



Richmond Sports Council

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Tuesday May 8. 2012

Present: Bob Jackson (Chair), Peter Mitchell, Don Fisher, Barbara Norman, Donna Marsland, Annie Watson, Tony Shaw, Terry Kehoe, Gary Rosval, Don Fennell, Paul Alexander, Mike Thorne, Serj Sangara, Steve Valenzuela, Ann Hayes, Sanjeet Sadana, Trevor Rennie, Glenn Kishi, Warren Karsgaard, Jeff Lightfoot, Jack

City Staff: Eric Stepura, Sam Morizawa, Mike Romas, Jennifer Scott

Councillor: Councillor Bill McNulty

Regrets: Jim Lamond

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

1. Agenda accepted as circulated
2. Minutes from April 10, 2012 – Moved: Barb Norman, Seconded: Donna Marsland, Carried.
3. Business arising from minutes – none.

4. **Council Update** – Councillor Bill McNulty

Councillor McNulty referred to the Ship to Shore event in August and his recent trip to Japan with regard to recruiting Tall Ships which may become part of the program, offer still pending.

The visit to Wakayama, the Sister City of Richmond was also well received and an official delegation will be arriving on November 5th for the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the relationship with Richmond. Councillor McNulty confirmed that Wakayama are looking for opportunities for exchanges especially looking for a soccer team or sports team that would go to Japan.

4. **Staff Update** – Eric Stepura

Eric referred to the Rick Hansen 25th Anniversary Relay Event which would be arriving in Richmond on Sunday May 20th with a celebration being planned at the Oval in the Legacy Plaza (East side of Oval Building). The arrival will be 5 pm with displays and entertainment etc. Eric asked that should anyone had any questions or enquiries to please contact him directly.

5. **Sport Hosting Update – Mike Romas**

Mike provided highlights as follows:

- Canadian National Women's Basketball Team
 - o Competing at the Oval against Team China, Thursday, May 17th
 - o Mike to send more info to sport council
- Rick Hansen Relay – Sunday, May 20th, Oval Plaza
 - o Check out the National Wheelchair Basketball Championship, May 18-20, Richmond Oval prior to the Rick Hansen relay
- CSTA Sport Events Congress
 - o Hosted April 18-20 at the River Rock
 - o Event sold out (340 delegates), 45+ national sport organization reps, positive feedback from everyone
- Secured the following events for Richmond
 - o 2013 Canadian Masters Badminton Championship
 - April, Richmond Oval
 - o 2013 Rowing Canada Aviron Coaches Conference and AGM
 - January, Radisson Hotel and Richmond Oval
- Bidding on the following events:
 - o 2016 Canadian Weightlifting National Championship and Olympic Trials
 - May, Richmond Oval or River Rock
 - o 2015 Western Canadian Weightlifting Championship
 - May, Richmond Oval or River Rock
 - o 2014-2017 Karate Canada National Championship and North America Cups
 - 4 year cycle in the same host city

6. **KidSport**

Bob circulated financial statements and noted that 112 cases had been received to date this year and only 84 had been received by this time last year, which relates to a 33% increase in applications. \$4,000 more has been spent to date more than income received, however, funding is expected from Coast Capital Savings in the amount of \$10,000 after signing of an agreement and hopefully \$12,500 from Telus. There is an operational need of \$50,000 for 2012.

7. **Trust Fund** – meeting to be arranged.

8. **Sports Awards Banquet**

Bob provided an overview on the history of this event which was now in its 13th year. Sponsors are Richmond Review, City of Richmond and Richmond Sports Council. Bob continued by commenting on the contribution of the students from McMath School and the outstanding event that had taken place.

Bob requested feedback and the results were as follows:

- Lack of water
- Sound needs to be improved
- Suggestion box at the event and this to be mentioned in the program
- Winners should be acknowledged again on the screen when accepting their awards
- Screen had to be on the west side and will be adjusted for 2013
- Please let presenters know they will be presenting an award and introduce presenters with a small bio so people know his/her relationship with sports
- Name tags for all nominees
- Promotion of the event needs to be improved

Bob thanked everyone for their comments which will be addressed at the 2013 event.

