

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Present:

Jim Lamond (Chair), Gregg Wheeler (City staff), Tony Shaw, Bob Jackson, Terry Kehoe, Jack Hamilton, Don Fisher, Sam Morizawa (City staff), Matt Daniel, Ivan Wong, Serj Sangara, Warren Karsgaard, Bill Shayler, Jared Hulme, Don Fisher, Barb Norman, Stu Corrigan, Steve Valenzuela, Don Fennell, Councillor Bill McNulty, Kathleen Wong, Tanya Donaldson, Mike Fletcher,

Regrets: Donna Marsland

Guest: Roger Doi

1. Meeting called to order at 7.04 pm
2. Approval of March 8, 2016 minutes
Moved: Barb Norman, Seconded: Tanya Donaldson, Carried.
3. Business arising – Serj asked for an update from staff on the fields from the last minutes. Sammy stated that home plate will be altered. So Serj asked if there would be sharing of the fields
4. **Council Update**

Councillor McNulty advised members that commencing August 1, 2016 City taxes may be paid by credit card. He is looking for Sports Council sport to appoint a Minister for Seniors' Aging.

City has concluded a study of police and safety services to a City police. 41% of those surveyed preferred a city police force but a significant majority did not want to pay transitional cost to change to a city police force. Council decided to keep status quo but left door open for further discussion.

Ivan Wong made a presentation to the city on behalf of Lawn Bowling requesting a new clubhouse as he came to Sports Council a couple of years ago. Bill said it would come to Sports Council for their input and could be added to the Capital projects in the next phase. Jim asked Bill to provide updates as they occur.

5. **Staff Update**

On Monday April 18th there will be a Sustainable Event Symposium at the Oval. More information for this free event will be circulated via e.mail.

Artificial Turf at Richmond High will be replaced this year beginning July 7, 2016. Sammy will move user groups

Bob Jackson said lines will be added for 3 other sports - field hockey, field lacrosse and soccer. Fields will be monofilament like Minoru 3. Serge asked what will happen to old turf. Soccer would like technical info, Mike Fletcher questioned plans for new washroom/change room facilities but Bob said the ones at Brighthouse will be available, there are no plans for additional ones.

The turf will be paid for out of the "Artificial Turf Replacement Fund"

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Kathleen Wong said their balls are moving slowly on A2. Gregg said the fields there are slit film which is precut and it takes time to lay down. New fields will lay down more quickly.

Mike F asked about gate maintenance at Richmond High. Field is tight and fence is becoming bowed in 2 sections. He requested City make latches work on gates.

Ivan questioned how long the artificial turf fund has been building. Gregg said 2005-06. New turf is approx. \$600,000 which is less than maintaining fields for 10 years.

Jim explained that no money can be allocated from the fund without Sports Council approval

Ivan questioned what happens to funds paid by lawn bowling for the replacement of their carpet. Jim will provide answers

6. **Building Update**

Completion date for the building projected for end of 2017.

Discussion re storage containers. Gregg said there is no update yet. City is aware storage is an issue for all sport groups. City is trying to be strategic re storage

Serj said on June 22, 2015 there was an agreement to split the storage container down the middle

On September 15, 2015 city agreed to split the container.

Serj provided lists of what has to be done. He just wants an answer

Mike F said that from Soccer's standpoint what they have now is a big improvement. Serj agreed fields are great, they just need to finish with the plan so all aspects are manageable

Jim reminded everyone that all sports need to work together and accommodate each other

7. **Discover your Sport**

Stu said the event is combined with the City's Move for Health on May 6, 2016. He strongly recommended groups participate. There will not be a stage this year but announcements will be made all evening for the various demos. See Stu for forms

8. **Wall of Fame**

Bob confirmed process won't take as long this year. They had about the same number of inductees.

Committee recommends names to Council who accepts the list and figures out who will go forward.

Active athletes must be retired for 5 years. For team sports the majority of players must be Richmond Residents.

Since new categories have been added some previous nominees have been moved where the Committee believes they will have a better chance of winning

9 **Sport Hosting Update**

Apr 13-17 Pacific International Cup

Apr 15-17 Volleyball BC U17/18 Provincials, 72 teams

Apr 22-24 Basketball BC U13 Girls Provincials, 24 teams

May 5-8 Best of the West Gymnastics Fest/ Delta Gymnastics Invitational, 800 athletes

Bid on various Soccer Provincial Cups, BC Soccer unsure of when they will announce the winning bids

Sport Hosting events- groups may be eligible for discounts to the ROX which also may be used as a fundraising opportunity. Ask Sport Hosting for more information.

