



Richmond Sports Council

**Tuesday, April 11, 2023
7:00 PM – in person at Richmond City Hall**

Attendance:

	Sport Organisation/Member	Member Representative
1	Richmond City Council Representative/ Liaison	Bill McNulty (Honorary Member)
2	DC Baseball Builders Club Richmond Little League Baseball Association	Serj Sangara (Vice Chair)
3	Kajaks Track & Field Club	Karen Fisher Hagel (Treasurer)
4	KidSport	Robert (Bob) Jackson
5	Richmond United Soccer Club	Jas Mann
6	Richmond Gymnastics Association	Puneet Bains
7	Richmond BC Pickleball Association	Gordon Farrell
8	Richmond Winter Club	Don R, Fisher
9	Richmond Aquatic Advisory Board	Rosemary Nickerson
10	Richmond Rod & Gun Club	Mike Thorne
11	Richmond Olympic Oval	Trey Wells
12	Richmond Center of Disability Richmond Lawn Bowling club	Ivan Wong
13	Recording Secretary	Shelmon Li

	Staff - City of Richmond	Mandy Hadfield
	City of Richmond	Stacey Bridal

	Regrets	
1	Richmond Kyokushinkaikan	Stuart Corrigan (Chair)
2	Richmond Rockets Speed Skating	Fredrick Scott Stewart
3	Richmond City Baseball	Nav Sekhon
4	TSS Football Club Inc	Colin Elmes
5	Richmond Minor football league	Aarron Thompson
6	Richmond Lacrosse association	Lauri Kerr
	Absent	
1	Richmond Girls Softball Association	Al Groff
2	Richmond Tennis Club	Graham Taylor
3	Richmond Sport Hosting	Jordan Schulmeister

Agenda	Discussions/Action
1. Call to order	● 7:10 PM

<p>2. Approval of Agenda</p> <p>Approval of minutes of March 2023</p>	<p>Approval of Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council Update item was moved to the end of the agenda due to Bill McNulty being in another meeting at the time. • The Membership Committee item was added to the agenda before the Directors Report section. <p>Moved by Don Fisher, seconded by Robert (Bob) Jackson.</p> <p>Approval of minutes of March 2023 Amended and accepted by Rosemary Nickerson.</p>
<p>3. Directors Report</p>	<p>On the Zoom meeting yesterday, five directors discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memberships Committee update. See section 10. • Annual Sports Rewards Directors discussed whether we should carry on the program. They expressed their positive view towards it, suggesting that it needs time to be reworked and to engage more people. • Serj inquired whether anyone had concerns about the program, but no concerns were raised by the attendees. • City of Richmond 5000 sports subsidy Mandy met with counsellor McNulty and Chair Stuart to discuss the potential plan. The next step will solidify the process, for example, how to reach out to clubs that do not qualify for KidSport and encourage those them to apply for the subsidy. Mandy mentioned that it needs directors to help with building up a process. Another issue that needs discussion is the selection of the subsidy administrator. Karen Fisher Hagel will discuss the matter with Mandy. • Richmond Chamber Governance Training Register fee is 200/person. Stuart sent out an email to directors asking if anyone is interested. Jas Mann and Puneet Bains expressed their interests, and the directors approved their participation. • Facility Task Force under Pending Report The matter is moved from the table until we get the Facility Task Update.
<p>4. Business arising from March minutes</p>	<p>Serj suggests putting the following 2 item in the March minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kids sport banquet • Facility Task Force <p>Serj asked if other members could join fundraiser. Bob answered the banquet belongs to a separate committee. Attendants buy tickets to attend the fundraiser.</p>
<p>5. Staff Report – Mandy Hadfield</p>	<p>From Stacey Bridal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Webinar: Physical Activity in Air Pollution (free of charge) 9:00am-10:30am, April 19, Wednesday Stacey will send it out to Sports Council Gmail for sharing. • Public Works Open house will be back on May 13 <p>From Mandy Hadfield</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cherry Blossom Festival was well-attended last weekend Apr 2 • Salmon Festival is in planning.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Pedoruk, the special program manager for past years moved to Nova Scotia. Dee Bowley is moving to the role. • Richmond Whitecaps had their camp thought out the week. • Premier Spring Festival happened in the past long weekend and was successful • Building a new club house for Lawn Bowling Club • 2 more engagements for the following 4 weeks.
6. Sport Hosting - Update	None
7. Facilities Task Force Update	<p>Update since last month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The report should be complete and ready to be presented to the council in July. We will make recommendation to the council about 5-year plan and 10-year plan to get funding for sports. RC strategies are working on the report. There are a total of 12 items that have been evaluated through various lenses (e.g. population, cost etc.). • The process in 2018 and 2019 The Sports Council initiated a Facility Needs Assessment and referred the task to the staff to create a task force. The task force collected feedback from participating organizations and identified the sport amenities that required. There was list including different categories such as regular maintenance pieces etc. The items were ranked based on a specific criterion. • During the meeting, Serj expressed the need to improve communication and review the compatibility of previous list with the current situation. Bob emphasized the importance of ensuring that the list aligns with the actual needs of each organization and club. Mandy assured everyone that information will be shared promptly, and discussion of relevance will be included. Serj ended the discussion by calling for solidarity.
8. Wall of Fame Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barb Norman is the new chair • 2 nominees were accepted. • The location is not confirmed • The kiosk was not working properly at the second floor of oval. It is going to be a web-based program. There is funding for the program and iPads. The portable devices will be available next year. • Athlete is retired from the sport for which they are nominated for a minimum of five years. • Please notice that it is a community Wall of Fame. Nominees should contribute back to community. • Deadline of nomination is Dec 31 each year. No extent. Late submission will be considered for next year. • Unsuccessful nomination forms and accompanying supported materials will be returned to the nominator and accompanying supported materials after three years. • Mandy will forward the Wall of Fame meeting minutes.

