



**Richmond FC
Monthly Meeting
April 30, 2020
Via Teleconference**

Present: Mike Fletcher, Volker Helmuth, Mark Ellens, Jennifer Niemi, Cristina Carvalheiro-Nunes, Rein Weber, Fred Weil, Carlos Carvalheiro-Nunes, Chris Parry, Terry Dowle, Marius Roevde, Dan Brodie, Mike Biddlecombe, Indie Sahota, Emad Ghashghaee, Tania Webster

Regrets: Eric Trumbull, Mark Fletcher, Prit Lidder

Meeting called to order at 8:05pm

Agenda approved as circulated with addition of Scholarships.

Minutes of March meeting were approved offline and posted.

Treasurer's Report:

No March financials due to the timing and precedence of annual audit. March financials will come with the 2019/2020 audited financial statements. Shuli (Sanders, Russell & Company, CPA) has been engaged for the audit with Liz and Tania.

Richmond FC applied for and received the \$40,000 loan for non-profits/small businesses. Have 2.5 years to pay back \$30K. Will work out a re-payment plan. Looking into the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (coverage for 75% salaries). Liz is working on the Gaming grant application as it is due in its normal time lime. Anticipate that amounts of grant could be significantly lower due to casinos being closed for Covid-19

Executive Director Report:

Marius circulated his monthly report in advance of meeting. 5 year marketing strategy completed. Food bank drive was huge success, 1200 pounds.

Uniforms:

Will need to purchase one age group (U11 or U12) worth of jerseys. Possibly look at ATC brand and let players keep it at end of season.

Director Report - Strategic Planning:

Mark finished analyzing the surveys (two surveys – one to those who did not register for 2019/2020 season and one to current players). Report submitted to Rein and Marius. Good response rate and lots of worthwhile commentary. Look at presentation to board and members. Thanks to Mark Ellens for all his hard work.

Director Report - Governance:

Terry has reviewed the Constitution and there are some items that need to be addressed. For AGM 2021 - to be worked on over next year. Terry working on board composition document. Somethings may be redundant now that we have an Executive Director.

Code of Conduct – done and should go on to website. For mid-June. To be implemented for season start-up 2020/2021 – signed by players, parents and coaches. Online format has been removed from the registration form.

Executive Committee document – revised document posted. Thank-you Terry. The board reviewed the document. Some suggestions around distribution of minutes of the committee on a monthly basis or more frequently than proposed and transparency. Volker offered to help with his background in policy development. Do we still need a TAC? Should discuss relevance now that we have an Executive Director. To discuss what a new role of TAC would be. Revisit at next board meeting for review and vote on forming Executive Committee.

AGM – going to postpone in-person AGM to end of June. Falls within the BC Societies Act guidelines. If cannot do in June and then will go to Zoom videoconference which also falls within BC Societies Act. Zoom video-conference would only be available for the registered voters, life members and board members. Zoom comes with an anonymous polling function that can be used for the motions and resolutions. Then look to have an open Zoom townhall, separate from AGM, for all RFC members to learn more about upcoming season, etc.....

Technical Advisory Committee:

Video analysis is on hold because of Covid-19.

Unfinished business:

BC Soccer has asked clubs to submit plans/suggestions on how to run soccer programming while respecting social distancing. Looks more like training for quite some time before league games start-up.

Scholarships:

Fred received 11 applications for 5 (five) \$1000 scholarships. So many worthy applicants and amazing to see how involved our players are in the community outside of soccer.

Motion:

Fred Weil moved and Terry Dowle seconded that the five names presented be approved for the RFC Scholarships.

Carried

Presentation of scholarships – short board meeting before AGM if by teleconference and invite the 5 applicants. Cristina suggested to send the information to the recipient’s school so that it could be included in the secondary schools year-end celebrations. Possibly take out ad in the local newspaper to celebrate.

Storage facility at Advanced is expensive. Terry might be able to get space at warehouse close to Ikea at a much reduced rate from Advanced. Emad and Jennifer to work with Terry.

Marius and Emad have a meeting with the City regarding updates from BC Soccer and how they are looking to proceed as it pertains to sports and social distancing. Information from governing bodies on return to play.

BCCSL – Rein is now attending the BCCSL meetings as the District representative.

Meeting adjourned 9:50pm. Next meeting is TBD.