



**January 21, 2021
Richmond FC Monthly Board Meeting
Via Zoom Videoconference**

Present: Rein Weber, Fred Weil, Lee Howarth, Carlos Carneiro-Nunes, Mike Fletcher, Mark Ellens, Terry Dowle, Dan Brodie, Prit Lidder, Marius Roevde, Volker Helmuth, Andrew Goodison, Indie Sahota, Cristina Carneiro-Nunes, Jennifer Niemi, Karl Sandberg, Chris Parry, Tania Webster

Meeting Called to order at 7:33pm

Agenda approved as circulated.

November 21, 2020 minutes – Approved as circulated.

Treasurer's Report:

December financial statements were circulated in advance of meeting along with Treasurer's Summary Report. Thanks to Liz and Andrew for their hard work. Revenue is ahead of budget due to increased registrations, but expenses are also ahead of budget. Revenue is also up because of government loans which will need to be paid back and gaming grant which will be fully spent by March 31. Have not received December field bill so revenue/expense will adjust per that bill.

Liz is doing lottery reconciliation. Club sold 3,800 tickets (\$76,000). After all expenses there will be net proceeds to the club of \$47,000. Discussion on use of funds and board in agreement that it should be put towards something that is visible to members and not fee credits or operating expenses. Use of funds for further discussion.

The Board discussed a fee credit for cancelled sessions due to Covid-19 and PHOs. No Saturday games since November 28 games, U5-U7 have had 2 trainings cancelled plus games, reduced training times (1.5 hour sessions went to 1 hour). Not possible to determine actual figures until March 31 fiscal year-end, but need to estimate a figure now to provide members. Also based on current Health Order of Phase 1 and no games (this could change after February 5th). Possible profit of \$78,000 if things hold as is. Areas identified for further savings in 2020/21 budget are fields, T&D, referees, equipment, coaching clinics and tournament. Covid loans need to be repaid and accounted for. Lottery money is not included for consideration. Discussion regarding whether credits should be based on percentage of lost sessions or which divisions paid more in registration fees. Recreational programs have lost 50% of sessions, while

select programming have lost 1 of 4 sessions or 1 of 3 sessions, but have paid significantly more in fees. After lengthy discussion, board decided across the club, same credit amount for all players to be used by March 2022. Reviewing possible scenarios, spending restrictions and fiduciary responsibility of RFC's fiscal health in mind, the Board agreed to a \$50 credit.

MOTION:

Andrew Goodison moved and Terry Dowle seconded that the Board of Directors approve a \$50 credit for 2020/2021 season players which can be applied to 2021 Spring/Summer or 2021/2022 Fall/Winter programming, but must be used by March 2022.

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Executive Director & Technical Director Report

Marius circulate his report in advance of the meeting for review.

Q: Friday Academy program – coaches are receiving questions about having paid season fees, but asked to pay additional for Friday Academy?

A: Friday program is run by David Thorburn for keen players looking for additional training to improve skills.

Discussion about programming messaging and emphasizing value added component. Several board members volunteered to help with messaging.

Q: Will we be doing car raffle again?

A: Yes, Columbia enjoyed the relationship and would like to do the raffle again. Will be better set-up now having one done and knowing what works and what doesn't.

Strategic Planning

Mark is setting up for meeting with Board at end of January to discuss club goals. This will provide direction for Marius.

BCCSL

The Metro name/division is no longer in existence for 2021/2022 season (current U14-U17 are grandfathered in). League going from 4 divisions to 3 division (Division 1, 2 and 3). Richmond District and Albion District voted against this. Division 1 will now have the same criteria to place a team in and Division 1 will not be tiered. Unclear if Division 1 will be District based as Metro was, need further info. Have to have a Division 2 and Division 3 team in order to enter a Division 1 team. Could be challenging for smaller clubs. BCCSL will continue to send out updates to the Districts/Clubs as this evolves.

BCCSL is moving to a Technical Committee and David Thorburn will be on this committee.

Governance

Currently on hold until the Strategic Plan is completed. Terry is working on a more comprehensive Life Member criteria.

Equipment/Uniforms

Thank-you to Indie and Jen for all their hard work this season and organization. Discussion around better quality training balls for next season. Would like to leave money in the current budget for this purchase. Have not bought training balls in a few years due to large purchase previously.

Fields

New City of Richmond field policy will not affect RFC, but could affect other user groups with the 70% Richmond residency requirement. Cancellation policy is changing so will need to be mindful in order to keep on top of credits.

Meeting adjourned: 9:00pm Next meeting: February 2021 TBA

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