They are working with Kim and Mike on Soccer Bid. Not enough bids yet for a decision

Bob Jackson asked if Delta Gymnastics gets the same kickback from Sport Hosting. Matt confirmed they did. They are hosted by Gymnastics BC as the local Gymnastics Club do not have a home since

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Sportstown closed. Bob has concern that the fund is running out of money because outside groups are competing with Richmond groups for the funding

Terry questioned why Sport Hosting money is going to outside groups who host in Richmond. Serj said the bottom line is how much money is generated.

10. Sports Awards – May 5, 2016

Terry passed out a list of nominees. Once again cost is \$35. Tickets can be purchased on line through Soccer website. Groups of 7 or more, price is \$30 but must buy from Terry as an entire group, no individuals.

11. Creating Community Champions Gala event March 11, 2016

Was a very entertaining evening. Discussion about increasing size of venue but Hilton offers such a good deal it does not make economic sense. Net profit approx. \$45,000-50,000 up \$3,000 - \$4,000 from last year.

12. KidSport

Bob reviewed the financial information circulated and noted that currently the chapter has \$12,000 with more grants to come.

Most grants are distributed in July-August. The KidSport Richmond grant may be increased to \$450 in June which will mean 80% of applicants will receive full funding.

13. Trust Fund

No Report

14. Correspondence

None

15. Facebook Stu reminded everyone the “Sport Council” page is up and running

16. Round Table

Bob Jackson

- attended Orange Helmet Banquet with Jim as a guest of the Oval

Gregg on behalf of Noleen Mueller Richmond Gymnastics

- training in Vancouver and White Rock due to lack of facilities
- will be hiring instructors in the fall

Bill Shayler

Lacrosse has 3 tournaments

- May – Midget
- June - Salmon
- November - Field Lacrosse

Mike Thorne

- Hunting season over
- Steelhead

- Bird hunting

Serj

- Working with Baseball BC
- Winter ball starting in schools - McNeely is sharing with Mitchell, Thompson, Tolmie
- Tie winter ball into Let's Play Ball
- Looking to use Latrace for baseball in March
- Wants other sports to work with baseball to share
- Vancouver Community Baseball is having assessments at UBC instead of in Richmond
- Looking for building to buy – perhaps to share
- Looking for bubble for winter (cost about \$250,000 - \$300,000) - Would have enough to partner with the city
- Would love to talk to other sports for co-operation and ideas

Kim

- Girls Soccer is ready for spring season on Monday
- 2 teams going to Provincials

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Steve

- Going to provincials
- Summer league 23 teams

Mike Fletcher

- Fall/winter coming to an end
- 2 teams in Provincials
- Spring soccer begins next week – all at Boyd

Terry

- Spring Tag Football starts next week until mid May/June

John

- Season is underway
- Registration up 13%

Warren

- No pins on field, no plate
- Stolen foul pole?

Golf aeration done

- 3-4 weeks before greens are good

Tony

- 2 tournaments
- BC elementary top tier

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Tanya

- 5th annual tennis open May 27-June 5
- No more space

Jack

- Rugby field is available for maintenance
- Nathan Hirayam, a Richmond boy, made all-star team

Don Fisher

As Treasurer

- 31% of members paid
- Balance \$2287.65

Curling

- Pacific Annual Curling Cup – teams from New Zealand, Australia, US etc

Kathleen Wong

- Field Hockey club championship June 14-15
- Registration same but adding new teams

Ivan

- 28 new players

Barb

- New score clocks should be installed by the end of April

Jim concluded the meeting by reminding everyone that one of the reasons Sports Council was formed was so all sports could work together as years ago we produced great athletes as players paid more than one sport and we need to encourage kids to play more than 1 sport. Jim encouraged everyone to get behind “Discover Your Sport” where kids can try more than one sport.

No further business and meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm

Jim Lamond
Chair

Barbara Norman for Nora Wright
Recording Secretary

Next meeting May 10, 2016