<p>9. KidSport</p>	<p>Meeting on March 30, 2023 26 cases approved 14 Boys 12 Girls Amount of Grants \$11,602 14 Local Community Sports Groups received a grant(s) for an athlete.</p> <p>Next Meeting on April 19,2023 Currently we have received 13 new applications for the April 19th. 8 boys and 5 girls.</p> <p>To Date in 2023 In 2023, KidSport Richmond has approved: 81 grants 49 for boys 32 for girls \$35,731 in grants \$21,589 for boys \$14,172 for girls</p> <p>The 8th Annual Creating Champion Gala that we held on March 10th at the Hilton Vancouver Airport Hotel generated about \$70,000 in revenue. We have not received all the invoices for expenditures, but it appears that we will raise between \$55,000 and \$60,000 for KidSport Richmond.</p> <p>On Friday, March 24th KidSport Richmond received a \$10,000 donation from the CARHA World Hockey Tournament that was hosted by the City of Richmond from March 19 to 26. A special thank you to the CARHA World Hockey Tournament Committee for this outstanding donation.</p>
<p>10. Membership Committee Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership Committee got off to a good start. We were working on organizing and sharing membership splits with city staff and directors. • Working on clarify the Bylaws (e.g., sorting out members and associated members). • We restate those active members receive emails and meeting minutes.
<p>11. New Business- Discover Your Sport Initiative</p>	<p>Discover Your Sport Initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jas Mann is taking lead. • The event will take place on Saturday, May 13 from 11am to 3pm. The event offers each participating organization a tent with tables and chairs. • Please inform Jas Mann if your organizations are interested in participant in the event or not by Monday (April 17). • 2 options for loading: 5pm to 7pm on Friday, May 12, or from 8am to 9am on Saturday, May 13. • The public works yard will be closed from 9:30am to 3pm. Load-out begins at 3:30pm. • This information will be emailed to the membership list. <p>Summer games legacy Send application to Stuart and Stacey.</p>
<p>12. Announcements and correspondence</p>	<p>Richmond Gymnastics Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Gymnastic Championship will be held in the Oval in May. • The program is going well.

Richmond United Soccer Club

- Soccer is back for the spring season
- 100 unique registrations
- Soccer tournament this weekend

Kajaks Track & Field Club

- Our first meet will be on this Saturday.
- We have an entry level coaching course on Sunday
- We are hiring a conception manager in May. Please contact us if you know someone for this paid position. Will forward the job post.
- Karen attended Sport for life last week.

Richmond Rod & Gun Club

- A kind remind for you to renew your licences as they expired on March 31, 2023.
- Please check your trailers before going off-road.
- The club is now open 4 days a week.
- Air gun rifle pistol range.
We are going to restructure the range into a world-class facility. We have an Olympic level coaching coming on board.
- Appreciated to KidSports. We received our donation certificate from KidSport. We will put the certificate on the wall.
- Mike noticed that Richmond Rod & Gun Club was not listed in the donor's section of the KidSport booklet. KidSport explained that the booklet was printed two weeks ahead, so late donors were not included.
- Thanks to Stacey and the City of Richmond for their assistance with the participant form.

