

RICHMOND SPORTS COUNCIL

Tuesday April 13, 2010

Present: Jim Lamond (Chair), Roger Barnes, Tony Shaw, Ivan Wong, Warren Karsgard, Gary Rosval, Terry Kehoe, Peter Mitchell, Fred Pawluk, Sandra Nass Paul Alexander, Bill Alexander, Serj Sangara, Tony Shaw, Don Fennell, Barbara Norman, Rob Parmar, Lance Carey, Don Fisher, Councillor Bill McNulty, Eric Stepura, (City staff)

Meeting called to order at 7 pm.

1. Approval of March 9, 2010 minutes.
Moved: Barbara Norman, Seconded: Ivan Wong, Carried.
2. Business arising from minutes – Nil.
3. Guest – Bob Butterworth, Elves Embroidery.

Bob Butterworth provided a brief history of his company which had been established in 1995, the services offered and circulated a flyer for information. He emphasized his competitive prices and following a question on a minimum charge responded that with one jacket for example and to have one item embroidered would result in a minimum charge of \$5. Bob emphasized that everything is under one roof in regard to embroidery. Jim stated that he was very happy with the work done for the Seniors Games.

4. Staff Update – Eric Stepura

Eric reported on the Easter Weekend 3 day skate at the Oval before the ice was removed and that over 10,000 attended. It was a very successful event.

Lawn bowling artificial greens are under construction dependent on weather conditions, it is expected that the greens will be playable by the end of May/June. The new surface will last 8 – 10 years and lawn bowling can take place all year round.

5. Council Report – Councillor Bill McNulty

Bill reported that the sale of the Garden City Lands was completed on March 31, 2010 and the City now has title and is owned by the citizens of Richmond.

6. Sports Hosting Update

Jim stated that 5 grants have been approved for tournaments in the last six months and Mike Romas will be attending the May meeting with some questions he has for Sports Council members.

Roger had received a request from Richmond Hotels for contact with all the sports group to promote their businesses. A Trade Fair was suggested to include other businesses e.g. car rentals together with the various sports in Richmond. Fall being suggested for this event. Sports groups were asked to solicit their members to see if there would be enough interest to move forward on this idea. Jim would like to form a committee to oversee the proposed trade fair should support be received. Suggestions included Sports Meet and Greet and also a Sportsfest

7. Letter from Richmond Oval

Jim referred to the letter from John Mills, General Manager of the Richmond Oval which had been circulated via e.mail in March and referred to the highlights of the letter as follows:

- 30 hours per week on courts
- 15 hours 4 pm to 7 pm weekdays
- 15 hours on weekends
- \$39 per hour
- Advance booking privileges

Dave Semple joined the meeting at 8:45 pm

Eric circulated information on rates at other gyms for comparison purposes. Discussion took place on the lack of space in secondary school gyms and community centre gyms. Dave took this opportunity to explain the gym booking priorities of the School Board which had been in existence from 1956.

Dave gave a donation of \$200 for Kidsport and thanked the sports groups for their fantastic support during the O Zone celebrations and the Olympics. Dave continued by praising Sports Council which had been in existence now for 32 years and had contributed greatly to the quality of life in Richmond.

8. KidSport

Terry circulated the financial summary to date with \$8500 in funds. There have been a lot of applications being rejected due to the fact that they are from Ladner and Surry as it is only Richmond residents that qualify.

Jim confirmed that a representative from BC KidSport will be in attendance at the May meeting. Jim announced that \$299.64 had been raised from selling pins and medals and the Easter Weekend Oval Skate. Serj committed to match the funds plus \$1, many thanks to Serj. It was also emphasized that any donations to KidSport must be marked Richmond KidSport so that the funds remain in Richmond. Dave Semple suggested that Eric send a letter to the Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Richmond detailing this information.

9. Trust Fund – no report.

10. Correspondence

- Move for Health Day Wed. May 12th 10 am to 2:30 pm. Looking for Sports organizations to be involved. Event to be held at Garden City Park – information will be circulated via a separate e.mail
- Pat Weatherill had concerns with regard to Brighthouse Park but these have since been addressed.

11. New Business:

- April 23/256 Rmd Soccer Lower Mainland Championships
- Midget AAA on June 19, 2010 held at Latrace Field
- Provincial Gymnastics Championships held in Langley, 3 men secured titles and selected by Gymnastics Canada to represent in Melbourne, Australia
- Jimmy Ng tournament information
- Arenas have ice back again
- Two table tennis tournaments held at McNeil. BC Open Table Tennis Champion open to everyone
- Rmd Sports Awards May 6th, nominations will close April 16th. Tickets available at \$30 each or a table for \$180. Profits to go to Richmond KidSport
- Track and Field Season – Kajaks hosting 3 meets May 8th, May 26,27,28 and July 9th Kajaks Classic International
- Field hockey update
- Dolphin Park Tournament to include womens division
- Rob introduced himself as President of RMFL.He had discussion on Spring Flag Football League. Richmond will be fielding youth team sponsored by NFL. BC Championship in Kelowna in June. Spring Camp will be held at Minoru – skills and drills.
- Recruiting new lawn bowlers, registration May 1st in Club House

No further business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Nora Wright
Recording Secretary