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**Tuesday January 10, 2012**

Present: Jim Lamond (Chair), Peter Mitchell, Steve Valenzuela, Annie Watson, Gary Rosval, Jeff Lightfoot, Trevor Rennie, Serj Sangara, Tony Shaw, Don Fisher, Dawne Tiller, Bill Shayler, Roger Lane, Terry Kehoe, Bob Jackson, Glenn Kishi (SD38), Barb Norman, Dawna Sales. Mike Crawford, Warren Karsgaard, Don Fennell, Paul Alexander, John Braaten, Eric Stepura, Sam Morizawa (City), Mike Romas (Sport Hosting),

Guests: Russ Brummer – Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows, Parks & Recreation, Scott Johnson (Chair) and Gayle Morris, Director of Sales – Tourism Richmond.

Regrets: Maria Majblat, Roger Barnes, Cheryl Dunham, Donna Marsland

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm
2. Approval of December 13, 2011 minutes.  
Moved: Don Fisher, Seconded: Gary Rosval, Carried.
3. Business arising from minutes – Nil.

#### **4. Guests - Tourism Richmond**

Scott began the presentation by emphasizing their support of sport in the community and their willingness to provide assistance to all the sport volunteers in the community. Tourism Richmond recognized the value of sport in Richmond. A video from TR will be circulated separately as due to technical difficulties it has unable to be shown at the meeting.

Gayle confirmed that sport hosting fees amounting to \$45,000 had been distributed in 2010 and \$66,000 in 2011. Services available from TR included destination marketing, visitor services and visitor guides. Bid books that are prepared will include TR marketing and TR would also build a presentation and forward to Mike Romas for inclusion in the bid book. There is a \$500,000 commitment from TR to sport in Richmond.

Presentation concluded at 7:15 pm.

#### 4. **Staff Update**

Eric introduced Russ Brummer from Pitt Meadows Parks and Recreation who had attended as a guest as he was in the process of preparing a sports strategy for a Sports Council and wanted to see Richmond Sports Council in action at the meeting!

Eric continued on the subject of commercial sponsorship at City subsidized events and the resulting complaints to Council. Some hotels were being excluded from visitors to their hotels. A policy will be prepared to deal with this issue and part of the process is to get Sports Council, RACA and an Aquatics representative to meet with staff to develop a policy to address the issue of events held at City facilities that are receiving subsidies from the City. Jim confirmed that the representatives from Sports Council would be Roger Barnes, Bob Jackson and Barb Norman. Eric stated he would arrange a meeting shortly. Questions arose in regard to the policy being prepared in regard to commercial sponsorship and the hotels and Eric confirmed that the mandate will be narrow and only apply to groups that get subsidized rates for City facilities. Provincial and International events will be excluded from the policy. Jim emphasized that the policy will be brought to Sports Council for ratification.

Eric confirmed that field users will now know much earlier what the fee increases will be as they are now tied to CPI. This will help in the budget process for the following year. 1.75% is the fee increase for 2012.

#### 5. **Sports Hosting**

Mike provide information on events as follows: National Wheelchair Rugby June 2012, Table Tennis Championship July 2012, Sport Coaches National Conference 2013/2014, Junior National Championships 2013 and will find out shortly whether the Gymnastics Championship will take place in 2014.

Jim encouraged members to use Sports Hosting resources in preparing bids and Tourism Richmond to help in find hotel and restaurant discounts etc.

Mike confirmed that he was in the process of hiring a Sports Hosting Co-ordinator within the next month to manage some of the sport relationships.

#### 6. **KidSport**

Bob circulated financial statements for information and provided more details verbally. There has been a 19% increase in applicants from the previous year and 83% have received funding. Bob stated that the number of female athletes applying has reduced from 31% to 27%. There is a new form on the website and funds are distributed to a maximum of \$250. Jim thanked Terry and Bob for all their hard work.

