



**Minoru Sports Pavilion
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Tuesday May 10, 2011

Present: Roger Barnes (Chair), Barbara Norman, Annie Watson, Terry Kehoe, Serj Sangara, Don Fennell, Bob Jackson, Gary Rosval, Michael Crawford, Cheryl Dunham, Ruth Balfour, Ivan Wong, Dawna Sales, Pat Weatherill, Bill Alexander, Paul Alexander, Dawne Tiller, Don Fisher, Warren Karsgaard, Peter Mitchell, Fred Pawluk, Councillor Bill McNulty, Eric Stepura, Sam Morizawa, (City staff)

Regrets: Jim Lamond

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm followed by round table introductions.

1. **Approval of April 12, 2011 minutes** – Serj requested an amendment to his item under Round Table i.e. \$1697 should be 1697 and 200 players from 9 am to 9 pm on March 13. Amended minutes accepted as circulated.

2. **Business Arising from the minutes** – Roger made reference to the RCMP new finger printing equipment /process with regard to criminal record checks and was pleased to announce that the equipment had arrived and was in use.

3. **Councillor Bill McNulty – Council Report**

Councillor McNulty confirmed that the RCMP equipment was indeed operational and to date 50 individuals had been processed. Council had approved payment for this equipment from the City budget. There was one machine at present. The issue of a change to the cost for the new accelerated process has yet to be determined.

Councillor McNulty continued by thanking everyone for their kindness towards Alice Wong at the last meeting and stated that Sports Council had gained an influential ally for the community and recommended that Sports Council should continue to meet with Alice Wong in order to let her know the needs of the sports community.

Congratulations to the success of the Sports Awards Banquet and the nominees and the publicity in the local paper. Councillor McNulty stated that there was a need to recognize more people at the awards.

Annie made a recommendation that the annual membership fees should be increased substantially in order to include a ticket for each sports group to attend the sports awards banquet. This was well received by the members.

4. Staff Update

Eric referred to Legacies Now and the program “Sportfit” (working in conjunction with the Richmond School District). This was a one day session to test the skills of kids and the results of which would indicate a sport that would be suitable for them. This was part of the Sport for Life Strategy and more information on this program is available on the web site.

Eric confirmed that the Sport for Life video was almost complete and would be used for promotional purposes and included on a variety of web sites to encourage people to participate in sports. Eric stated that he would show the video at the next meeting.

5. Sports Hosting Update

Eric stated that he provided regular updates on a regular basis to Council in regard to sports events, tournaments and key community events.. In response to a question raised, Eric confirmed that the scope of the allocation of sport hosting funds was being reviewed by the Task Force, however, all applicants must be non profit. Bob emphasized the need for any changes to the funding allocation must be brought back to Sports Council for approval and reaffirmed that funds must stay in Richmond.

6. KidSport

Bob circulated financial information and confirmed that there had been 66 applications to date. The amount had been increased from \$150 to \$200 and will be retroactively paid to those applicants who had only received \$150. The main reason for rejection of applicants still remains as not living in Richmond. Bob confirmed that the wording on the applications forms will be changed and the ages will change to “18 and under”. Next meeting of the committee will take place on June 22, 2011.

Terry distributed three vouchers of \$200 each to those groups that had expressed interest in the recent promotion.

Roger thanked the committee members for all their hard work and for making such a huge difference for kids in the community to play sports.

7. Trust Fund

Sammy reminded everyone to forward their requests by June 2011. Trust fund information is also available on the Sports Council web site.

8. Sports Awards Banquet

Don thanked everyone for their contribution to the success of the Sports Awards Banquet and especially the organizing committee.

Bob requested that in future more details must be given for nominees so that background information was available for the sports awards. Bob also noticed that there were no nominees from the schools just private schools and there were some sports categories that had no nominees at all.

General discussion took place on the recommendations for the future which included more promotion in the local press, before, during and after. Don from the Curling Club asked to be given the opportunity to host the event in 2012 and requested that arrangements be made in this regard well in advance.

Terry emphasized that every sport group should be in attendance at the banquet and increasing the membership to include a ticket for this event would be the best way to go to encourage a good turn out.

9. Facilities Task Force

Roger referred to the questionnaires circulated and encouraged everyone to submit a detailed response as soon as possible and that only 7 had been received to date. Roger committed to sending out the questionnaire “on line” using survey monkey in order to encourage responses. Roger will also be sending out consistent reminders in this regard!

10. Round Table

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| Eric | A wish list for diamonds and grass fields will be sent out shortly, please prioritize and a meeting will be held in June to address the best use of user fee funds |
| Annie | 7 boys in the club qualified to a National competition. Senior athletes going to China the first time Canada has ever competed in China |
| Gary | Busy to the end of July. Reminded everyone that membership fee for Sports Council is due \$10. |
| Dawna | Oval is very busy – volley ball tournament, junior national badminton and fencing. Life Mark is now open with the grand opening being in June. Community engagement will take place within the next few weeks. For booking times at the Oval please contact Danielle. |
| Peter | Jimmy Ng Tournament May 27-28. Canada Open July 17-23 7 am to 8 pm – 120 volunteers required for litter pick up. August 14 Hockey tournament |
| Roger | July 1 st Canada Day Parade, Sports Council offered a booth for Sport for Life – need to confirm. |
| Fred | 50 th anniversary April 8 th with proceeds of \$700 going to KidSport. May 27-29 hosting the 45 th successive BC elementary track and field event at Minoru. Salmon Festival – inaugural one mile race preceding the parade. \$250 prize money for first male and first female. Entry fee \$15. Large increase of interest in 9 – 13 yrs old. |

- Ivan Two weeks of coaching in April, 36 attended and 25 joined the club. Training camp in club with 16 in attendance.
- Dawne Steveston Athletic Association – Vancouver Int'l Marathon and half marathon with lots of personal best. Next race May long week end. One athlete going to Lanzarote for Iron Man race.
- Eric Ship to Shore event June 3 – 6 at Steveston primarily for Richmond residents.
- Don Curling season over. Pacific National Cup very successful with 32 teams competing. Dominion Championship will be held in November 2011. Winterfest – would like to hear from chairs off committees as to how the event could be improved.
- Don Thanks again to the sports group who attended the Sports Awards Banquet. Congratulations to Gary Rosval for winning the “Builder” category. Thank you to Don Fisher and Roger Barnes for helping to clean up after the banquet.
- Barb Swap Meet July 14th. August 6 Sports Swap Meet. Open House August 14th. Ice is out at Minoru and back in at the end of August. Concession at Minoru will stay open to end of June.
- Cheryl Spring Season, 1100 boys and girls from 3 to 16 yrs old. Started planning for the fall, would like to bring kids indoors at the Oval.
- Michael Richmond Rapids West Coast Open went well with 500 in attendance.
- Terry Bobby Singh Football Clinic at Minoru May 14-15
- Bob KidSport – new application forms will be on web sites – please check your sports web site to see it is the same. High school soccer championships at McMath – lost in shoot out, won 3rd place.

Roger commented that there were 15 different sports around the table.

No further business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Nora Wright
Recording Secretary

Next Meeting: Tuesday June 14, 2011