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Tuesday May 12, 2015

Present:

Jim Lamond (Chair) Bob Jackson, Don Fisher, Jordan Mottl, Peter Mitchell
John Braaten, Gregg Wheeler,(City staff),Pam Lacroix, Brandon Bortignon
Jack Hamilton, Bill Shayler, Noleen Mueller, Stu Corrigan, Barb Norman,
Gary Rosval, Don Fennell, Councillor Bill McNulty

Regrets: Terry Kehoe, Mike Thorne, Ivan Wong, , Serj Sangara, Sam Morizawa
Donna Marsland, Rosemary Nickerson, Sanjeet Sadana, , Lance Carey, Jared Hulme

Meeting called to order at 7.05 pm

1. Minutes from April meeting approved – Moved: Don Fisher, Secnded: Bill Shayler, Carried.
2. Business arising from minutes – none.
3. **Guest – Rob Newman, President and CEO of Sport BC**

Rob began his presentation by explaining that Sport BC was working towards repositioning itself and its members and an exciting time for Sport BC and its 700,000 members.

Rob continued by reviewing the following:

- Organizational Structure
- Payroll Services for 350 employees and 65 organizations
- KidSport (since 1993)
- Community Sport Hero
- FIFA
- SBC Insurance
- Athlete of the Year (50th anniversary in 2016)
- Americas Master Games August 2017
- National Sport Trust Fund

Following a question and answer period the presentation concluded at 7.55 pm. Jim thanked Rob for the presentation.

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

Councillor McNulty provided information on the following:

- Seniors Service Plan update presented to Council and it was noted that currently 28% of residents are over 55 yrs of age and the trend will continue upwards in the coming years
- Due to the increase in population there will be a 4th MLA for Richmond
- GP for Me –4/5000 families do not have a GP in Richmond and the new doctors are becoming specialists rather than GPs which continues to be a challenge
- Visit to Japan re Tall ships/Maritime Festival in 2017 – 150th anniversary
- RSC request re space in Minoru Major Facility has been referred back to staff
- Congratulations to all the sports groups and their competitions and thank you for the invitations to attend which certainly helps to raise awareness of Council as to the impact sport has in the community

5. **Staff Update**

Gregg thanked everyone for their participation in the Move for Health event which had been very successful.

Sunday June 14th the Pan Am Games Torch Relay will start at Steveston Community Centre and finish at the Oval with an evening celebration. More details should be available shortly in the local press.

Gregg confirmed that netting had been installed at Minoru Latrace field plus additional fencing and a covered spectators area.

6. **Sport Hosting**

Tanya back almost full time now. Slowly transitioning Warren out as Tanya takes over again

- Current bids:
 - Western Canadian Gymnastics Championships - 2016
 - International Roller Derby Championships - 2016
 - Fencing Canada Cup West - 2015
- Current discussions:
 - Working with the Richmond Ravens to get hotels and the ice secured for the 2015 Pacific Coast Hockey Tournament
 - Working with Twin Oaks Farms for possible events and Derby
 - Working with Basketball BC to bring some provincial events to Richmond
- Recently secured events:
 - ISKF National Championships - May 2016
 - Taekwon-Do North American Championships - Nov 2015
 - NSCA Regional Conference - Aug 2015
- Upcoming Events:
 - Fencing Nationals - May 15-17
 - Football BC Provincial Team Camp - May 16-18
 - Baseball Wood Bat May Long Weekend Invitational - May 14-18
 - Rhythmic Gymnastics Nationals - May 21-24
 - Karate BC Provincials - May 30-31

7. **Minoru Fields and Building Update**

Jim provided an update on the issue of office space in the new Minoru complex and the offer by the City to RSC to share the Multi Purpose Room on the 2nd floor with fitness. However, RSC would like to be able to see the fields. The final design has yet to be approved. Two sub advisory committees were established March 2014, one for the building and one for the complex as a whole but RSC has never been invited to sit on either of these committees despite asking the City to do so.

Two space options have since been made to RSC and both have been rejected as they were not suitable for RSC requirements and this has been stated by Bob and Jim at General Purposes and Council meetings. The result being that RSC request for space is being referred to the two advisory committees who will discuss with RSC.