9. Correspondence

Congratulatory e-mails received with regard to the banquet. Bob confirmed that a thank letter has been sent to McMath School. Don thanked Bob for circulating information following the event.

A letter has been sent to the Mayor and Councillors and the Richmond School Board in regard to support for Sport Council's Bid to host the 2016 BC Summer Games.

10. Round Table – highlights

- Jack – Kajaks Track & Field Club – BC Elementary Track and Field event is happening and registration is on line. May 25 thru 27th
- Gary Rosval – Richmond Girls' Softball Association - three provincial tournaments, everything is in place
- Steve Valenzuela – Mens' Senior Soccer – Provincial Cup, only made semi finals and lost in overtime. Taking break for the summer
- Trevor Rennie - Richmond City Baseball – Trevor acknowledged Nawid Mohamed who is a Grade 11 student for his leadership, coaching and playing
- Tony Shaw - Table Tennis – BC Open at Cambie Secondary School May 13th weekend
- Ann Hayes – Steveston Athletic Association – glad to be at the meeting
- Mike Romas – Richmond Sport Hosting - Official opening of Climbing Wall May 8th at the Oval
- Jeff Lightfoot – Richmond Minor Hockey Association - Minor Hockey season well over. In negotiations with Seafair Minor Hockey Association with regard to amalgamation
- Sanjeet Sadana – Richmond Cricket Club – no report but did bring sandwiches and drinks to the meeting with the compliments of the Holiday Inn – thank you to Sanjeet'
- Don Fisher – Richmond Curling Club – curling season is over. Rentals going on all summer

- Don Fennell – Richmond Review - Congratulations to Warren, Steve, Jeff and Ann for being winners at the sports award banquet and congratulations to all previous winners, all very well deserved. Thank you for the support of this event
- Annie Watson– Richmond Gymnastics Club – will be hosting Western Canadian Championship, male athlete of the year, won the division and 4 boys and one female will be representing Team BC. Good job for Richmond.
- Barb Norman – RACA – new rubber floor in the lobby. \$8000 on upgrades. New glass in mezzanine area. Mainland hockey tournament with 87 games. Terminal City Roller Derby, Home Show May 12-13. Long weekend – Challenge cup...a very busy time at the Arena
- Eric Stepura – Staff -Thursday May 10th will be on a panel for a presentation at the BC Parks and Recreation Conference with 500 delegates in attendance, speaking on sports council and the benefits to the BC communities as well as a voice for sport. Richmond is seen as a model for all other sports councils to follow. Eric acknowledged the tremendous work done in the community due to the unified voice for sport and the success in Richmond
- Glenn Nishi – Richmond School District – London Olympic started an initiative called World Assembly for schools all around the world and Lee Elementary has joined so that they can blog each other on “What they care about”. Its a great opportunity. Girls soccer team going to the Zone and hopefully will qualify.
- Bob Jackson- Meeting Chair - confirmed that a meeting had been held with City staff in regard to the commercial sponsorship wording of the motion adopted by Sports Council which referred to “accommodation only”. City staff would like to have “products and services” included in the motion instead. As a result both versions of the motion will be going forward to General Purposes Committee meeting on May 22nd. Following which, the recommendation will go forward to Council for approval. On Saturday I accompanied Jim Lamond to the Canadian Kyokushin Karate Championship, the Youth Soccer Coastal Cup Championships and a Richmond Monarchs Senior Mens’ Baseball Game

In response to a question raised, Eric stated that once the policy is adopted a letter will be sent out to all community sports organizations and infractions will only be dealt with on a complaint basis.

No further business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Nora Wright
Recording Secretary

Next meeting: Tuesday June 12, 2012

