



Richmond Sports Council

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Tuesday February 11, 2014

Present: Jim Lamond, (Chair), Peter Mitchell, Mike Thorne, Terry Kehoe, Jack Hamilton, Jared Hulme, ,Donna Marsland, Jeff Lightfoot, Don Fisher, Sanjeet Sadana, Bob Jackson, Gary Rosval. Barb Norman, Jim Kojima, Channa Karunaratne, Garry Stewart, Gerry DeCicco (Oval), Rosemary Nickerson, Mike Fletcher, Keith Dawson, Tony Shaw, Warren Karsgaard, Stu Corrigan, Robbie Jacobs, Marcia Jacobs, Sam Morizawa, Gregg Wheeler, (City staff), Mike Romas, Tanya Foley (Oval), Steve Valenzuela

Regrets Ivan Wong. Doug Long, Councillor Bill McNulty

Meeting called to order at 7.03 pm

1. Approval of January 14, 2014 minutes – Barbara Norman, Don Fisher, Carried.
2. Business arising from minutes – None.
- 3. Guest – Jason Kita re proposed Wall of Fame at the Richmond Olympic Oval**

Jason introduced himself as a member of the Project Team building the Richmond Olympic Experience which is planned to open in the fall of 2014. An informational brochure was circulated with details on the Conceptual Design Plan for the Wall of Fame. The Wall of Fame would be a feature attraction located in the corridor leading to and from the parkade within the highly visible area of the lobby of the building.

Jason confirmed that this would be a free exhibit and would honour and celebrate the history of Richmond's athletes and leaders in sport. The Wall of Fame panels would be of an innovative design and include contemporary materials which would allow for removal and future reconfiguration as required.

Jason concluded his presentation by asking for feedback from Sports Council on the proposed Wall of Fame concept by March 11, 2014 as detailed design would like to be completed by the end of March in preparation for the construction during spring and summer of 2014.

Questions arose as follows:

How is the Wall of Fame going to be advertised?

Response: via sports organizations, community centres and will be included in the promotion of the Richmond Olympic Experience.

It was suggested that Anecdotal panels be changed to highlight a major sport group.

Response: Yes, panels can be changed and it was a good idea.

How wide is the corridor leading to and from the parkade as there may be a bottleneck with regard to access and egress when a lot of people are looking at the Wall of Fame panel?

Response: Yes this has been addressed and as the corridors are 15ft wide it should not be a problem.

Jim referred to the draft memo from Dave Semple in regard to the Selection Committee as the proposal was not the same as just presented. Jim stated that a Wall of Fame had been addressed 10 years ago and he would like to see people on the committee from Sports Council plus two staff namely Sammy and Gregg but no senior staff plus two members at large. Jim asked that this criteria be changed by March 11th and Jason confirmed that the change would be made.

Barb enquired about the cost and Jason responded that there were funding sources available and not from taxpayers money and the cost had yet been finally determined as more details needed to be worked out.

No further questions and presentation concluded at 7.20 pm.

4. Council Update – none.

5. Staff Update

Gregg circulated a press release in regard to AISTS (International Academy for Sports, Science and Technology) and the partnership with the City of Richmond re sustainability in sport. Gregg continued by speaking about Physical Literacy and circulating a leaflet on the fundamental skills for an active life.

6. Garden City Lands – no update.

7. Minoru Older Adults and Aquatic Centre replacements

Gregg confirmed that a committee from Sports Council would be working with staff on this project and a meeting was scheduled for February 18th. Jim confirmed that the representatives from Sports Council would be: Mike Fletcher (Chair), Donna Marsland, Bob Jackson, Serj Sangara, Sanjeet Sadana, Bill Shayler and Richard Collier. Terry expressed concern that football was not represented on this committee and Jim assured Terry that all sports would be represented by the committee.

The use of facilities and public area i.e. track and field will be a nightmare for parking and access to the present facilities so this will all have to be considered in the proposal.

8. Report on Head Injuries Symposium – Stu Corrigan

Stu provided a brief overview of the program and circulated information for reference. Stu strongly encouraged everyone to get involved and raise awareness on this issue. Stu concluded by stating that a booth representing Sport Concussions would be at the Discover Your Sport Day event.

9. Sport Hosting Update

Mike provided details as follows:

Secured events

- 2014 Can Am Wushu Martial Arts Championship
- 2015 Canadian Fencing Federation National Championship
- 2014 Canadian Short Track Speed Skating National Championship
- 2017 IKGA World Karate Championship

Leads/Bids

- 2014 Pan Am Taekwondo Championship
- 2016 Western Canadian Ringette Championship

Upcoming event

2014 Pacific International Judo Championship – February 14-16, Richmond Olympic Oval

Mike concluded by introducing Tanya Foley who would be taking over his role as he was moving back to City Hall on a secondment. Tanya provided a background and has a wealth of sport and event experience, having worked with VANOC, the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) and ViaSport. She has a degree in Human Kinetics and a diploma in Media Arts. Tanya.

