

RICHMOND SPORTS COUNCIL

Tuesday July 13, 2010

Present: Roger Barnes (Chair), Ivan Wong, Peter Mitchell, Fred Pawluk, Serj Sangara, Barbara Norman, Bob Jackson, Don Fennell, Donna Marsland, Sandra Nass, Paul Alexandder, Councillor Bill McNulty. Mike Romas, Eric Stepura, Paul Morizawa, (City staff)

Regrets received from Jim Lamond, Annie Watson and Don Fisher.

Roger as acting Chairperson provided an update on Jim's recent surgery.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

1. Minutes of June 8, 2010 approved by consent.
2. **Council Report** – Councillor Bill McNulty

Bill provided an update from the recent Council meeting including the endorsement of a Major Event Provision Fund with profits from the Olympics of \$970,000 with \$500,000 of which will go towards the Tall Ships Festival in 2011. The Terms of Reference for major sporting events will be prepared by staff with a report to Council in the fall.

Steveston Community Society will be taking on two major events. The Sockeye Spin Cycle Race on August 15th and the Dragon Boat Festival on August 22nd. The City has committed \$30,000 in kind to assist with these events.

Management Program for snow geese has been agreed upon at a cost of \$114,000.

The \$2M surplus from the budget has been appropriated to a number of items which will benefit aquatics, parks open space strategy, art strategy etc. Bill recommended that Sports Council need to submit their shopping list too.

Question arose in regard to Tall Ships dates and Bill confirmed that this was June 4,5,6, 2011. There will be a fee to attend, however, a price has not yet been determined. Bill reviewed his planned trip to China and Japan together with the Sister City Committee and his hope to organize tall ships from these two countries.

Roger confirmed that the snow geese management strategy options were available for viewing on the City web site.

3. **Staff Update**

Eric reported on the official opening of the artificial turf lawn bowling greens on July 10th and stated that it was the only club in Canada with two artificial turfs. Ivan also pointed out that the club house could accommodate 70.

Two basketball courts are being installed at South Arm Park.. Eric talked about all the sports events going on in Richmond and the aim of encouraging structured sports at Minoru.

Athletes Performance Mentorship Workshop will be held at the Oval on August 9 thru 13 and Eric encouraged coaches to attend as this was the best event for high performance athlete development.

4. **Sport Hosting Update**

Mike circulated a bid document template for information. This is available to all sports organizations looking to host events over the next few years. July 20th is the next Sport Hosting meeting.

Mike continued by providing information on the International Broomball Festival which is looking at hosting this event beginning Labour Day weekend 2011 annually for the next 5 years and would include 50 teams. As a result of a question raised Roger explained the parameters for funding and emphasized that this fund was for Richmond based amateur teams only, non profit sports groups including the Richmond School District and community associations and the Oval. This fund was not for private organizations. Mike committed to bringing a report on the sport hosting funding in September.

5. **Kidsport**

Bob circulated financial information and confirmed that there had been 121 applicants to date this year. Funds available have been spent and not enough funds now to cover applications. However, \$6-8,000 is still to be received from other sources e.g. Urban Impact who have generously promised \$4000 and would like to present the cheque at a meeting (Bob has followed up with Urban Impact), Triple "O" fund raising also taking place together with a Canadian Superstore September promotion.

6. **Trust Fund**

Sammy reported that two applications needed to be reviewed and a visit to Jim Lamond's home was suggested. Bob Jackson to follow up.

7. **Correspondence**

Roger circulated correspondence received from Sport BC and Steve Nash Sports club invitation.

8. **New Business**

- Kajaks Track & Field Annual Track meet with 186 entries. Preliminary discussions with regard to celebrations of 50th Anniversary in 2011
- Richmond Lacrosse finished finals of Bantam Tournament, season is wrapping up. Day Development Camp in Richmond being looked at for 2011
- Ice Arenas – will be back in August
- Bob talked about the bicycle rentals in Montreal
- Donna – lots of tournaments going on
- Ivan reported on the Provincial Tournaments and members are doing well
- Question arose in regard to the Rod & Gun Club facility, Eric provided an update and that warehouse space may be looked at
- Serj referred to the Midget Star Game, Alumni Game and enquired as to who was the official contact at the Oval. Roger responded that groups contact the Oval directly as there was no official contact
- Womens National Basketball Team is in town playing Chile
- Soccer - Nation's Cup at Minoru
- HST rebate letter in the newspaper from John Yap only applies to groups receiving funding from the government
- Seniors Games is a wrap up. Final results will be public
- Presidents of community associations meeting also included sports groups and School Board with a view to working closer together
- Volunteer Richmond would like to work with sports groups. Data base of volunteers is available
- Sport for Life strategy meeting was well attended. Roger requested feedback on development. Comments made were as follows:
 - *far above where many people are prepared to go, it is a higher level*
 - *it is too intimidating*
 - *only 10% of coaches would be in this skill of coaching*
 - *bar is too high*
 - *Lacrosse would like to have help in development*
 - *Volunteers are burnt out*
 - *How would this be judged and where do you find the time*

Roger thanked everyone for their input and confirmed that no meeting would be held in August. As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Next meeting: September 14, 2010

Nora Wright
Recording Secretary

