



**Minoru Sports Pavilion
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Tuesday October 11, 2011

Present: Jim Lamond (Chair) Roger Barnes, Serj Sangara, Pat Weatherill, Doug Bourne, Ivan Wong, Donna Marsland, Annie Watson, Dawne Tiller, Don Fisher, Fred Pawluk, Jeff Lightfoot, Trevor Rennie, Cheryl Dunham, Mike Crawford, Dawna Sales, Tony Shaw, Peter Mitchell, Gary Rosval, Maria Majblat, Barb Norman, Warren Karsgaard. Eric Stepura, Sam Morizawa, (City staff)

Regrets: Glenn Kishi, Mike Romas

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

1. Approval of minutes of September 13, 2011
2. Moved: Barb Norman, Seconded: Pat Weatherill with amendment of \$800 donation from Richmond Minor Hockey not Seafair Minor Hockey.
3. Business arising from minutes – nil.

4. Guest – Linda Reid MLA

Ms Reid congratulated everyone on the letter sent to Skip Triplett with regard to gaming grants and would like to arrange a meeting with Mr. Triplett and Sports Council as soon as possible.

Jim thanked Ms Reid for her assistance in regard to funding for baseball which resulted from her following her last visit to Sports Council.

4. Staff Update – Eric Stepura

Eric referred to the annual review of fees for services provided by the City to various agencies and fees for sports facilities for the coming season. Eric stated that instead of an annual review he would like to recommend that the fees and charges be tied into the CPI for the previous year for the Vancouver region. For the past 3 to 4 years C PI has been 3% and for the current year it is 1.75%. Future fee increases for use of sports fields and ball diamonds would come into effect on January 1, 2012 with a 1.75% increase.

Eric confirmed that revenue from the fees goes into the Capital Reserve Account for upgrading of fields and ball diamonds in the future and not general revenue.

The approval of 1.75% fee increase effective January 1, 2012 will be going forward to the Parks & Recreation Committee on October 26, 2011 together with tying future fee increases into the CPI for the Vancouver region. This would be a fair and reasonable way and allow for sports groups to budget a year in advance for the coming year. Eric requested feedback by the end of 2nd week of October.

Eric confirmed that two tennis courts had been upgraded at Minoru.

Jim asked Eric how much money was in the account and Eric confirmed he would report back and circulate the information. Donna emphasized that how to allocate these funds needs to be discussed on an annual basis and Jim agreed that as this was part of the agreement, this will be followed.

Ms. Reid asked about the artificial field process and how the fields were chosen and Roger explained that both neighbourhoods and community associations are consulted in this regard. The Sports Council is currently going through a consultation for future facilities and this may include recommendations for artificial turf fields in the future.

5. **Sports Hosting Update**

Mike Romas was unable to attend but sent the following update:

A copy of the sport hosting grant chart will be circulated via e.mail upon return from vacation.

2011 Sport Hosting Annual Report completed and presented to Tourism Richmond Board on September. 30. Copy of annual report will be given to chair of sport council.

Pat introduced the subject of grant money allocated to groups that were not members of Sports Council and that they were taking advantage of all the hard work that went into this program and reaping the benefit but not participating at the table of RSC.

Jim responded that this was a sore point and RSC were on top of this issue. The allocation of grant money is \$100,000 from the \$500,000 and there is more than enough money available for RSC sport use. Roger reminded everyone to please ask for a commission when booking hotel rooms and stated that community sport tourism had a large impact on the Richmond economy.

6. **KidSport**

Peter circulated financial information and confirmed that revenue for grants for the year was \$33,500 and \$12,000 still remained. The grant is now \$250 per calendar year. Jim thanked Bob Jackson for all his efforts with KidSport. City Grant application has now been completed.

7. **Trust Fund**

Sammy circulated the year to date information with regard to allocations from the Trust Fund. Jim reminded everyone that the trust fund was the legacy from the 1979 BC Summer Games and funding was from the interest only. At present \$127,000 remains in the trust fund account.

Jim confirmed that a Seniors Trust Fund account will also be in place shortly and will be administered by senior representatives of Sports Council and is for applications 55 years and older.

8 Sports Awards Update

Jim confirmed that the format will be changed in 2012 and a meeting has been arranged to discuss this further. More information will be available at the November meeting.

9. Correspondence

Jim confirmed that letters had been sent in regard to both the gaming grants review and the potential of a sports museum at the Richmond Oval. Copies of both letters have been circulated via e.mail to all members.

10. Facilities Task Force

Jim stated the 21 reports had been received. A meeting will be held shortly to move forward on this initiative.

11. Round Table – highlights

Roger

- 21 different sports and 8 associated sports attended RSC meetings this past year

Annie

- Introduced Doug Bourne who will be attending future meetings
- Registration is going strong
- Athlete attended Pan Am games
- Athlete attended training camp in Germany
- Competition season so training going ahead
 - Working with Eric and City for alternate location for Rod & Gun Club

Jack

- Rugby going well
- First game at home Oct. 15th
- Registration is good
- Womens under 18 going well
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Pat

- Relatively quiet
- Introduced Trevor Rennie – President of Richmond City Baseball

Serj

- The RSC should be more positive and not disappointed in their letter sent to the City regarding the museum.
- Wants to see the Oval work for the City and the residents

Mike

- Richmond Rapids at Watermania on Nov. 5th – fundraiser. Olympic swimmers will be available and race with Rmd Rapids in a relay

Fred

- Competition season in track and field is over
- London and Isle of Man competitors
- Nov. 6th annual Kajaks Awards Banquet plus 50th year history

Barb

- Open house
- Ice in
- 2 Swap meets well received

Dawna

- Jordan Mottl is the new Program Manager for community sports at the Oval
- Volleyball is going really well
- Try outs in December

Jeff

- Rmd Minor Hockey season is up and running
- Hockey Day in Richmond went well
- Raised \$1300 for Canuck Place
- Hockey registrations seem to be up

Cheryl

- Rmd Soccer Annual Thanksgiving Tournament. Thanks to Jim and Roger for helping out. There were 130 teams, over 400 games played and over 700 athletes

Don

- Richmond Curling season has started
- Accepting applications and need more kids
- Dominion Curling National Championship Nov. 22-26. Don extended an invitation to everyone to attend

Ivan

- Winter season starts Nov. 1st

Dawne

- One member entered the Chicago Marathon and competitions in Victoria, Bellingham and Las Vegas
- Triathlon – back in the pool at Watermania at 6 am

Eric

- Canadian Sport for Life Summit – one day workshop in Kamloops to be held on Sat. Oct. 15th

Maria

- New chair of Richmond Rockettes – good season, increased membership
- Want to encourage school kids both primary and secondary to participate in this sport and have reduce price and make it more affordable. \$145 for the whole season
- Very good coaches, great facility at the Oval
- Getting information out to the schools – what is the best way to do this?

12. **Richmond Community Games**

Jim referred to the information previously circulated in regard to the Richmond Community Games and confirmed that he had met with the community associations who had expressed their support of this initiative. The first Richmond Community Games meeting will be held on Tuesday October 18th at 7 pm at Richmond City Hall in Meeting Room M.2.004 and all those interested in participating were invited to attend.

No further business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Presentation made to Gord Barstow to thank him for all his hard work for looking after all the facilities to give support to Richmond Sports Council.

Nora Wright
Recording Secretary

Next meeting; Tuesday November 8, 2011.