



Richmond Sports Council

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Tuesday June 13, 2017

Present: Jim Lamond (Chair) Bob Jackson, Terry Kehoe, Jeanne Jensen, Pam Begg, Bill Shayler, Mike Fletcher, Tony Shaw, Tanya Donaldson Ivan Wong, Steve Valenzuela, Mike Thorne, Serj Sangara, Pam Lacroix, Shae Greenfield, Stu Corrigan, Jack Hamilton, Donna Marsland, Gregg Wheeler City staff), Jordan Mottl, Bob Riddell, Warren Karsgaard, Don Fennell, Sanjeet Sadana, John Acob, Kathleen Wong, Councillor Bill McNulty

Regrets: Sam Morizawa, (City staff), Barbara Norman, Don Fisher Kim Seaborn, John Braaten,

1. Meeting called to order at 7.01 pm
2. Minutes of May 8, 2017 approved – Moved: Donna Marsland, Seconded: Jack Hamilton, Carried.
3. Business arising from minutes – None.
4. **Council Update**

Councillor McNulty provided the following information:

- Thank you to soccer for the invitation to their AGM
- Steveston Community Park Plan renewal going ahead
- Atagi and Murakami Boatworks to be promoted as a heritage sites but a challenge to convince the Government and Small Craft Harbours/Fisheries
- 150th grants for activities – halfway through the process
- Night Market on No. 3 Road embracing the 150th celebrations, great destination site to enjoy

Mike Thorne asked Councillor McNulty about the need for signage at the boat ramp for trucks and trailers on River Road as vehicles parking there and blocking access. Gregg to follow up.

5. **Staff Update**

- Gregg referred to the Construction Notice re Minoru Centre for Active Living circulated earlier and provided an update on the sewerage line progress to date which would be in accomplished three phases as indicated by Gregg on the map displayed on the screen.
- Summer camp questions, please contact Paul Morizawa

- Lots of challenges with sports fields due to water table level being so high this past Spring. Pitch and Putt was not opened until mid may
- Minoru Centre for Active Living will now be completed by end of April or early May 2018
- Fun Run at Garry Point on June 11th with 600 participants
- Soccer groups follow up – upgrading of wording on stickers on nets due to a safety issue
- Sports groups insurance liability to be \$5M and a formal notice will be sent to all groups within the next few weeks
- Annex outdoor parking lot at the old RCMP building signage change - staff parking during office hours but open to the public evenings and weekends

Serj asked Gregg about the current status of the “Sports Barrier Committee” to participate in sports and the sharing of their findings and also asked if he had a chance yet to follow up on the April 11th and 12th meeting requests to look into the approx costs of installing an Artificial Turf Infield at King George Park..... (He had not.)

6. Concussion Report

Stu reported that no meetings had been held, however, he would post any further information on the Facebook page and/or sent out via e.mail.

7. Wall of Fame

Bob stated that two meetings had been held since the May RSC meeting and applications from the previous two years and current year were reviewed and it would appear that the number of people/teams for induction would be fewer this year. The final meeting of the committee would take place on June 28th with a report to Council by the end of June.

The induction ceremony would be taking place in late fall. Bob stated that a letter would be sent to Mayor and Council asking that the Induction Ceremony be held in Council Chambers at City Hall rather than at the Oval.

8. Sport Hosting Update

Pam provided details on the busy month at the Oval and confirmed that Tanya’s replacement was still in the hiring process by the City.

Hotels were all full in May which had proved quite the challenge in finding accommodation for visiting teams.

Grants are open and will close June 30th.

9. Creating Community Champions Event

Bob confirmed that a meeting was scheduled for June 15th to confirm the 5th annual event. \$42,000 was raised this year. Sanjeet announced that the hotel would be signing another 5 year contract for this event. RSC expressed their thanks and appreciation to Sanjeet.

10. **Sports Awards**

Terry reported that this year's event ended being in the "black". \$3100 in tickets sold and costs totalled \$2900. Terry asked for more committee members and again Steve Valenzuela offered his services. Terry continued that he would also like to receive feedback and for anyone else interested in being a member of the committee to please speak with him after the meeting.

11. **KidSport**

Bob confirmed that 57 applications had been reviewed at tonights meeting and \$17,000 approved in grants. Bob then continued by reviewing information in detail displayed on the screen. Bob commented on the increase in applications each year and then drew attention to the outstanding cheques.

