

RICHMOND SPORTS COUNCIL

October 13, 2009

7:00 pm

Richmond City Hall

Meeting Room M.2.004

Present: Roger Barnes,(Chair), Donna Marsland, Gary Rosval, Don Fisher,
Bill Alexander, Paul Alexander, Serj Sangara, Annie Watson,
Pat Weatherhill, Michael Lok, Lance Carey, Eric Stepura, Fred Pawluk, Paul Morizawa

1. Call to order 7 pm
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Minutes from September 8, 2009 meeting approved as circulated.
4. Meeting called to order at 7 pm
Regrets from Councillor McNulty who wished to thank everyone for their support of the Seniors Games.
5. September 8, 2009 minutes approved as circulated.
6. Business arising from minutes – Nil.
7. Round table introductions.
8. Facility Development – no report.
9. BC Seniors Games – Donna reported that everything went really well and it was very successful but certainly a lot more work than realized- interesting events and people. Donna continued that they were now in the process of preparing files for a report to be forwarded to the BC Games Society. Next Seniors Games in 2010 will be held in Courtney/Comox Valley.
10. Roger thanked all the sports groups for their support and commented that Richmond as a community came out of the games very well. The goodwill from the sports groups was very much appreciated. Roger pointed out that Fred was a triple gold winner and Fred responded that world records were broken during the Games in the 90+ and 75 to 79yrs age groups.

Heartfelt thanks were also expressed to the Oval staff and to City staff Eric and Sammy particularly as their contribution made a big difference. It was also noted how well the City staff, volunteers and sports groups worked together.

11. Sports Hosting

Roger reported that the Sports Hosting Manager position was a priority and that a second round of interviews had been conducted and it was unfortunate that there was no representation from Sports Council. A decision has been made on this position and an announcement will be made shortly.

12. Kidsport

Gary reported that funds were required in the amount of \$4500 to meet the approvals already made. It was noted that a City grant has been applied for. Also, Kidsport is a registered charity and donations receive a tax receipt.

13. Trust Fund – healthy.

14. Correspondence

Letter received from UK in error with regard to a public consultation process. Information circulated from Richmond Chinese Community Society re their 20th anniversary fund raising dinner/dance at \$90 each or \$900 for a table of 10. Curling brochure also circulated for information.

15. Round Table – highlights:

- Rod and Gun Club applied for a rezoning amendment to Mitchell Island Property for indoor shooting range and this has been approved. Public hearing to be held Oct. 19th. Financing will be a challenge. A letter of support from Richmond Sports Council would be welcome
- Baseball continue to be interested in the Shooting Star Calendar idea for joint fund raising with Kidsport. Serj will contact Terry. Zero funding for Baseball.
- Gymnastics – Annie stated that members had received the majority of awards at the BC Awards Banquet and one of the members would be participating in the Panam Games in Brazil. Still a lot of interest in Gymnastics.
- Lance reported that field hockey had been denied grant funding as they had too much money in their bank account. Challenge during the Winter Games for field space as Minoru will not be available but may be able to use Cambie. Eric responded that the City had met with sports groups in regard to the closure and tried to accommodate them elsewhere as much as possible. It was also noted that development of coaches at a younger level is becoming a challenge.
- Kayaks had received \$2000 in grant funding instead of \$7000. Fred reported that the Kajaks Annual BC Elementary and Junior High School Cross Country championship had been held at Deas Island. November 1st will be the Annual Awards Banquet
- Michael Lok (Martial Arts) drew attention the recent Supreme Court ruling in regard to waivers and insurance and showed a CTV news clip. Waiver form signed for a minor by parents is null and void when negligence is being claimed. Discussion took place on the insurance coverage by the various sports groups. Members thanked Michael for this valuable information and asked to be kept updated.
- Don referred to the curling brochure that he had circulated and confirmed that free drop in lessons are provided on Saturdays and the club has a sports lounge and catering.

Facility is available for rental. There will be a new road access into the club in November. Seniors Games had 110 curlers participating.

- Gary stated that funds had been received as they had a 3 year plan . There will be a temporary mesh roof for the batting cage covered in tarp for the rain. Lot of fun at the Seniors Games. Fields were impeccable
- Eric reported on the funds not received by the various soccer groups. Thanks given to the City for the fields. Futsal event will take place at the Oval from Nov. 28 to 29 this will be last event before Vanoc takes over on December 1st
- Soccer facility has now been designated as Richmond Development Centre and fully integrated for BC and international Soccer programs

No further business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Nora Wright
Recording Secretary

Please note change of date for November meeting

**Next meeting: Monday November 9, 2009 at 7:00 pm. Meeting Room M.2.004
Richmond City Hall**