

RICHMOND SPORTS COUNCIL

Tuesday June 8, 2010

Present: Jim Lamond (Chair), Roger Barnes, Gary Rosval, Terry Kehoe, Jeff Lightfoot, Peter Mitchell, Barbara Norman, Bob Jackson, Don Fennell, Donna Marsland, Linda Leaming, Darryl Neighbour, Annie Watson, Dan McLaren, Pat Weatherill, Tony Shaw, Don Fisher, Councillor Bill McNulty. Eric Stepura, (City staff)

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

1. Approval of May 11, 2010 minutes.
Moved: Pat Weatherill, Don Fisher, Carried.

2. Business arising from minutes – Nil.

3. **Sport for Life** – Eric Stepura/Roger Barnes

Draft copies of the Sport for Life Strategy 2010-2015 were circulated and reviewed in more detail By Eric and Roger including the history and background on this initiative. A workshop will be held on June 23rd from 6 pm to 9 pm at Richmond Oval and everyone was encouraged to attend.

4. **Sport Hosting Update** – Mike Romas

Mike circulated printed information with the emphasis on making Richmond a sport hosting destination within the next 2 – 5 years by targeting strategic groups.

The Sport Hosting Grant applications have totalled 17 to date and the feedback received has been very positive. Mike stated that he had attended various community group meetings to promote the Sport Hosting Strategy and explain the grant process. A Task Force meets every 2 weeks to review the grant applications and the next meeting is scheduled for July 8th.

A question and answer period followed with a suggestion that accumulation of nights be considered instead of 20 nights minimum for one event. Mike promised to follow up on this suggestion.

The artificial turf bowling greens have now been completed and it was noted that they are the only two artificial turfs in BC. Grand opening will take place on July 1st.

There are lots of sports events taking place within Richmond which is good for the community.

5. **KidSport**

An Activity Report was circulated for information. 109 applications received and 59 have been funded. Funding will be increased from \$150 to \$200.

6. Trust Fund

Jim confirmed that a new Trust Fund would be established as a result of the Seniors Games. This fund will be available for athletes 55 yrs and older – Jim to provide more information at a later date.

7. Round Table

- Jim confirmed the Stakeholders Workshop on June 23rd from 6 pm to 9 pm at the Richmond Oval. With regard to parking, there is space at the Curling Club!
- World Cup starts June 11
- Fee increases to be reviewed and feedback would be solicited from groups. Comment made that the starting year is not the same as the City's year and this should be brought forward to staff to look at especially in regard to facilities
- Question arose re allocation of fields and it was confirmed that first priority status applies to those groups with already established bookings
- Request for fee increases to be brought back to Sports Council
- National Gymnastics held in Kamloops – great facility, well operated, low rates for membership, a real community facility geared up for sports hosting, would like something like this in Richmond
- Question arose as to how the 20 room nights criteria was determined
- Accumulation of room nights should be rewarded. Mike responded that the grant is in place to Oct/Nov and that feedback like this is important with regard to the grant process criteria
- Jimmy Ng Tournament went well, proceeds to KidSport
- Xiamen Officials visited Richmond and the Oval and a Table Tennis Exchange is to be established between Xiamen and Richmond
- Gary reported that Softball tournaments are being held every weekend
- RACA – summer programs. Girls Roller Derby to be held in Minoru Arena
- Steveston Athletic Association – first time at meeting
- KidSport promotions are taking place within Richmond to raise funds, Booth at Salmon festival
- Curling busy with rentals
- Bob Jackson has visited Montreal and was impressed with the new stadium built in a low rent area. Bixi bikes for commuters, great system.
- Mike stated that O Zone volunteers are available should any volunteers be required by the sports group.

8. Council Report – Councillor Bill McNulty

- expansion request received for Caring Place (4 storey building)

- Museum and Fine Arts building request also
- Recommended that the priority list be looked at again in regard to sports facilities
- sport exchanges with other countries should also be looked into
- 2012 is the 45th anniversary with Japan (Sister City)
- Richmond Sports Hall of Fame – would like to see this go forward
- 25th anniversary of Rick Hansen's tour coming up shortly

Jim commented that there was a need to look at future sports needs and a 5 year wish list should be prepared. Roger confirmed that a Facilities and Amenities List was prepared by the City. It is important that upgrades and new facilities be followed up by Sports Council. Jim requested that sports groups bring their wish list to the July meeting or send directly to Jim.

No further business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Nora Wright
Recording Secretary