#### 7. **Trust Fund** - no report.

## 8. Correspondence

Jim had received an e mail from Wendy Steadman with the following information re 31<sup>st</sup> Richmond International Midget Hockey Tournament in which 41 teams participated in total from outside of the Lower Mainland and 2340 hotel room nights confirmed from the hotel sponsors for this year's totals. Some teams did make changes to stay at hotels in Richmond as follows: Holiday Inn Riverport, Bestern Western Abercorn Inn which in total equated to another 325 room nights.

Jim commented that the tournament was well run and well organized and the Richmond Triple A Team had won the tournament in their age group which was a credit to Richmond.

## 9. Facility Task Force

Jim stated it was not too late to make submissions and a meeting would be arranged in late January.

## 10. Richmond Community Games

Jim informed everyone that the games might not be community based, it may be a Sports Festival instead i.e. display of sports, demonstrations etc. and open to the public. Tentatively scheduled end of July 2012

## 11. Round Table – highlights

- Rmd Senior Soccer – Fusball tournament over Christmas was a resounding success, winding up the season in next 2 months
- Paul – March 2,3,4 – Air Gun BC Championship at Sportstown
- Annie – gearing up for competition season, athletes are looking good. Elite Olympic Trials are in Toronto in February, 4 athletes from Rmd Gymnastics are competing. The 2014 Gymnastics Bid is looking good
- Trevor – early numbers looking good for registration. Introduction of John Ratten
- Serj – attended Baseball Coaches Conference in Anaheim, California with 4000 attendees and 150 exhibitors with \$8M in revenue – great conference
- Tony – Metro Vancouver 2012 Invitational Tournament March 30 – 31 at the Oval. RSC invited to enter one team! Banquet March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm in Richmond
- Gary – Pee Wee – waiting to hear results
- Rugby – no report
- Terry – reminder re the 2007/2008 integration into the Oval, would like to bring this proposal forward. Would like to use Minoru Pavilion address and facilities
- Bill – Found place for Lacrosse – St. Joseph the Worker church for indoor practice
- Mike – There is a new government sports group called BC Sports which has taken the place of Sport BC.

- Jeff – Rmd Minor Hockey Tournament was very successful and well run. Won Triple A medal. Thank you for the media coverage. Hosted 2<sup>nd</sup> tournament for 4 to 9 yr olds, went very well also
- Dawna – Basketball has started at the Oval. Mid to late January there will be an Ignite program which is for the development of athletes. Climbing wall construction for completion by the end of March. Volleyball – kicked of season on January 9<sup>th</sup> for Air Attack (15 teams, 180 kids involved). Struggling to find facilities for 90 hours
- Glenn – winter season for School District. Basketball going strong and table tennis both for boys and girls
- Don – Curling entering the second half of the season and busy to April
- Eric – Upgrade to baseball diamond on Blundell. Repainting 5 of the tennis courts at Minoru Tennis Club
- New tennis courts at Garden City Park
- Dawne – New year Iron Man triathlon with 7 athletes participating. Registration and schedule is on web site (adults only)
- Sam – deadline for Provincial funding is Feb 6, 2012
- Peter – Jimmy Ng Tournament May 26-27. Skip Triplett report out very soon
- Barb – very successful tournament. Working on ice allocation for next year. Extra ice at the Oval with new rates hopefully. 8% increase for ice hockey registrations
- Don – ice facilities need to be replaced due to age of building
- Eric – revision to the 10 year plan and annual 5 year plan. Ice Centre could come forward as a referendum item likely and will be addressed in the future
- Jim – we may build this ice centre need into the Facility Task Force report. Fussball at the Oval this past weekend was very well done and basketball program going well too
- Bob – geese are a challenge again
- Annie – when are membership fees dues for RSC? Jim responded in March at the AGM
- Mike – Feb 11<sup>th</sup> Festival of Hockey event 10 am to 9:30 pm. More information will be sent out shortly via email

No further business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

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Nora Wright  
Recording Secretary

**Next Meeting: Wednesday February 15, 2012**