



Tuesday January 12, 2016

Present:

Jim Lamond (Chair), Gregg Wheeler,(City staff), Tony Shaw, Bob Jackson,Taylor Sims, Terry Kehoe, Jack Hamilton, Don Fisher, Sam Morizawa (City staff), Tanya Donaldson, Warren Karsgaard, Kathleen Wong, Steve Valenzuela, Donna Marsland, Kim Seaborn Bill Shayler, Mike Fletcher, John Braaten, Jared Hulme Barb Norman, Sanjeet Sadana Serj Sangara, Matthew Eng, Noleen Mueller,Stu Corrigan, Councillor Bill McNulty, Mike Thorne, Matt Daniel, Terry Kehoe, Garrett Collier

Regrets: Gary Rosval,

Meeting called to order at 7.00 pm

1. Approval of December 9, 2015 minutes – Moved: Don Fisher, Seconded: Bill Shayler, Carried.
2. Business arising from minutes – none

3. **Council Report**

Councillor McNulty wished everyone a Happy New Year and provided information as follows:

- Property tax increase will be 3.11%
- Working on the 150th anniversary celebrations by evaluating programs
- Public information sessions being held on Minoru Complex

Jordan enquired if there were any plans to upgrade the track at Minoru and Gregg confirmed that resurfacing would be on the horizon in the future.

Donna provided an update on Gary's health status following his heart surgery. Gary was on a road to recovery and a get well card was circulated.

4. **Staff Update**

Gregg referred to the Minoru Complex Open Houses and the information circulated via e.mail previously with times and dates. Next Open House would be held January 19th from 9 am to 12 noon at Minoru Seniors Centre.

Work still ongoing with the Minoru 2 sinkhole and cordoned off.

As Mike Fletcher was absent, Gregg provided an update on the proposed draft plan for the Multi Purpose Fieldhouse at Hugh Boyd and the designs via artist renderings were shown by Gregg.

Bob enquired about a first aid room being available within the building and Gregg committed to following up on this concern. Gregg confirmed that the funding has yet to be decided.

5. **Minoru Fields and Building Update**

Jim thanked Gregg for the requested information on the outstanding items for the upgrade which will be circulated to the members by e.mail. Jim commented on his attendance at the Minoru Complex Open House on January 8th. A question arose in regard to the concession facilities and Gregg explained that a small exterior concession would be available which would be accessible via the main foyer. There were no plans to change the grandstand or the concessions.

6. **Wall of Fame**

Deadline for submissions was December 31, 2015 and a meeting of the committee had yet to be arranged. Bob confirmed that 11 nominations had been received to date and 30 plus still remained from last year pending further information. Bob stated that nominations were held for three years.

7. **Sport Hosting**

Upcoming Events:

2016 Wrestling Age Class Championships Jan 22-23, hosted by Bhullar Wrestling Club
 Karate Nationals Jan 29-31
 2016 Vancouver Sun Harry Jerome Indoor Games Feb 6
 Football BC Combine Feb 8

Secured Events:

Volleyball Canada NTCC HP Camp July 15-18
 International World Flat Track Derby Association- Sept 16-18

New Website- coming soon

8. **Creating Community Champions Gala Event**

Jared confirmed that 5 tables had already been sold and tickets will be available to the public shortly. Host athletes and silent auction items are still required. Jared committed to sending out full information via a separate email. Jared circulated a Save the Date card for information in this event. Bob emphasized the need for host athletes especially females and former Olympians.

9. **Sports Awards**

Terry confirmed that the Richmond News would be a co-sponsor for this event and that Don Fennell would be a member of the committee. Terry and Jim strong encouraged the submission of nominations.

9. **KidSport**

Bob circulated stats and financial information which he reviewed in detail. At present funds of \$26,000 were in the bank but to expect a lower balance by the end of 2016 due to the increase in grants to \$350. Fifteen applications had been received in January to date and Bob confirmed that grants were only for Richmond residents.

Terry questioned the granting of funds to those kids playing outside of Richmond and Bob explained that the majority of those grants were for kids that could not join the same sport in Richmond and there was always a valid reason for doing so. Groups must be a member of SportBC.

Sanjeet enquired about the donation of used sports equipment and Bob responded that this was not in the mandate of KidSport BC. Following discussion on the challenges with donated sports equipment it was agreed that an information link be available on the KidSport website and Bob committed to following up on this idea.

10. **Trust Fund** – no report.

11. **Correspondence** – Jim commented on the letter received from Gregg with regard to outstanding items and the letter received from the City confirming the appointment of Councillor McNulty to the Richmond Sports Council as Council Liaison.

12. **Round Table and New Business**

Bill:

- Box lacrosse at the Oval Feb 9th

Stu:

- Circulated a Social Media matrix for information which indicated the options that could be used to provide information to members and sports groups. The suggestion would be to have a Sports Council Facebook Page with each sports group having their own page to administer and add information. There could also be a Sports Council history of sport in Richmond as a sub page i.e. 1988 the incorporation of Sports Council in Richmond. Stu offered to bring an example to the February meeting. Jim commented that a committee should be formed to move forward on this recommendation

Jared:

- Kajaks training at the Oval
- Ice Breaker Road Race Sunday Jan 17th

Kim:

- Cancellation of Winter Classic
- Currently looking at Spring Program
- Bid for 2018 BC Provincials

Serj:

- Under 18 group project being worked on – more information in February
- Usage of cages at Blundell
- Usage of Latrace field – would like a meeting. Away Feb 4-12th.

Mike:

- Fishing update
- Duck hunting update
- Archery ding well
- Start up of mentorship program for new hunters
- Jim commented on the loss of Paul Alexander

Terry:

- Rmd Minor football Jan 22nd at South Arm

Matt:

- Not much going on in golf
- Two great driving ranges on No. 6 Road

Noleen:

- Feb 20th RBC Training for athletes including rowing, speed skating, rugby, bobsleigh for a 5 year path to the Olympics – on line application available

Tony:

- 2016 Development Tournament at the Oval January 30th 9 am to 6.30 pm

Don:

- Hosting 2016 Senior Provincial Curling Championship Feb 15-21
- Noted that Jan 14-17 tournament in Las Vegas was 80% Canadian

Barb:

- Tournaments over Christmas very successful
- Pacific Rim Tournament in February
- Rates are going up effective April 1st
- \$2M paid to the City for ice
- Stadium dressing rooms will be upgraded

Tanya:

- Tennis - 5 kids went to Florida under 8 and under 15 and won prizes
- Working with the City for event at Minoru re tennis court cracks

John:

- looking forward to planning for future year

Jared:

- Introduction of Garrett Collier new Head Coach who may be attending some meetings

Jim:

- New Societies Act in November 2016 – information to be sent our separately via email.

No further business

Meeting adjourned at 8.40 pm

Nora Wright
Recording Secretary

Next meeting: February 9, 2015