, Emad Ghashghaee, Liz Needham, Prit Lidder, Mike Fletcher, Terry Dowle, Tania Webster (recorder)

Regrets: Indie Sahota, Carlos Carvalheiro-Nunes, Cristina Carvalheiro-Nunes, Mike Biddlecombe, Mark Fletcher

Meeting called to order at 6:36pm

Minutes of the November board meeting were approved offline.

Treasurer's Report

October, November and December bank statements were circulated at the board meeting. November and December financial statements were circulated in advance of meeting. A lot of money showing in general registration fees – this still needs to be allocated to appropriate accounts, e.g., Germany trip, camps, etc... T&D is running slightly over, due to spring spending before changes were made, but running under for the fall/winter.

Motion:

Dan Brodie moved and Mike Fletcher seconded to accept the November and December financial statements as presented.

Carried

Richmond FC will be changing e-commerce/gateway payment services from Moneris to Bambora effective opening of spring registration to take advantage of lower transaction charges. Going from 3.53% to 2.75% per transaction.

Richmond FC will now accept e-transfer payments for registration fees. Richmond FC will still accept credit cards for payment but will be subject to a convenience charge. Notification of these changes to go out to membership.

Technical Director Report:

Steve circulated his report in advance of the meeting. U9-U12 Development doing futsal on Fridays incorporated into their existing programming. All 2020/2021 evaluation information has gone out. Division 2 and 3 teams have started their league cup championship play. Metro and Division 1 who will go into Coastal Cup during April.

Goalkeeping: follow-up from last meeting and excess in GK budget. Some items have been implemented - to have the teams training on the field during the GK program to work with Marius at some point during the session to incorporate a finishing component to the session with the outfield players and Gks. Marius connected with the technical leads. Game attendance – proposed to attend 3 games each weekend for next 6 weekends. Try to schedule games side by side so that he can watch 2 games at same time. Marius will connect with coaches and indicate his intentions to come out and what goalie he is coming out to watch. Will be there for warm-up. Marius will offer this at a reduced fee to accommodate the budget but still slightly over. Board supported this proposal.

Soccer for Life and Learn to Train coach certification courses are done.

CSA Youth License - Steve, Tania and Aimen met with Jason De Vos and Dave Nutt back in December. Moved on to 2nd phase and items completed by January 17. Will hear on January 23 if RFC gets a Youth License. If approved then we will wait to hear from BC Soccer if we get a U13 (2008) girls and boys BC SPL team (February 1).

Mid-season TL reviews were done. Add some questions about the volunteer coaches.

U17/U18 Germany trip is going forward and well underway. Fully self-funded.

Strategic Planning:

Mark Ellens – has the surveys ready. One survey – exit surveys to those that did not re-register for the 2019/2020 season, going to 2018/2019. Second survey to current players “have you ever considered quitting soccer?” Getting these answers will help plan for the future.

Equipment:

Revisiting motion from November board meeting Macron working with Craig/Sportstown. Have discussed with both parties and not going to be beneficial for either. To be discussed offline and going to further investigate Macron on its own. Macron samples for next board meeting.

Miscellaneous:

Appreciation Night – well attended. Enjoyed the venue at O’Hares a lot and staff were fantastic.

UBC Cardiac Screening – well attended by Richmond FC and some RGSA players. Good to make that connection with UBC.

Kidsport banquet – February 28, please let Rein know if you want to attend.

Motion to go in-camera.

Motion to go out of in-camera.

Meeting adjourned: 9:20pm

Next Meeting: TBD