

RICHMOND SPORTS COUNCIL

April 14, 2009
Meeting Room M.2.004
Richmond City Hall
7:00 pm

Present: Jim Lamond (Chair), Roger Barnes, Peter Mitchell, Lance Carey, Ivan Wong, Paul Alexander, Annie Watson, Bob Jackson, Linda Leaming, Roy Lightfoot, Pat Weatherill, Winnie Hon, Serj Sangara, Susan McAteer, Donna Marsland, Gary Rosval, Don Fennell, Don Fisher, Deborah Magdee, Bill Alexander

1. Approval of March 10, 2009 minutes – amendments should be 250 metres on page 2 with regard to smoking ban and not 25 metres and 8 am to 9 am on page 4 and not 8 pm to 9 pm.
Approved as amended: Lance Carey, Ivan Wong, Carried.
2. Business arising from minutes – Nil.
3. Staff Reports – Paul circulated information on a program for coaches.
4. Facility Development:

Outdoor Sports - Latrace Field, Minoru Park- concern expressed with the removal of plywood from the bleachers and dug out by City staff without consultation of the users. As volunteers the expectation is that there would be communication on the removal and very concerned that this was not done. Sammy to follow up with regard to installation of new plywood.

Question arose as the closure of Minoru for 6 weeks during the Olympics due to the O Zone celebrations. Chair to follow up with Dave Semple to determine the exact dates of closure so that the user groups can be informed and make alternative arrangements.

5. BC Seniors Games

Chair confirmed that the official opening of the Games Office Minoru Pavilion took place on April 8th together with the raising of the games flag in Minoru Park.

Bob circulated a list of items required for the Registration and Results Committee and requested that he be contacted should anyone have these items to loan for the games.

6. Sports Hosting

Roger reported that nothing further had transpired since the meeting in March. There had been a newspaper article on the use of the hotel room tax to fund a Sports Hosting office at City Hall but it was noted that Richmond Sports Council was not mentioned. Kamloops are also pursuing sports hosting and have been in touch with RSC for guidance on setting up their own sports council.

7. Kidsport

Bob Jackson reported that 65 applications had been received so far this year. There are a lot more requests than funds available and it may be necessary to cut back on the maximum amount to ensure that the funds go further. The maximum amount at present is \$200. There have also been some challenges with parents trying to take advantage of the system but action has been taken to ensure that this does not happen.

A question arose as the funds that Sports Council have available (\$3500) and could this be donated to Kidsport. Discussion took place on this request and it was pointed out that \$1000 belongs to the website and \$1000 for the non smoking promotions. Chair to follow up with the treasurer and the city on the dispensation of the funds and to report back at the May meeting together with a recommendation as to the amount that can be donated to Kidsport.

8. Partnership & Rental Agreement - nothing further to report.

9. Trust Fund

Sammy reported that two applications had been received, curling and girls hockey, both had been approved.

10. Correspondence

Letter received from Tourism Richmond seeking permission for a link from RSC web site. Discussion took place with permission granted. Roger to follow up with Tourism Richmond.

Communication from an ice cream vendor circulated and will be sent via e.mail too. Reminder to everyone with regard to City bylaws on this issue.

Everyone encouraged to attend the Annual Sports Awards as proceeds are donated to Kidsport. Sponsorship is also available for tables. Recommendation that a City

grant be applied for and to contact Sean Davies at City Hall regarding funds available from the City to assist with social programs.

11. New Business and Round Table

- Roger reviewed the results of the Adolescent Health Survey and the positive impact of sports activity
- Rmd Gymnastics reported that 3 out of 4 of high performance children are on the National Team\
- Racquet Rally at the Oval - find out what was good and what did not work well as Seniors Games will have similar sports
- Introduction of Susan MacAteer and update by Lance
- Girls Softball - same numbers as last year. Clean up day March 25th and 150 turned up with 75% being 6-9 yr olds.
- Curling - Pacific National Bonspiel with 36 teams participating from all around the world. 900 room nights.
- Lawn bowling will start on April 25th with Mayor Brodie bowling first ball
- Jimmy Ng tournament takes place during the last weekend in May. Everyone encouraged to attend with funds going to Kidsport. \$1000 cheque donated to Kidsport by Peter Mitchell.

Dave Semple joined the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Serj raised the issue of the removal of the plywood from Latrace Field and the issue of communication between the City and volunteers. Dave confirmed that the plywood would be replaced, it was removed as it had not been maintained. Dave promised to work with the baseball groups to ensure this was done.

Congratulations to Pat Weatherhill on his Sports BC award.

No further business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday May 13, 2009