

RICHMOND SPORTS COUNCIL

January 12, 2010

7:00 pm

Richmond City Hall

Meeting Room M.2.004

Present: Jim Lamond (Chair), Roger Barnes, Annie Watson, Pat Weatherhill, Tony Shaw, Ivan Wong, Warren Karsgard, Gary Rosval, Terry Kehoe, Sandra Nass, Peter Mitchell, Marcel Sachse, Bob Jackson, Don Fennell, Paul Alexander, Bill Alexander, Donna Marsland, Barbara Norman, Eric Stepura, Paul Morizawa, (City staff)

1. Meeting called to order at 7 pm.
2. Approval of minutes of December 8, 2009
Moved: Pat Weatherill, Seconded: Ivan Wong, Carried.
3. Guests: Anne Stevens- O zone Update
Mike Romas - Sport Hosting

Anne Stevens – O zone Celebration Site:

Anne provided a map of the site and gave an overview of the Ozone site entertainment and amenities with highlights as follows:

- celebration site will be around City Hall and Minoru Park
- February 9th will be the Torch Relay 7 pm to 9 pm
- Ozone celebrations Feb 12 thru to Feb 28: 3 pm to 11 pm weekdays and noon to 11 pm weekends
- a variety of exhibits will be in the meeting rooms at City Hall
- North plaza will be the entertainment area
- Ice wall 100 ft x 14 ft at City Hall opposite the present public parking
- Wine sampling to take place after 3 pm
- BC Streets will be located where the two hour public parking is at present
- Warming stations will be available (food kiosks)
- Minoru Blvd will be closed during O Zone hours
- Security fencing around site with random searches taking place
- Holland House 9 am to 2 am
- Library/Cultural Centre – TVs, computers, international living room
- Richmond Revealed – companies and products
- Concert Bowl (track area) will have stage and screens
- Food/beverage and licensed area
- Ice carving competition
- Club O Zone – private suites for rental by companies wishing to host guests

Presentation followed by question and answer period which concluded at 7:25 pm with many thanks to Anne for her contribution to the meeting.

Mike Romas – Sports Hosting

Mike provided a brief background on his experience and was asked if Burnaby was the only City that Richmond hired from! Mike continued by confirming that he had been working on the Sports Hosting Strategy and Implementation Plan 2010 and this would be going forward to Committee on January 26th and then to Council.. Meetings have already been held with Jim, Roger and Eric in regard to this program and a copy of the report will be available at the February meeting.

4. Parks & Recreation Facilities – Eric

Richmond Lawn Bowling Club have applied for a grant of \$200,000 for Western Diversification and will have two artificial turf lawn bowling greens at Minoru Park which will a great addition to the community sports program. Work should start straight after the Olympics with completion in June.

5. Kidsport – Terry

Year end summary circulated for information. There were 193 applications and 132 were funded. Terry continued by referring to the e.mail from Serj in relation to fundraising via a Baseball Raffle Calendar and an example was circulated for information. Each association would buy 20 calendars (140 Calendars minimum for Sports Council members and a cost of \$10.00 each and this would result in a \$700 minimum to Kidsport Richmond.

The second suggestion was a customized calendar for an association and team. Terry requested support of the members as Serj needed to know as soon as possible i.e. **January 26th**. Terry will send our more information electronically so that members can indicate their interest. The intent being to hold this annually as sponsors have already indicated interest in this fundraising campaign.

Motion:

That the two fundraising calendar promotions be approved and circulated to members.

Moved: Terry Kehoe, Seconded: Peter Mitchell, Carried.

Terry also circulated a list of addresses for the sports group to check to ensure that Kidsports records are correct.

Annie asked if Kidsport had donation tins and Terry said they do not but they would be prepared to send out informational material on request.

6. Trust Fund – no requests.

7. Correspondence

Jim confirmed that a letter had been received from the City stating that Councillor Bill McNulty had been re-appointed as liaison to Sports Council.

8. Round Table:

Roger – Community of Excellence of Sports & Wellness strategy has been developed and will be going forward for consultation with sports group and the community.

Mark – sent by e.mail – VMFL Finals went well, RMFL still continues to struggle with gaming funds shortfall and were unable to hold a league wide awards banquet for players.

Sammy – applications for 2008/2009 trust funding has to be submitted by February 28, 2010.

Pat – Bantam National Girls Baseball Championships will be held August 26-30, 2010 at Brighthouse

Annie – numbers are growing in gymnastics but there is a challenge to find coaches. A strong group of boys will be competing nationally and internationally.

Paul – Sports Council meeting can be accommodated February 11th and March 9th at the Rod and Gun Club if required.

Bill – As Partners for Beautification with the City, the Rod and Gun Club is still maintaining the entrance on No. 3 Road and Cambie and River Road area

Peter – there are other options for venues for February and March Sports Council meetings. Thank you to Gary from Steveston Rotary for helping out with the traffic during their event. Rotary Club will be supervising the RV park locations at Garry Park and Steveston during the Olympics and proceeds will go to sports groups. The cost is \$50 per night and more information will be circulated to everyone via e.mail. Enquiry with regard to Sports Council House at O Zone – Jim responded he was working on this.

Terry - Bob Jackson is now the Treasurer and Peter Mitchell is the Secretary. 150 applicants in 2010 will be processed.

Gary – Season will start late March or early April. July 16-18, 2010 Senior A Womens and Junior Provincial Championship. August 5-8, 2010 Boys and Girls Bantam Western Championships.

Marcel – exhibition game at Oval.

Tony Shaw – welcomed by Jim who confirmed that the Table Tennis Federation would be joining Sports Council. Tony stated that two tournaments would be held one on January 23,

2010 Metro Vancouver Invitational and January 30-31,2010 Tournament at London/Steveston School for BC residents.

Sandra – two speed skating tickets received and these will be used for fund raising. Pre season a gym is required at a community centre, Eric to follow up.

Don Fennell – nothing to report – Jim thanked Don for his article on the Oval in the local newspaper.

Don – Curling is going well. No government grant money received this year so there has been cut backs. Fund raising taking place. Club is open during the Olympics – new entrance on Lansdowne.

Barbara – Arena will be closed due to Heineken House. There has been a change in schedules and not everyone was able to be accommodated.

Eric – communication received from Ministry of Finance in regard to the BC Societies Act, they are seeking input from non profit groups for changes they would like to see. Feedback deadline is April 1, 2010 – the web site and application form information will be distributed via e.mail. Bob reminded everyone to ensure that their group is in good standing under the Societies Act and to complete form and pay the appropriate fee, this is important protection.

Jim – two tickets for ice hockey for 2010 Olympics at a cost of \$75.00 was suggested as a raffle prize to raise funds for Kidsport, this was agreed to by the members and a raffle was held with Don Fennell being the winner and \$210 raised for Kidsport. (Note: Don has since donated these tickets back to Sports Council and another raffle will be held at the February meeting).

No further business.

Meeting concluded at 8:20 pm.

Nora Wright
Recording Secretary

Next meeting –Rod and Gun Club – date to be confirmed.

Note:

Jim is making arrangements for a booth at the O Zone Celebration Site for Richmond Sports Council and Kidsport. Volunteers will be required for the booth from each sport.