Richmond BC Pickleball Association

- 2023 Charity & Fundraiser Tournament on May 21, May 28 and June 18 at Hugh Boyd Park Outdoor Pickleball Courts.
- Will put signs up on-site this week as an inform to public.

Richmond Curling Club (Richmond Winter Club)

The Club will be officially closed for the Season April 15/2023.

The ice has gone, and the City of Richmond will have control of the main floor and dry ice surface and will be running sports programs until the end of August.

The club can ren lounge space upstairs for parties, weddings, corporate events etc. and catering can be arranged. Rental access can be booked through their website and pricing will be advised. Ice installation will be commenced after September 1st and curling instruction with lessons will start mid-month with leagues commencing by month end.

Richmond Little League

We were hoping to give "Thanks" to Richmond Sports Hosting's Pam

Lacroix and Jordan Schulmeister in person for their help with the Hosting application for the Canadian Little League Intermediate Championships to be held at Palmer Fields from July 16th to July 25th. Winner from this U13 tournament will carry on to the LLWS in Livermore, California. Our own RLL Intermediate team is trying to get some games lined up once we find just where our "HOME FIELD" might be. Initially we were told it would be Brighthouse, but then Gibbons and Palmer were also put into the mix as we await Brighthouse Park to be completed and retooled for both Youth Baseball and Men's and Ladies Fastpitch. Lots of rain is forecasted for the coming weeks to further hinder any type of scheduling going forth, but we've already discussed what our future hopes are in that regard as part of the Facility Task Force Update.

The Dugout Club

We'll not only continue to support the "RICHMOND LITTLE LEAGUE" initiative, but as mentioned at the FEB RSC MEETING (but not recorded in the initial mins), we'll once again work on our "JUST PLAY BALL" program to introduce as many boys and girls to the game of "Baseball" as possible from early May to the middle of Sept. Ideally this program will run out of Brighthouse Park on Tuesday nights once it's completed with the age groups to be determined by the number of volunteers. It was this program back in 2016 and 2017 at King George Park that led to the beginning of the RLL program as it allowed participants to play in their own Community Park. While the current initiative will be focused out of Central Richmond, as stated as one of the goals from the Feb mins, we hope to return the program to the King George Park area once an actual baseball diamond is returned to that part of the city.

TSS Football Club Inc

TSS Rovers has a Men's and a Women's Team in the semi-professional league called League1 BC. Our Men won the League Championship last August and are now in the Canadian Championship. We play Valour FC (a professional team from Winnipeg) in the first round of this competition at our home venue, Swangard Stadium in Burnaby on April 19th at 7:30pm. We are hoping to get a good crowd out to see this game. Below is a donation platform to help young people who may not be able to afford to come support our team the ability to attend on April 19th or for any of our League1 BC home game double headers in 2023. We appreciate your support! You can make any denomination donation and it will be applied to tickets.

Donate a ticket:

Want to support the Rovers and provide children an opportunity to see a match live? Receive a tax receipt automatically, have your money doubled and The Rovers Community fund will make sure some young people in your community attend a match this season.

<https://my.charitableimpact.com/groups/help-a-child-attend-a-rovers-game>

Richmond Sport Council

	<p>Treasure's Report (from Karen Fisher Hagel) April 11/2023 Chequing Balance \$2574.96 Membership Account \$82.49</p> <p>A special message from Vice Chair: Earlier this evening, Director Navi Sekhon sent his "regrets" on attending tonight's meeting as well as the sad news on the passing of Ray Sawada. Ray was a Richmond resident, B.C. Firefighter and Ex Richmond Sockeye and NHL'er who played multiple sports growing up in our community. On behalf of Richmond Sports Council, we send our sincere condolences.</p>
<p>13. Council Update- Counsellor McNulty</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts services Year in Review 2022. There is a video instruction made by local artist. • Established the Accessibility Committee for the city. The first meeting will be on tomorrow. • Social development strategy. We endorsed guide and principles.
<p>14. Adjournment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8: 50PM

Next regular monthly meeting: May 9, 2023 Tuesday, 7:00pm at Richmond City Hall.