Bob referred to the issue of the fields and some concerns which had been addressed. Bob also pointed out that the design of the building was by the stakeholders and RSC was not involved at all. Staff had also referred to the Hub and the 2016 Master Plan at a cost of \$2.5m which had not been budgeted for.

8. **Wall of Fame**

Bob stated that no meetings had been held for 2 months and hopefully a meeting will be held at the end of May. The opening has now been postponed to September and the names appearing on the Wall of Fame will be announced in the newspaper prior to that date.

Bob continued that there would be some proposed changes to the categories in order that more people could qualify.

9. **KidSport Fund Raising Banquet**

\$44,000 had been raised as a result of the banquet and all tax receipts would be via KidSport BC. The result was a large increase from 2014 which resulted in \$27,000 being raised. It had been proposed to move the event in 2016 to March. Jim thanked everyone for their support and especially Bob and his committee and the Hilton hotel.

10. **Sports Awards**

Peter reported on behalf of Terry Kehoe on a very successful event with 180 in attendance. Walk in payments and payments within a few days of the event presented a challenge. Thanks to Don Fennell for his write up in the newspaper.

11. **Discover Your Sport**

Stu reported that 18 groups participated and there was a good attendance. Wrap up meeting to be scheduled. Stage presentation needs to be improved. Jim thanked Stu, Gregg and Sammy for all their hard work and ensuring this was a well organized event. Jim suggested that free registration by sports groups for one year could be tried in 2016 as passport prizes..

12. **KidSport**

Bob circulated statements and financial information and commented that the number of applicants were the same as last year but would like to see more and will be promoting the grants available at community events as much as possible. The meeting held on May 12th approved raising the grant to \$350. Bob concluded that a \$12,500 grant from Coast Capital Savings should be received shortly.

13. **Correspondence**

Jim stated that a letter had been received from Panther cheerleaders confirming their new home on Simpson Road. Notification had also been received that Tony Shaw has resigned as Vice President of Field Hockey.

Jim emphasized that should anyone need help updating their club information on the RSC web site to please contact Roger Barnes who would be happy to help you through the process.

Serj had sent an email apologizing for his non attendance due to health issues and commenting on the well organized Discover Your Sport event, he also asked to be kept in the loop with regard to the Minoru Park Makeover Committee.

14. **Round Table**

Bob:

- KidSport application form will be updated

Gregg

- Kayjaks event May 18th
- Jared will send out information via Nora shortly

Don:

- Thank you for the Sports Award
- Congratulations by everyone to Don for the Builder Award

Bill:

- Extended an invitation to the Midget Tournament to be held Friday May15 thru Monday May 18th

Stu:

- Just returned from Japan from a 2 day event that had 15,000 spectators with 2000 competitors
- Push to include Karate in the Olympics in 2020

John:

- Lots of work done by the City on the fields
- Blundell still pending
- Bantam Tournament May 16-17

- Safety concerns and storage at Latrace – working with Gregg

Gary:

- 17 annual membership fees received to date
- List of outstanding dues on memberships to be sent to Jim

Don:

- Thank you for the Builders Award, it was an honour to receive

Noleen:

- New facility
- Presentation at Lansdowne Mall to showcase gymnastics
- Year end show on June 20th at current location

Barb:

- Everything up and running by over subscribed and monitoring is a challenge
- Need more ice
- Spring and summer allocation being worked on i.e. floor time
- Starting summer repairs

15. **New Business**

Discussion took place on the state of the rugby field at King George Park and memo circulated in this regard.

Motion:

That funds of \$115,000 be approved from the Natural Turf Field Sports Reserve Fund to pay for the resurfacing and upgrades to King George Park rugby field.

Moved: Barb Norman, Seconded: Jack Hamilton, Carried.

Gregg explained that the process would now be for a report to be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Committee May 26th which will then go forward to Council for final approval with construction starting in June 2015. Gregg continued by providing details on the resurfacing materials.

No further business.

Meeting adjourned at 9.15 pm.

Nora Wright
Recording Secretary

Next meeting: Tuesday June 9, 2015