Mike will not disengage completely from Sport Hosting as he will provide oversight and be a valuable resource for Tanya. Also, Mike will still be engaged in some key sport hosting files. Jim thanked Mike for his contribution to the Sport Hosting Program.

10. KidSport Fund Raising Banquet

Jared provided an update and confirmed that Angus Reid from the BC Lions would be the keynote speaker at the event and the Richmond Review would be a media partner. Ticket sales are at 25% and everyone was pushing hard to sell tickets. Jared reminded everyone to check out the Twitter page and also circulated handouts and posters as a reminder. Jared concluded that the committee was still looking for sponsors. Bob thanked Jared and emphasized the need to promote this event within the sports groups.

KidSport Banquet and auction will be held on Thursday March 6th at the Hilton Vancouver Airport Hotel, 5911 Minoru Boulevard, Richmond. Regular tickets \$150, Regular table of 10 \$1400, Champion Ticket \$190 and Champion Table \$1700.

11. Sports Awards

Terry confirmed that this event would take place at McMath School on Wednesday May 7th and that nominations are to be submitted by March 1st in order to prepare the program. Terry emphasized the need to submit nominations as quickly as possible. Bob reminded everyone that this was not just about athletes but included coaches, administrators, officials etc. Richmond Review will be participating in support of this event.

12. KidSport

Bob circulated financial information and reports and confirmed that funds of \$12,153 were currently in the bank but these funds would soon be used up within the next few months. Bob encouraged everyone to support the KidSport Banquet as all proceeds are for the benefit of KidSport.

13. **Trust Fund** – no update.

14. **Correspondence** – none.

Serj:

- Need help with KidSport Banquet and an incentive may be to offer a free table to the group that sells the most tickets. Important to get people who will spend money at the banquet i.e. business community

Stu:

- Discover Your Sport meeting held January 21st and the event this year will be held together with the City during the Move for Health Week May 5 – 10. The final day on May 10th will be held at Minoru Park from 11 am thru to 3 pm with booths for both sport and culture. There will also be a large stage available. March 31st is the deadline for registering for this event. Posters and signs will all be prepared by the City together with a web page on the City web site. Passports will continue again this year with assistance from the City. A video from the 2013 Discover Your Sport Day will be shown at the March 11th Sports Council meeting. More information will be circulate via e.mail. There will be a lot more exposure and visibility due to the partnership with the City.

Jared:

- Kajaks Ice Breaker 8 km event held February 2nd 8
- 10 km Road Race will take place August 18th at the Oval.

Mike:

- Girls and Boys Soccer coming to an end. Numbers up for registration
- Well into planning stage for spring/summer – bigger each year

Tony:

- Rmd Table Tennis Tournament at Cambie Feb 15-17 – everyone is welcome

Terry:

- Rmd Minor football – spring registration open

Keith:

- Rmd City Baseball on line registration
- Need to satisfy Warren's needs!

Mike:

- Rmd Rod and Gun Club Feb 22nd Awards Event
- Air gun match March 8-9
- Youth group will have their own Council for input into the Club

Gerry DeCicco:

- Presented a birthday gift to Jim from the Oval. Jim thought the gift was a parking pass!
- Jim thanked Gerry for the gift.

Steve:

- Senior Soccer final tournament for the season
- March 2nd all star game at Minoru Oval
- Summer camp will place for the first time

Sanjeet:

- Introduced President of Richmond Cricket Club – Chana Karunaratne
- Season starts end of March
- Very disappointed being asked to move to Thomas Kidd
- Jim said new plan for Minoru should include all

Barb:

- Pilot project with real ice
- \$900,000 in capital funding from the City
- Dressing rooms being fixed up
- LED lights on east side of building
- Increase in number of participants, lots of tournaments and very busy

Don:

- Everything going well in curling

- Wheelchair Curler Darryl Neighbour has won BC Finals and will be going to the Nationals April 28 – May 4 in Montreal

Rosemary:

- Re-appointed to Aquatics Board
- Looking forward to new Aquatic Centre and Older Adults Centre

Garry:

- Rugby Club under 19 Junior team going to Wales, Scotland and England.

Jim Kojima:

- Pacific Int'l Tournament Invitational (Steveston Judo Club) - first year at the Oval – 2 day program, 300 athletes to date on Feb 15-16
- Judo Canada would like event moved to first week in March for 2015 which is a concern with the Oval venue

Jim:

- Reminder of Annual General Meeting on March 11th where Board of Directors will be appointed
- AGM of KidSport held Feb 11th and Bob Jackson elected again as Chair. Jim thanked Bob and the committee for their hard work and the great reports submitted on a regular basis.
- Reminder that \$10 membership fee for Richmond Sports Council is due at the AGM March 11th.

No further business.

Meeting adjourned at 8.25 pm.

Nora Wright
Recording Secretary

Next meeting – March 11, 2014 – Annual General Meeting