



Richmond Sports Council

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Tuesday March 14, 2017

Present: Jim Lamond (Chair) Bob Jackson, Don Fisher, Matt Daniel, Terry Kehoe, Barbara Norman, Bill Shayler, Rosemary Nickerson, Stu Corrigan, Mike Fletcher, Sam Morizawa, Gregg Wheeler, (City staff) Andrew Clark, Warren Karsgaard, Shari Rogers, Barry Riva, Al Groff, Noleen Mueller, Mike Thorne, Tony Shaw, Michel Masse, Tanya Donaldson, Tanya Foley, Ivan Wong, Kathleen Wong, Steve Valenzuela, Serj Sangara, Don Fennell, Councillor Bill McNulty

Regrets: Sanjeet Sadana, John Braaten, Kim Seaborn, Donna Marsland

1. Meeting called to order at 7.08 pm

2. Election of Officers

The following members were elected by acclamation:

Chair – Jim Lamond
Vice Chair – Bob Jackson
Treasurer – Don Fisher
Secretary – Ivan Wong

3. Approval of February 14, 2017 minutes – Moved: Barb Norman, Seconded: Bill Shayler, Carried.
4. Business arising – Nil
5. **Council Update**

Councillor McNulty provided the following information:

- Congratulations to the new Executive and thank you to everyone for promoting and supporting sport in the community
- May 27th Pioneer Lunch for those residents who have lived in Richmond 50+ years. Event to be held in City Hall Plaza with 500 registered to date so there may be a need for two sittings
- May 3rd Kaiwo Maru will be arriving in Steveston for 150th celebrations
- April 2nd Cherry Blossom festival at Garry Point, public are invited
- McDonald Beach will continue to be a dog off leash park
- Large houses on farmland will result in a bylaw following consultation

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- Acute tower for Richmond hospital, no response from MLAs or Government, \$25M has been raised to date

A question was asked as to details of the new tower and Councillor McNulty responded that rebuild plans have been submitted, but no commitment on funding received.

6. **Concussion Report** – none.

7. **Staff Update**

Gregg displayed a video on the Minoru Complex construction update together with a visual tour of the site.

Jim enquired if the Event Centre would have a camera, screens and PA system for the sporting groups – Gregg to follow up.

Another question was whether the north wall of the Aquatic Centre would have bleachers and Gregg responded that there would be concrete steps under the overhang. Mike enquired as to field changes and Gregg responded that the updated Master Plan for Minoru still needed to go to Council but no date had yet been determined for this report. The issue of parking was also raised and Gregg responded that there would be opportunities on the site for parking.

Gregg then drew attention to working with new residents to provide opportunities to get more kids involved in sport. A meeting to be arranged with not for profit groups working with the these new residents to identify the barriers and challenges and then to come up with strategies and ideas. Information on the date and time of this meeting will be sent out via e.mail.

Gregg referred to the new complex on the east side and the removal of the Kajaks shed which has now been placed between the bleachers and the long jump. Eventually the bleachers and the shed would be removed and alternative arrangements made for Kajaks which is a work in progress.

Repairs on the Latrace Minoru 3 field around the third base are currently underway and should be completed within the next two weeks. The 2017 City Budget included an additional 40ft for baseball together with a netting system for foul balls. Work to be completed summer/fall 2017.

Baseball and tennis – Gregg confirmed that diffusers had been installed on 20 of the tennis court lights facing the ball diamond and this would reduce glare.

Move for Health week will now take place the first week of May but would be a slightly smaller event. Discover Your Sport The last week of May or early June will be concentrated on the community centres with Saturday June 3rd as the Discover Your Sport event day.

Gregg confirmed that he had met with Serj in regard to the requests from the last Sports Council meeting and the issues raised had been addressed. Serj enquired about more field use for Latrace and Gregg responded that a schedule would be worked out for the 2018 season. Mike

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raised concerns about football being informed and Gregg responded that he would keep football apprised of any new information.

Jim emphasized the need to help each other and to work around issues that arise. Kajaks enquired about a fence on Minoru Track. Gregg responded that this was a challenge that needed to be managed and it was realized that there was a conflict with the club members and the public and there needed to be a balance.

8. **Wall of Fame** – no report.

9. **Sports Award Event**

Jim referred to his recently circulated letter with regard to the potential cancellation of this event due to continuing lack of submission of nominations. This event had started 18 years ago and now a point had been reached as to whether to continue or cancel.