Bob concluded that \$5,000 had been received from Coast Capital Credit Union and other sources so funds were looking good for the year.

12. **Trust Fund** – no report.

13. **Correspondence**

Jim read out the correspondence as follows:

Kim:

" Richmond Girls Soccer is the midst of registration for our 2017-2018 season and we are expecting to see our numbers increase... our spring program was extremely successful with the number of new players to girls soccer who have also registered for fall soccer: most of the new players are new immigrants to Richmond and are excited to know that players come from numerous social and religious backgrounds and that we respect their religion and they can play (ie, players can wear pants and long sleeves under the the uniforms as well as the hijabs) This was huge for many of these players as the parents felt that they would not be able to participate.

We have three teams heading to Provincials in the beginning of July (u18 and u13 going to B Cup, and U16 metro going to A cup) Our U16 spring team brought home the Cup form the Kamloops slurpee cup over the May long weekend and all Spring teams are heading to Skagit this coming weekend.

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September long weekend sees a tournament being hosted in Richmond (SX International) which will hopefully bring a large number of out of town guests.

John: Some recent RCBA highlights:

- Continued weather issues in May caused many internal scheduling problems still playing catch up to maximize player development into June
- Summer registration now open and an estimated 38% of membership continuing to play during summer months!
- Community programming for 2017/18 being finalized in June

Serj/Richmond Little League Request:

Dear Sport Council Members

First off, on behalf of **The Dugout Club, the Richmond Blue Jays** and many in the **East Richmond Community**, we'd like to give thanks to **Richmond Sports Council**, the **City's Parks and Rec Dept, KidSport Richmond** and countless others for helping us bring baseball directly into the local community. Without your assistance, the "Just Play Ball" program couldn't have taken a substantial step for the 2017 season into organized sport.

We're now writing this letter, on behalf of those forming the **Richmond Little League Board** that will begin to oversee the efforts of those wanting to play Little League Baseball in Richmond. As part of this correspondence, we've included a letter from Little League Canada offering us a "Richmond Charter" for the 2018 season. (Once applied for.)

Before doing so though, we'd like to ask for Richmond Sport Council's support in trying to ensure we can work towards having a proper youth Baseball Diamond in East Richmond. Both in time available - as we maxed out on the number of players we could accommodate given the time allotted to us for 2017 - and in the quality of diamond that would represent the City's desire to provide exceptional facilities for it's residents.

To that end, it's our hope that RSC will not only lend their assistance and expertise in our efforts in enhancing the **SW Diamond at King George Park**, but to help us look into the feasibility of installing an Artificial Turf Infield. (Similar to what was installed in Vancouver recently for both Little League play and those wanting to engage with LL's "Challenger Program". Funding was provided by various groups interested in furthering the causes supported)

As this was originally brought up at a past Richmond Sports Council meeting, we hope to further engage in the conversation with those present at the June 13th RSC meeting - specifically with **Richmond Rugby** - in an attempt to bring to fruition an enhanced facility. One that can be used by children of all ages, along with many others working together to better the community at large. Barring that, we would hope the City would ensure we have suitable access to proper fields located elsewhere within the City limits.

On behalf of Richmond Little League,

Pam Begg
President, Richmond Little League
East Richmond Resident

Serj Sangara
TDC Director
Richmond Resident

cc: Mayor and Council, Balwant Sanghera (ERCA), TDC Directors, Jack Hamilton (Richmond Rugby).

Serj emphasized key points that in light of all the games and practices lost to inclement weather, and the costs of maintenance and lack of opportunity to actually work on the fields, that the idea of looking into installing the artificial turf infield could “help address a couple areas at the same time”..... Fact that there is no Youth Baseball Diamond in East Richmond while at the same time, addressing the problem of fields being closed due to inclement weather so often this year”.

Serj continued by referring to other “ideas” that had been put forth - i.e. Oval Cages, Just Play Ball program, Having our baseball participants playing at The Nat, were all originally thought to be “bad ideas”, but turned out well in the end and embraced by others today.

Jim requested feedback from the members in regard to the letter and a lot of discussion and input from members received with the following result:

Motion:

To request staff to look into the cost of an infield for youth baseball at King George Park and also a Rugby field to international standards at King George Park and to report back to Richmond Sports Council.

