

Richmond Sports Council – Monthly Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2023.

Attendees: Stuart Corrigan, Bill McNulty, Don Fisher, Rosemary Nickerson, Mike Gill, Gordon Farrell, Scott Stewart, Lauri Kerr, Mike Thorne, Bob Jackson, Jas Mann, Karen Fisher Hagel, David Park, Ivan Wong, Mandy Hadfeild, Jordan Schulmeister, Trey Wells, Joanna Chaplow (substitute minute taker).

Called to start at 7:03pm

Joanna Chaplow introduced to the group as a substitute minute taker. Stuart said a replacement volunteer will be sought through Richmond Volunteer posting.

New Director of Recreation Welcomed – Keith Miller (came to the position in January).

Approval of minutes for April's meeting seconded, and passed.

New Business:

There was a Director's meeting on Sunday via zoom. This will become a regular occurrence.

Serj Sangara has resigned as Vice Chair citing family commitments. But he is still a member and will remain involved.

Scott Stewart has accepted the position of Vice Chair.

Note: 2 Legacy funds are available at \$150,000 each. These funds were generated by the BC Seniors games and the Foresters games. There has been 1 application. It will be looked at after this meeting.

Notification of Richmond Games Society – implemented in the 1980's (1984). It's been kept in effect all these years in case want to sponsor another event. Should we keep it? Benefit? Could use the funds or let it lapse. The Directors will make a decision on this.

Richmond Sports Council Society – Roger Barnes – in arrears 1 year. Can't find proper filing. Karen will do proper filing and update it. It's allowed to be in arrears for a max. of 3 years.

Funding grants called "Active Sports Recreation Funds", \$5000. Reach out to help community members for broad opportunities that also include sports. Social media will be used to promote this. Applications just in development stages now. Criteria has been drafted and will be sent to the Director.

Richmond Chamber of Commerce Workshops are offering 3 online sessions. Puneet Bains and Jas Mann will take these classes and report back to this group upon completion (mid June).

Guests at these meetings? Sports Council MUST increase the profile of the group. In an effort to do this monthly guests will be invited to attend these meetings. Individuals may include, Federal and Provincial MP's, and MLA's. This can also be used as an opportunity to thank them for sponsorship. Also ideas suggested like invite a member from Sport BC. The guests would be observers and could actively engage if they wanted to. Perhaps even someone to help with gaming grant writing proposals. Possibly Tourism BC? They understand what sport does to promote Tourism. "Sport hosting" could be discussed.

Council Rep. McNulty gave an update and said "keep up the good work, and thanks!" He suggested:

The Council create a services "year in review" to tell people about the successes eg. # of competitors. Other groups do it, and use it to get \$.

He suggested that RSC take part in or represent in the City's Social Development Strategy, and the Circular City strategy. He stated that Lawn Bowling will get a new facility – 32000 ft. clubhouse for seniors and bowlers.

Other facilities in the 5 year plan that involve sport but have not been made public is the Hugh Boyd parking lot will be turned into a 5000ft. soccer building with childcare(see pg. 94).

Neighborhood Celebrations grants are available. To date \$78,983 have been accessed by various organizations at about \$1300/application. Sports can apply for this for banquets and BBQ's. Individual citizens can also apply for these. Museum and Heritage got one and can provide info.

There will be a new Truth and Reconciliation flag across from the Ukrainian flag. The City will hire a Manager of Indigenous Relations.

There's been discussion about cannabis retail, Richmond can have 1, and does have 1.

There has been discussion about allowing alcohol in City Parks. This has implications for sports.

?s for Rep. McNulty: How do you apply for the Neighborhood Celebrations grants?

The info is on the city website.

Staff Report (Mandy) if you are applying for grants, you need a react(?) online event(?).

There has been the 3rd engagement meeting for the Lawn bowling Committee, a report is coming soon.

There is a unique chance at this years' Salmon Festival to use the school parking lot as a fundraiser if someone wants to staff this? Hours would be 9am-6pm. Anyone interested, contact Mandy. Last year at the Dragon boat, Maritime Festival, a group made \$5000.

Tonight Brighthouse Park hosted Baseball Little leaguers. You are encouraged to have events there.

The Facilities Task Force is on track. They are continuing to do the work from last month. Project list is getting vetted to make sure it's still relevant today. Consultants are still involved.

Wall of Fame- Chair Bob Norman-6-7 applicants, 1 approved. Barb on holidays. Mandy and her will take recommendations to Council in July. 2 people are slotted to go on the wall this year.

Discover Your Sport event. Jas moving forward with this. This Sat. 11-3pm. 9 Organizations will participate.

KidSport met April 25, and approved 27 cases. (\$9152.25) given to 10 local sports groups. Next Tuesday (May 16, 7 applicants) This time last year only ½ of this year's amount given out. Indicates a return and better, to sport in the lives of Richmonites. Council gave \$20,000, and \$8,000 from Richmond Cadillac Fairview for gala event on March 10. The \$ from Hilton Hotel not yet reconciled. But looks like event made about \$60,000.

Membership Committee, Puneet and Scott –looking at recruitment process and governance standards (outdated). Need to bolster membership and have people as “active” members. A brochure is in the works.

Suggestion: At Salmon fest, have a trade show where a table could be set up.

Increase media presence and visibility.

Distribution of minutes: Must be a member. If you aren't getting the minutes, check with your Primary contact person. They are responsible for distribution. Attempt to get minutes within 10 days of meeting.

Does the website have old minutes?

It's not there yet.

Round table update:

Pickle ball will be in "discover your sport".

Lacrosse Youth 17 Tournament May, Levels A and Az competing.

Richmond Oval –

Jas – Richmond United getting 2nd wave of registrations and planning for summer and fall.

Track and Field throws Fest same time as Lacrosse event, and many school are having track and field events.

Jamboree May 28th at Hugh Boyd, BC Lions coming.

Soccer – potentially joining with Richmond United. If all goes as planned, may have 2000 members by fall. Richmond FC planning Thanksgiving Tournament, and hoping for clubhouse funding from the City.

Kelly- Richmond Girls Softball Tournament, most weekends, and Provincials this year. Regrets: Larry Morrison recently passed away.

Mike Thorne – Rich. Rod and Gun are in this weekend's event. Had a recent Boxing event that went really well and hoping to do future events.

Rosemary Nickerson – Steveston Pool now open. Safety stairs are in. Lift is coming.

Jordan, "Sports hosting" – Wheelchair basketball at the Oval. May 26-28, BC Elementary Track and Field event. 3 intakes during the year. Next intake opens June 1st. Deadline June 30th.

Bowling Club member joined in 2014. Now representing Canada in Australia!

Western Canada Officiating Clinic & Tournament (karate)

This Council wants to be inclusive. If you want a guest to come please let Stuart know a few days beforehand.

No meeting in August.

Meeting adjourned 8:15pm