Terry reported that there were 19 categories with 3 nominations for each category totally 57 and to date only 15 had been submitted.

Stu suggested an alternative award system and circulated examples of what had been done in the past i.e. Outstanding Athletic Achievement and Athlete Participation Award and may be reach out to the sporting groups with these awards.

Councillor McNulty stated that this is the one time to showcase sport and to recognize athletes and also another chance for visibility too. Bob suggested that perhaps another vehicle for sports awards could be found to generate interest. Barb drew attention to the fact that all the sporting groups had their own award ceremonies and recognition of their athletes which was another factor for lack of nominations to the Sports Awards event. Steve emphasized the need to reinvent and retool for 2018 to make it a WOW event. A vote was taken with a consensus to go ahead with the 2017 event. Jim asked that nominations be forwarded to Terry within the next 5 days.

9. **Sport Hosting**

Tanya congratulated Bob and the KidSport group on the Creating Community Champions Banquet which had been a very successful event. Tanya reported that the Task force had reviewed the first intake of the grant applications and had approved 18 applications allocating just over \$35K.

10. **Creating Community Champions Gala Event**

Bob reported on the event and the use of the electronic system for the auction which did not generate any additional revenue and may not be used again. The total for the event may generate \$35,000 to \$40,000 which was lower than 2016 but there were fewer tables. Planning would be

going ahead for next year with the hotel indicating they would like to continue for another 5 years. Bob noted that the staff costs and meals costs were absorbed by the hotel.

11. **KidSport**

Bob referred to the information displayed on the screen and he would forward up to date information via email. \$25,000 in grants have been allocated to date. Bob noted that more girls than boys have applied this year.

12. **Correspondence – Nil**

13. **Round Table**

Bob:

- Recognized Don Fennel for his contribution to the new monthly newspaper the Richmond Sentinel
- Lights on Minoru Park were addressed by staff, thank you.

Serj:

- Richmond Dug Out Club at King George Park ages 9 thru 13

Sammy:

- Will be sending out a Survey Monkey to find out what kind of workshops would be preferred by RSC

Mike:

- End of season this week
- Launching Spring Program April thru June
- Chinese Soccer League – holding discussions
- Concern over Hugh Boyd dim lighting – Gregg to follow up
- Announced that Metro Team remain undefeated
- Scholarships of \$750 offered each year to 3 or 4 youth, however, there has been a reduction in applications

Stu:

- Encouraged member to access the RSC Facebook page
- Memorabilia also on line
- More visuals required for the 1960 thru 1980s.
- Would like to take a group photo this evening for Facebook

Andrew:

- Letter from the Oval re bookings
- International Volley Ball coming to the Oval July 21-23 – homestay required for participants

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Al:

- Equipment left behind in Cuba following event

Tanya:

- Nathan Hiriyama (Richmond resident) won Canadian Rugby Sevens Player of Year during the Canada Sevens Series event.

Mike:

- AGM held with no changes
- Awards Banquet held
- Hunting season has finished

Matt:

- All courses are open except West Richmond Pitch and Putt

Terry:

- Executive returned, no changes

Warren:

- Disappointed with apathy towards Sports Awards event

Noleen:

- Gymnastics working well, club starting to come together, pit fixe

Steve:

- Senior Soccer into playoff, winner goes to BC B finals
- Summer soccer starting the end of April

Don:

- Curling PAC Intl. Cup coming up, have a wait list of teams

Rosemary:

- Season starts May 1st

Shari:

- Kajaks are at a meet in Tuscon

Ivan:

- Lawn bowling AGM March 25th
- Season starts May 7th

The following submitted email reports as they were unable to attend the meeting:

John:

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- RCBA March Report
- Registration open until March 31st
- Continuing the 4th consecutive year trend of registration growth
- 70% of registrants 11 years of age and under

Kathleen:

- Richmond Field Hockey Club (RFHC) season starts April 1 - Jun 17; home games Sat/Sun; visit Minoru 2 and check out the skills sessions run every Thursdays by Hall of Fame inductee Nick Sandhu and UBC Thunderbirds five time CIS champion Poonam Sandu.
- RFHC hosts Field Hockey BC's U13 Boys & Girls Club Championships June **3/4** at Minoru
- Gryphon Women's Hockey World League in West Vancouver April 1-9, 2017 (Volunteers needed). Visit: <http://wvfhc.com/WL2>

No further business. Meeting adjourned at 9: 15 pm.

Jim Lamond, Chair

Nora Wright, Recording Secretary

Next meeting April 11, 2017