Moved: Bob Jackson, Seconded: Bill Shayler, Carried.

14. Round Table

Bob:

- Referred to over 12 applications received from ISS office so connections are being made

Jon:

- Good to be back at Sports council
- Thank you to the Oval for use of facilities

Don sent the following report via e.mail
 Richmond Curling Club report:

- Many rental opportunities are available and booked until Sept. Our 2017 Pacific International Cup was extremely successful mainly due to great organizational support along with staff and volunteer involvement and super team and fan cooperation.
- Summer club work parties have commenced attending to updating,painting and clean-up in operations
- I will report on fall clinics and league start-ups in our Sports council Sept. meeting.

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- Richmond Sport Council financial report.
Account balance as of May 31/17 \$5,380.79. Some payables relating to our awards night will be met shortly.

Kathleen:

- Club championships held at Minoru 400 players – very successful
- Under 15 club championships were not able to field a team and were short 6 players but did attend and had a great time
- June 14th end of Junior League season and awards will be presented

Mike:

- BC Soccer AGM held in Burnaby, Kim Seaborn's daughter received a scholarship at the BC AGM
- 5 individuals awarded scholarships \$1000 each
- Registration open for 2017/2018 season
- Spring league coming to an end next week end
- 4 Districts have now become 5 Districts
- Richmond Soccer Training and Development Assistant required
- Complaints of evening practice players smoking on the field

Bill:

- Lacrosse Tournament for novices this weekend at Minoru
- 2 summer camps set up

Stu:

- Would like to take more photos for Facebook page after meeting
- Discover Your Sport dates Saturday August 26th and Saturday September 23rd
- Single day event is in the planning process
- Would like a list of media content for each sports group and a contact person with a goal to encouraging 50% participation instead of the usual 30% normally

Sanjeet:

- Cricket needs seating
- Wrestling Club to Canadian trials to represent Canada

Serj:

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- Welcomed new Richmond Little League President - Pam Begg - to the Richmond Sports Council group as a member.
 - Club would once again be running our FREE “Just Play Ball” program on Weds nights at King George Park from 6 - 8 p.m.
 - The Richmond Blue Jays would possibly be looking to play some exhibition games during the summer and would look to use Gibbons Field and Brighthouse Park for some of these events. The hope is to work with RCB’s “Director Of Fields” in bringing this about, and if not, through Parks and Rec itself.
 - Little League’s “District 6” - which the Richmond Blue Jays are a part of - will be entering BASEBALL BC’s Pee Wee Provincials and the hopes are that a few of the players from Richmond will be included in that opportunity. We’ve asked for representation from each association of District 6 which includes South Van Little League, Trout Lake, Hastings and New West Little League.
 - Requested that Jim form a committee for looking into the feasibility of the Infield Turf at King George Park.

Jordan:

- Circulated flyer on Volleyball Grand Prix and invited everyone to attend

Bob:

- Kajaks BC Elementary Track meet – 1042 athletes and amazing volunteers
- Minoru Mile re Richmond Canada 150 Held at Clement Track at Minoru May 26th
- Track issue – thank you for input and support from Sports Council, working on draft letter and will be presenting to the Board with a copy to RSC for discussion at the RSC July meeting]

Mike:

- Army Cadet program working well and working to expand
- Archery also doing very well
- Air Gun has waiting list
- Thank you to Gregg and will forward photos of boat ramp parking lot issue

Terry:

- Sports Awards event on Facebook
- Football – Spring Fling finished
- Registration open

Tony:

- Two Table Tennis Tournaments at the Oval on June 3-4 and June 10-11

Jack:

- Rugby 7 a side school tournament – everyone had a good time
- Fields in excellent shape

Jeanne:

- Thank you to City for Pioneer Lunch
- Continuing association with the Oval and tennis programs
- Thanks to John re May 31st event with excellent school players
- Under 18 selection tournaments
- Youth Gold Star Program
- July 1st Century Doubles 12 noon to 4 pm

Shae:

- 3 weeks into summer camps with 20,000 signed up across Canada for soccer, 1400 under age 5 across Canada signed up
- Will adult players please clean up after their games
- Interviews for employees continuing in some provinces
- July 4 – September for registration

No further business.

Meeting adjourned at 8. 52 pm

Jim Lamond, Chair

Nora Wright, Recording Secretary

Next meeting Tuesday July 11, 2017

No meeting in August