



**Minoru Sports Pavilion
7191 Granville Avenue
Richmond, BC V6Y 1N9**

Tuesday February 8, 2011

Present: Jim Lamond(Chair), Peter Mitchell, Don Fisher, Barbara Norman, Bob Jackson, Dawna Sales, Glenn Kishi, Annie Watson, Tony Shaw, Terry Kehoe, Gary Rosval, Serj Sangara, Roger Barnes, Don Fennell, Jeff Lightfoot, Michael Lok, Michael Crawford, Fred Pawluk.

Councillor Bill McNulty. Eric Stepura, Sam Morizawa, (City staff)

Regrets: Dan Marriott, Ivan Wong, Lance Carey, Donna Marsland, Pat Weatherill, Sandra Nass,

Meeting called to order at 7 pm

1. Minutes of January 11, 2011 approved as circulated.
Moved:, Barbara Norman, Seconded: Tony Shaw, Carried
2. Business arising from minutes – Nil.
3. **Staff Update**

Eric requested a meeting with the Winterfest participants following adjournment of Sports Council as he had information packages and parking passes available for distribution. There will be one parking pass per sport group and a shuttle bus service will be provided from the City Works Yard to the Oval on Saturday from 9 am thru to 8 pm and on Sunday from 9 am thru to 7pm.

The Sport for Life Strategy is moving forward and a video is being made to provide awareness of the strategy and this can be included in presentations too. A meeting was held with West Richmond Community Association along with Soccer and the City to come up with plans for partnership of sports programs.

4. **Sport Hosting Strategy**

Mike was unable to attend but sent the following information. Mike is currently working with the Richmond Olympic Oval on developing a financial business case for the 2013 Mens World Curling Championship.

Also working on a new program to host more training and development camps in Richmond facilities. Putting together accommodation, transportation, meal plan, medical support, etc. in a single package to offer to provincial, national and international sport organizations. Based on research, training and development camps are a niche market that is yet to be explored by most communities, Richmond is well positioned to take advantage of this market.

Roger referred to a recent report to the Parks & Recreation Committee wherein 20 community grants were approved totalling \$45,000. It was noted that only half the budget was spent from 2010 and \$500,000 will be available for 2011. As Sport Hosting Grants are only available to community groups, it has been recommended that this be extended to include Provincial Sport Bodies and National Sport Bodies too. This recommendation will be going forward to Council in three months time. It was suggested that quarterly and accumulated nights be introduced instead of the current 20 room nights per event as this continues to be a challenge to many of the sports groups in Richmond. Jim noted the suggestion and requested that any further improvements be forwarded directly to him for follow up.

5. **Committees for 2011**

Jim confirmed membership of the following committees:

Facilities– Annie Watson, Barb Norman, Bob Jackson, Jack Hamilton, Serj Sangera, Councillor McNulty, Roger Barnes, Eric Stepura, Jim Lamond

Hall of Fame – Bob Jackson, Peter Mitchell, Councillor McNulty, Jim Lamond

KidSport – Lesley Matheson, Terry Kehoe, Gary Rosval, Sean Davies, Bob Jackson, Eric Stepura, Peter Mitchell

Awards – Sammy Morizawa, Bob Jackson, Don Fennell, Peter Mitchell, Jim Lamond, Howie Larkin

Trust – Sammy Morizawa, Bob Jackson, Jim Lamond

6. **KidSport**

Bob circulated financial information and confirmed that 160 youth were assisted during 2010 for a total of \$20,000. For 2011, there have been 10 applications to date and so far \$900 expended. City Council have approved a grant of \$5000 for KidSport. Bob emphasized that financial assistance only applies to Richmond sports.

MLA Linda Reid attended the meeting at 7:35 pm.

7. **Trust Fund** – no report.

8. **Council Update**

Councillor McNulty confirmed that grants totalling \$539,000 had been distributed to various groups throughout Richmond. These groups were encouraged to lobby the Provincial government in relation to cutbacks. Bill requested that a copy of the Sports for Life Strategy be distributed to MLAs. Bill stated that River Rock/Great Canadian Casino may have funding available, please contact Bill in this regard.

Linda Reid MLA drew attention to the Throne Speech on February 14th followed by the budget on February 15th. A new leader will be elected shortly which may change the budget. Linda encouraged everyone to go along and visit the new Richmond Arts Council space which is right next to her constituency office at Garden City and Blundell shopping mall. Linda was asked about the Central Richmond Baseball rejected grant and Linda confirmed that she would follow up on this.

9. **Round Table**

- Michael Lok has approached City staff to look into the licensing of Martial Arts in order to have the same standards as other sports in regard to coaching, criminal record checks, safety issues, etc. There are currently approximately 40 Martial Arts Studios in Richmond which are not licensed. Michael expressed his concern re safety and bad business practices
- Roger distributed information on the Direct Access Grants to Richmond Community Sports Groups and reviewed in detail (copies will be sent via e.mail)
- Glenn talked about the high school playoffs and schedule will be in the newspaper plus the web site
- Annie, happy to have heat but upstairs keep turning it off and this is a challenge. Looking forward to participating in Winterfest
- Peter stated that plans for the next Jimmy Ng Tournament will be going ahead shortly
- Gary announced that in 2010 over 34 tournaments took place and 2 were provincials. Gary was encouraged by Jim to submit a Sport Hosting Grant application as he had submitted an application in the past
- Tony announced 2 table tennis tournaments at the Oval, March 11-13 open and March 30 invitational
- Serj said that Pat Weatherill's application will be forwarded to Linda Reid for review. Extra \$25 registration fee in order to cover equipment costs
- Richmond Minor Hockey – league play now over, hosting 3 tournaments over the spring break
- Kajaks – 8 km Race on Jan 30th at Steveston with 63% increase in registrants. Hosting booth at Winterfest. March 12 hosting first annual elementary relay race at the Oval
- KidSport participating in Winterfest and sharing with BC Lions and BC Hall of Fame. Terry encouraged everyone to place ads on their web sites in regard to the promotional campaign with the BC Hall of Fame
- Donna excited to host Winterfest. Volleyball plays off have started. Facility space is a challenge, half at the Oval and half at other facilities

- Don commented that curling was very busy. Winterfest demonstration of Rocks and Rings. Application for 2013 Curling Championship at the Oval still under discussion Don Fennell commented on the one year anniversary of the Olympics. South Arm Community Centre will be hosting a Hockeython on Feb 11 and 12, 2011 with proceeds to Canuck Place
- Barb – Spring Hockey Tournament. Ice at the Oval on a one year basis. School Board has requested ice for Hockey Academy
- Eric thanked everyone for their participation in Winterfest. 26 sports groups will be in attendance. Eric encouraged everyone to attend the film at 7 pm on Feb 17th – The Mighty Jerome \$10 at the door (information will be sent out via e.mail)

Jim reminded everyone of the AGM to be held on March 8th where the election of directors will take place followed by the regular membership meeting. \$10 annual membership fee will be due at the AGM. Jim concluded the meeting by thanking Linda Reid for her attendance and a special thanks to all the sports groups for their hard work over the past 12 months

No further business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Nora Wright
Recording Secretary

**Next Meeting: March 8, 2011 at 7:00 pm Annual General Meeting
7:30 pm Regular Business**

REMINDER; \$10.00 annual membership due at the AGM.