



Richmond Sports Council

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Tuesday October 13, 2015

Present:

Bob Jackson (Chair), John Braaten, Gregg Wheeler, (City staff), Tony Shaw, Terry Kehoe, Serj Sangara, Jack Hamilton, Don Fisher, Barb Norman, Sam Morizawa, Mike Fletcher, Warren Karsgaard, Matthew Eng, Tanya Donaldson, Gary Rosval, Noleen Mueller, Rosemary Nickerson, Steve Valenzuela, Jared Hulme.

Regrets: Councillor Bill McNulty, Jim Lamond, Sanjeet Sadana

Meeting called to order at 7.03 pm

1. Approval of September 7, 2015 minutes – Moved: Don Fisher, Seconded: Barb Norman, Carried.
2. Business arising – None.
3. **Council Report** – none available
4. **Staff Update**

Gregg commented on the 5 firework displays around Richmond for Halloween on October 31st starting at 7.30 pm onwards.

Wall of Fame grand opening will be Saturday November 21st at 11.30 am at the Rmd Oval with more information to follow shortly. Bob confirmed that the application date for nominations to the Wall of Fame is December 31st firm. Three new categories would now be included i.e. pioneer, coach and special achievement. The committee verifies the criteria for all nominations and once confirmed these are forwarded to the City for a final decision.

5. **Sport Hosting Update**

- a. Team Finland woman's national hockey team pre-stage camp March 2016 at the Oval. Czech Republic 95% confirmed
- b. BC Hockey Female U18 program strength & fitness testing confirmed for summer 2016
- c. Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League Nov 7-8; 4 teams with 3 from out of province
- d. Sport Hosting grant application process is being reviewed and organizations will be notified once approved

Bob stated that currently there were no funds available for sports hosting and the new 2016 applications will be more equitable with regard to caps on applications and organizations. This is the third year of the program and funds are coming from the hotel room tax/Tourism.

6. **Minoru Fields and Building Update**

Bob stated that the fields are being used and a meeting was held with Baseball and City staff who will meet with user groups with regard to usage.

Nothing has changed with the building with late 2017 as the completion date. Parking was again identified as a major problem which needed to be addressed by the City.

7. **KidSport**

Bob circulated financial information to the end of September 2015 and confirmed that to date over \$50,000 had been given out in grants. The grant is now \$350 with 70% of applications being funded. 260 applications received to date. Serj enquired about out of town applications and Bob responded that only those children that reside in Richmond are funded and due to different circumstances do play elsewhere.

8. **KidSport Fundraising Banquet**

Bob confirmed the date of the 2016 banquet as Friday March 11th. Same MC as this year. Short list of guest speakers have been reviewed but still to be confirmed preferably someone who is an expert in social media. Ticket pricing for individuals will be \$150 with corporate tables of \$1800 to \$2000 each.

9. **Sports Awards**

Terry stated that there was nothing new to report at present. Richmond News still to be confirmed as a sponsor. Terry urged everyone to submit nominations before year end.

10. **Trust Fund** – no updates. Reminder that \$600 per organization for travel to provincial and international competitions are available. Seniors Trust Fund also available (55+) for same criteria.

11. **Correspondence** – nil.

12. **Round Table and New Business**

Ivan:

- Lawn Bowling – Canadian Senior Triple competition a great success, thank you to the City and Ottawa for funding
- Womens lawn bowling - Richmond Team B won the championship
- Bronze medal won by some of the members

Barb:

- Watermania food services being upgraded
- Purchased new soft rental skates
- New mural for Winter Wonderland

- Ice leaders and skate instructors will all wear helmets as role models

Rosemary:

- .Steveston Pool was open for the one Hour Lane swim daily during the month of September again during the Watermania Annual Maintenance Shut Down.
- Feb. 27/28. 2016 - Canadian University Synchronized Swimming Nationals meet will be held at Watermania.
- . April 22/23/24, 2016 - BC Provincial Masters Swimming Championship Meet will be held at Watermania.

Don:

- Curling still short of numbers for leagues
- Learn to curl for half season on Wednesdays starting Oct. 13th for 10 weeks
- RCD Nov 18 – 22, 10 full teams of wheelchair curlers
- Tim Hortons BC Seniors Feb 15-21, 2016
- April 2016 BC Club Challenge

Noleen:

- Gymnastics is business as usual
- Member competing in World Championship and National Team for Canada
- New premises pending

Tony:

- Table Tennis player Stephanie Chan of Richmond won the Gold Medal in the class 6&7 combined at the 2015 Para Pan Am Games in Toronto. She earned a ticket to the 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio, Brazil.

John:

- Participated in Via Sport National Coaches week
- Hired a Director of Player Development
- 17% increase in fall ball program
- Getting ready for spring season

Tanya:

- Rep for Tennis club and new to meeting

Terry:

- Half way thru fall season
- All games held at Minoru
- 5 – 18 yrs age group

Jared:

- Kajaks going good with cross country
- Indoor training at Oval

Serj:

- Working on some programs
- Waiting for information from City staff re field usage

Gary:

- Registration will be late January
- Games will start late March
- Provincial championships – not known as yet
- Applied for Western Championships

Steve:

- Held BBQ festival and soccer tournament
- Regular season – league Cup this week end
- Registration is up and we are happy

Mike:

- Youth Soccer has recruited a Technical Director working on development of programs
- Final figures for registration are up, 60 new players on board
- Thanksgiving Tournament was successful but numbers were down due to other tournaments being held too
- Soccer nets at Minoru fields, thanks to the City

Jack:

- Regular fall season is in full swing
- 2 games played away
- This coming weekend will be first game played on King George field Sat. Oct.17 with 2nd division at 1 pm and 2nd division at 2.30 pm – thank you to the City

Bob:

- Sanjeet will be having a knee operation on Wed. Oct.14th, please wish him well at sanjeet.sadana@hilton.com
- Gary will be going in for a surgery 6 heart by pass, we all wish him well too
- Chris Neale passed away Oct. 12th, funeral services Oct. 20th at Rmd Funeral Home 1 pm

No further business.

Meeting adjourned at 8.00 pm. Sandwiches available with thanks to Sanjeet.

Nora Wright
Recording Secretary

Next meeting: November 10, 2015

