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Tuesday October 14, 2014

Present: Bob Jackson, (Chair), Gary Rosval, Don Fennell, Don Fisher, Robbie Jacobs, Donna Marsland, Terry Kehoe, Barbara Norman, Bill Shayler, Bev Larssen, Serj Sangara, Jack Hamilton, Mike Fletcher, Mike Thorne, Sanjeet Sadana, Shari Rogers, Kim Seaborn, Stuart Corrigan, Sam Morizawa (City Staff), Gregg Wheeler (City Staff), Tanya Foley, Gerry DeCicco, (Richmond Oval Staff), Dave Semple, Jim Kojima, and The Honourable Linda Reid MLA.

Regrets: Ivan Wong, Jim Lamond, Councillor McNulty

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

1. Approval of September 8, 2014 minutes.

Moved: Don Fisher, Seconded: Barb Norman, Carried.

2. Business arising from minutes

Nil.

3. Council Report

None.

4. Sport Hosting Report – Tanya Foley

Tanya reported that six bids had been submitted for events plus two more pending. Tanya reminded everyone to please contact her if NSO and PSOs were experiencing challenges due to the Minoru Fields. Reminder that the Bid Book Template had been circulated at an earlier meeting. Richmond Sports Hosting provides assistance in putting together a bid package at no cost to the community sports group. If assistance is required please contact the Sports Hosting Office at the Oval.

Bob encouraged everyone to take advantage of the Sports Hosting offer in regard to hosting bids for are financial grants of up to \$7,000 for community sports organizations.

5. **Minoru Fields Committee Update** – Donna Marsland

Bob confirmed that several meetings had been held with City Parks and Recreation Staff in regard to the planning the renovated Minoru Park.

Donna continued that 90% of the design had been agreed to and RSC representatives were very pleased to date with what had been proposed. “Good as we used to have with some additional benefits.”

Donna reported that in regard to the Minoru Facilities planning participation – a request had been made to the City for a viewing platform and the City are still working on this. Relocation of some of the rooms within the facility were addressed i.e. concession, first aid etc. and the report was going to Council tonight (October 15). Bob emphasized that there would be eight change rooms with adjoining door and would not be gender specific. There will also be a concession within the swimming pool area. An area in the corner of the field will be available for concessions for the sports teams.

6. **Wall of Fame Committee Report** – Donna Marsland

Donna reaffirmed that the Wall of Fame would be located at the entrance of the Richmond Olympic Oval. The RSC will recommend to the City Council who should be selected to be recognized as a member of the Wall of Fame subject to identified criteria. There will also be a Richmond Sports History Information Kiosk located on the 2nd floor of the Oval. This kiosk would identify the names of team members and provide more information not included on the Wall of Fame. Donna confirmed that the Wall of Fame was included in the Richmond Olympic Experience Museum construction budget at the Oval. This is not part of a City budget.

The Wall of Fame Committee of the RSC sent a letter of support\ so that the City Staff Recommendations move forward with their plans to GP Committee and later a City Council meeting that was happening at the same time as the RSC Meeting.

Bob mentioned that the wall would be movable and encompass the history of sport in Richmond but would not include Olympic athletes who only resided in Richmond for a short term while they trained in a Richmond facility

7. **Guest – Dr. Shelina Babul** - Stu Corrigan

Stu Corrigan introduced Dr. Babul on the subject of Sports Concussion. Dr. Babul provided information on the invisible epidemic sweeping sports and leisure activities which not only affected adults but children too. There was a need to raise the level of awareness in monitoring and treating concussion injuries and it was identified by Dr. Babul that 15% of the population do experience long term consequences from brain injuries. Dr. Babul emphasized the importance for the bruised brain to be able to reset itself after a concussion injury and this can only be done by resting mentally and

physically to allow the brain to return to 100%. It was also emphasized that every concussion is different and only 10% result in loss of consciousness.

Dr. Babul concluded by referring to the web site cattonline.com that contained a large amount of information on concussion and treatment.

A question and answer period followed and concluded with thanks to Dr. Babul for her very informative presentation.

8. **Staff Update** – Gregg Wheeler

Gregg reminded everyone that Sports Day in Canada is November 29th and he will send more information on this event via email.

