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Tuesday June 11, 2013

Present: Jim Lamond, (Chair), Bob Jackson, Mike Thorne, Doug Long,
 Mike Fletcher, Glenn Kishi, Peter Mitchell, Gary Rosval, Don Fennell, Sanjeet Sadana,
 Warren Karsgaard, Rosemary Nickerson, Roger Lane, Terry Kehoe, Don Fisher,
 Jeff Lightfoot, Barbara Norman, Terry Kehoe, Michael Kidd,
 Wayne Stevens, Ivan Wong, Bill Shayler, Councillor Bill McNulty
 Sam Morizawa, Gregg Wheeler, (City staff), Mike Romas, (Oval)

Regrets: Donna Marsland, Lance Carey, Stuart Corrigan

Meeting called to order at 7pm

1. Approval of March 8, 2013 minutes. Moved: Don Fisher, Seconded: Barb Norman, Carried.
2. Business arising from minutes – Nil.
3. **Council Update**

Councillor McNulty drew attention to the following:

- 2012 Annual Report and highlights including financial statements are now available on the City web site as well as at the Front Counter of Richmond City Hall
- Addition to the existing trail system
- Railway greenway corridor will have blacktop shortly
- Garden City Trail Bike Park will be at the corner of Garden City and Granville and will be designed by the users with help from consultants
- Richmond Olympic Experience is moving along. Sports Council should be consulted in regard to the sporting history of Richmond. Bill asked if anyone had any Olympic memorabilia that they would like to loan or donate to the ROE please contact him

4. **Staff Update**

Gregg confirmed that there was a new City of Richmond's Online Events Approval System A new web application to support event organizers and event approvers.

Conceived and designed to cut the red tape for event planners and attract new events to Richmond, the system can be found in the new Sport and Event Hosting section.

The events approval system is designed as a one stop shop for event organizers to submit applications for significant special events being held on one of Richmond's various outdoor park spaces.

Gregg continued by reporting on the Garden City Lands Open House held on June 1st with over 600 people in attendance. Lots of ideas and feedback received. A report will be going forward to Council in early July.

Jim pointed out that he was very disappointed with the fact that there was nothing pertaining to sports at the Open House. Also he had attended a further meeting with consultant and staff and again no reference to sports just gardens, \$59M for the land with no playing fields!

Peter enquired of staff just where it was written that the land is only for agriculture and Jim responded that recreation is allowed and parks.

Councillor McNulty asked when the individual sports groups were going to write to Mayor and Council on what should be on these lands? As citizens we would like to hear your input but sport has been silent – you have to come forward on this issue. After each election, Facilities Task Force recommendations should be circulated to Mayor and Councillors. Councillor McNulty continued that nothing has been ruled out, however, there will be no homes or condos.

Jim confirmed that the Facilities Task Force committee were meeting and a report with covering letter will be forthcoming shortly. Councillor McNulty stated he would like to see individual letters from each sport submitted too. Jim enquired who had hired the consultant and the response was staff, Jim then asked who had put together the Terms of Reference and the response was again staff. Councillor McNulty stated he would like to see multiple signatures on both the letter and Task Force report.

Bob confirmed that the committee are looking at submitting a priority list i.e. immediately urgent in nature, replacement of facilities and need for long term replacement. Upgrading of current facilities also needs to be addressed together with an increase of inventory. A report will be going forward shortly and it may be necessary to purchase land already on sale.

6. **Sports Hosting**

Mike provided an update on the following:

Secured bids

- 2015 National Lawn Bowling Seniors Championship

Bids in Progress

- 2014 Pan Am Taekwondo Championship
- 2014 Table Tennis Canada National Championship
- 2015 Commonwealth Powerlifting Championship
- 2017 Taekwondo World Championship

Upcoming events

- Judo National Championship, July 4-7, Richmond Oval

Mike drew attention to the Sports Hosting Strategy that was originally written in 2010 and needs to be revised. The process has been started and recommendations will be going forward to the Sports Hosting Task Force.

