

RICHMOND SPORTS COUNCIL

May 13, 2009
Meeting Room M.2.004
Richmond City Hall
7:00 pm

Present: Jim Lamond (Chair), Peter Mitchell, Lance Carey, Jon Acob
 Bob Jackson, Roy Lightfoot, Pat Weatherill, Serj Sangara, Gary Rosval
 Eric Stepura, Fred Pawluk.

1. Called to order at 7:10 pm
2. Approval of agenda
3. Approval of April meeting minutes – Pat Weatherhill, Jon Acob, Carried.
4. Business arising from minutes – Lance enquired as to the closing dates for Minoru during the Olympics. February 1 to March 1, 2009 are the confirmed closure dates and the City will be circulating information to all user groups and attempting to find alternative locations and recommending that away games be scheduled during this time. Request made that all ball groups also be notified of the closure dates.

5. **Facility Development**

Eric stated that field use revenue is to be discussed with the diamond and regular field users on how to spend the funds, the amount being \$12,288. Softball and baseball will also be requested to come up with a wish list. The funds are for capital improvements only. The rectangular field users amount being \$43,202 this includes lacrosse, rugby, soccer etc and is for natural turf fields only. The artificial turf field users fees goes into a replacement fund. Sammy will be setting up meetings in June. Funds were confirmed to be from the 2008 calendar year i.e. January thru December.

6. **BC Seniors Games**

Jim confirmed that the equestrian event has been withdrawn from the games and Pickleball will be added as a demonstration sport with 3 teams of four players each.

Games Office is open between 10 am and 2 pm each day and the web page is up and running. The majority of the events will be held at the Oval and Minoru Park and 4200 athletes are expected to attend.

Eric drew a plan of the main activity floor and the ice area, court area and indoor training track and stated that there had been a lot of discussion on the post Olympic activity for generating revenue.

11. **Trust Fund** – no report.

12. **Correspondence** – e.mail received from Don Fisher complimenting the organizers of the Annual Sports Awards.

13. **Round Table**

- Bantam Double and Trip A tournaments being held
- Debris in Minoru Latrace field – Eric to follow up
- Kidsport – Sean Davies contacted and \$1500 generated thru Jump Start
- Field hockey – middle of season and doing well
- Kajaks in the beginning of season – hosting high school meeting
- BC Elementary Track and Field event May 22-24 (1600 athletes)
- 10 Invitational tournament and 4 Provincials
- Incredible amount of interest in Rmd Oval – hosting of groups from Germany, Quebec, Russia, Japan. Politicians from Germany particularly interested due to the fact that they want to bid on the 2018 Olympics for Munich. Lots of business generated in the community due to the large number of Oval tours.
- Rotary Club in Steveston are assisting with the Seniors games Relay starting at the Oval and visiting every community centre in Richmond before ending at Minoru Plaza on June 7th from 9 am to 2:30 pm. (57 kms in total). There will be a torch lighting at the plaza following this event. Seniors Week is May 31 to June 7th
- Enquiry as to status of Broadcast Booth – Eric to follow up
- Plywood issue needs to be discussed with staff and sports group ballplayers – Eric to arrange.

No further business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Nora Wright
Recording Secretary