Minoru Fields – turf is down on Minoru #2 and should be available for playing by the end of October. Latrace (Minoru #3) will be in November.

These deadlines are all weather dependent.

9. **Sports Awards Banquet Report** – Terry Kehoe

Terry confirmed that this event would be held in the first quarter of 2015 but was very dependent upon nominations being received on time. Continuing to work with the Leadership 11 Class at McMath Secondary School who were reviewing sport press releases for suitable candidates for nominations. Terry stressed the importance of receiving nominations from the sports groups as a lot of the groups had performed very well in 2014. The nomination form is available on the Richmond Sports Council web site.

10. **KidSport™ Fund Raising Banquet Report**– Robbie Jacobs

Robbie confirmed that the banquet would be held on April 10, 2015 at the Hilton Vancouver Airport Hotel. The second meeting of the organizing committee will be held on Thursday October 16th and more information will be brought to the next meeting of RSC in November. Robbie commented that he was looking forward to everyone support for another successful event.

11. **KidSport™** - Bob Jackson

Bob circulated financial information and reviewed the highlights of the reports. The current grant remains at \$200 but hopefully this may be raised to \$250 in 2015. Bob drew attention to the fact that an attempt is always made to find alternative funding should the application not meet the KidSport™ Funding Criteria. \$9000 in funds remain available to provide grants for 2014.

12. **Trust Fund** – Sammy Morizawa

no report

13. **Correspondence** – Bob Jackson

Nil.

13. **Round Table** (highlights)

Robbie Jacobs (Steveston Athletic Association)

- Very successful season is at an end. Members participated in the World Triathlon

Bill Shaler (Richmond Lacrosse Association)

- Field Lacrosse Tournament mid November

Mike Fletcher (Richmond Youth Soccer Association)

- Soccer – Thanksgiving Tournaments held 8 in total. 65 out of town teams, very successful.

Serj Sangara (Richmond Junior Baseball)

- Serj referred to his email as follows:

If anyone knows of a **1 Bdrm Basement suite** (or perhaps shared accommodation?) in the **Richmond, New West, South Van area**, could you please let me know It's for a "young entrepreneur" who has taken Ownership / Management of "**The Ballyard at Sport Central**".....(**Jack Thompson**)...
www.theballyard.ca

- In a somewhat related topic "**The Dugout Club**" is looking to donate upwards of \$10,000 to those that would be willing to work with us in "win-win programs" that Jack is looking to bring forth. (Be it baseball, softball, soccer, cricket, speedminton, etc, etc) http://thedugoutclub.org/landing/?page_id=32

Keith Dawson (Richmond City Baseball Association)

- Thanksgiving tournament held. Wrapping now and back in the Spring.

Kim Seaborn (Richmond Girls' Soccer Association)

- Girls Soccer held a Thanksgiving Tournament. Looking at a Metro Tournament Jan 3-4, 2015 at Minoru and Boyd

Barb Norman (Richmond Arenas Community Association)

- Very busy over Thanksgiving weekend
- Upgraded flooring upstairs at Minoru
- Board Room at the Ice Centre upgraded

Terry Kehoe (Richmond Minor Football League)

- Half way through the football season
- Went to the World Senior Games in St. George, Utah. 9,000 athletes and 56 different sports
- Placed 2nd in the 60+ Softball, behind Calgary

Sanjeet Sadana (Richmond Cricket Club)

- Nothing much happening in cricket
- Introduced Jag from the Richmond Wrestling Club who provides training on Tuesdays for 30 boys and girls pro bono

Jag (Richmond Wrestling Club)

- stated that he was hoping to arrange a major event at the Richmond Olympic Oval on January 16-17, 2015 (high school and elementary)

Don Fisher (Richmond Curling Club)

- All Curling Club Leagues are up and running
- International Wheelchair Bonspiel in November
- Very busy catering business, expanded menu with kitchen open daily
- Some parking leased on a monthly basis to T & T Supermarkets dependant upon Curling Club requirements
- Curling practice times are available daily

Bob asked if the next meeting should be moved from Nov. 12th to Nov. 18th due to upcoming elections and availability of members. This was agreed to by all.

14. Adjournment

No further business. Meeting adjourned at 8.30 pm

Nora Wright
Recording Secretary

Next meeting: Tuesday November 18, 2014