7. **Sports Awards**

Bob circulated the program from the Sports Awards evening and asked for feedback with regard to any recommendations for next year. Barb responded that she thought everything was good, the screen was visible, food was good and overall better than last year.

Terry requested that as KidSport was a beneficiary of the proceeds that KidSport would like to give a presentation and review of the year and for this to be included in the program for next year. Barb suggested that the input for nominations needed to be addressed. Jim thanked Bob for his tireless efforts in organizing the event.

Bob stated that there were 75 nominations however contact information was lacking and it took hours to put together and it was also a huge challenge to even get nominations.

Peter commented that there were 194 people in attendance, however, the challenge was the Spring Break, the election and the UROC awards which were held the same night.

8. **KidSport**

Bob circulated financial information and reviewed in detail. There has been a significant drop in applications i.e. 107 to date and in 2012 this time there were 148. Bob asked everyone to add the KidSport link to their individual web site registration page. KidSport are trying to get their own web site. Grants received to date will take funding through to the fall.

9. **Trust Fund**

Letter received from Richmond Rapids Swim Club with thanks for the funds received.

10. **Correspondence**

Jim referred to the letter of resignation from Annie Watson who had been a member of RSC for the past 9 years. It was a shock to hear what had happened with the Gymnastics Board, however, there was nothing that RSC could do about the situation. E mail received from Lance Carey in

regard to Gymnastics too. Jim confirmed that everything had been done properly by Gymnastics and a special meeting had been called and he was very sorry to see Annie go. Jim has spoken to Annie and confirmed that she was welcome at RSC at any time.

11. Round Table

Mike:

- Spring soccer coming to an end
- Registration for fall system is open

Sammy:

- AED in parks together with signs re usage within the next month
- Batteries to be checked monthly – Gregg to follow up

Glenn:

- Senior girls soccer, track and field, senior bantam athletes to provincials
- Boys volleyball really growing
- Track meeting participation being focussed on with 7000 participants together with Special Kids events too
- Teach kids life through sports which is becoming a challenge due to cut backs in staffing
- Declining enrolment for the next 5 years
- Lots of discussion on the challenges facing schools and sport education
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Wayne:

- Spring season going really well

Bill:

- Lacrosse 29th tournament this weekend with 40 teams being held at Minoru

Doug:

- 4 teams going to cup final
- AGM held now have 4 new board members for a total of 16
- Soccer doing well
- Jim Lamond Award created

Jeff:

- New body checking rules has improved game a lot, fighting well down
- Graduation ceremony for Grade 12

Sanjeet:

- Season has started with 5 teams

Terry:

- Football hosted under 19 at Boyd.
- Fall season in July

Mike:

- Registration is going strong
- Executive closed down for the summer
- Event at Green Timbers in Surrey for handicapped people

Rosemary:

- Everything running smoothly. Rapids are doing good
- Membership is full, waiting lists

Mike:

- Please submit Sport Hosting applications

Don:

- Big Rock Cafe open daily 10 am to 2 pm, closed in July
- Curling Club have run programs for high schools to learn the sport, however, getting them back to join a junior club was a problem

Barb:

Approved 15 Tournament for 2013-14 season so far
June events

- Air Cadets Squadron Review June 1
- Cartwheels Gymnastics recital June 2
- R. Lacrosse Salmon Tournament June 12-16
- Sports Fest West June 28 – July 1
- Open House August 25 at RIC –chance to try different arena sports, entertainment, free food, swap meet? etc

Ivan:

- Special event held for those over 70 yrs of age and 30 participated with the oldest being 85 and they played for three hours

Peter:

- Last Jimmy Ng Tournament. Mrs. Ng passed away earlier this year. No decision to continue at the present time

Jim:

- Discover Your Sport will be held on Saturday August 24th or Sunday August 25th at Minoru Park

No further business.

Meeting adjourned at 8.20 pm with thanks to Sanjeet for the wonderful sandwiches.

Nora Wright
Recording Secretary

Next meeting: Tuesday July 9, 2013