



Richmond Sports Council

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Tuesday October 11, 2016

Present:

Jim Lamond (Chair), Gregg Wheeler (City staff), Tony Shaw, Bob Jackson, Terry Kehoe, Don Fisher, Sam Morizawa, Serj Sangara, Don Fennell, Ivan Wong, Shari Rogers, Jack Hamilton John Braaten, Tanya Foley, Mike Fletcher, Donna Marsland, Al Groff, Barry Riva, Steve Valenzuela, Scott Stewart

Regrets, Kim Seaborn, Councillor Bill McNulty, Stu Corrigan, Noleen Mueller, Kathleen Wong, Barb Norman, Bill Shayler

Meeting called to order at 7.00 pm

1. Approval of September 13, 2016 minutes – Moved: Donna Marsland, Seconded: Don Fisher, Carried.
2. Business arising – Nil
3. Welcome to Scott Stewart, Richmond Rocket Speed Skating
4. **Council Update** – no report.
5. **Staff Update**

Gregg reported on working with Kajaks regarding removal of the bleachers on the west side of Minoru facility and coming up with a strategy for the Garage Fieldhouse and the containers to maximize usage. A cage to be put under the Grandstand for storage too.

Gregg continued with an update on Latrace field and working with Baseball and the opening up of the 3rd base line following repairs to storm line and now waiting for engineering report. Gregg expressed his thanks to Baseball for working with staff during the fall. Gregg confirmed that both Soccer and Baseball would be contacted once more information was available from engineering. In response to an enquiry, Gregg stated that some artificial field space options for practice was being explored. Soccer fields to change from West to East to North and South.

Gregg concluded by asking members to go and look at the lacrosse box and tennis courts at Thompson Community Centre which had been resurfaced with 2 part epoxy resin.

Mike enquired as to the update on the Hugh Boyd Fieldhouse and Gregg responded that there was no date as yet for this report to go forward to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

6. **Wall of Fame Update**

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Bob confirmed that the Induction Ceremony would be taking place on Saturday November 26th at 10 am in the Legacy Lounge, on the 3rd floor at the Oval and would be a one hour ceremony. Council had not yet announced the names.

Deadline for Nominations for 2017 was December 31, 2016 and there were now 8 categories. Nominations stay active for 3 years after which they are returned to the nominator.

7. **Sport Hosting**

Tanya confirmed that grant intake for 2017 would continue to the end of October. Tanya offered assistance to any group that were making bids. Pam returning from mat leave.

8. **Creating Community Champions Gala Event**

Bob confirmed the date of Friday March 3, 2017 for this event. More details would be available after the next meeting of the Committee.

9. **Sports Awards**

Terry referred to the assistance being provided by the Leadership Class at McMath with the preparation of a spreadsheet however, contact information was lacking. Terry then reviewed the list of people for whom no contact information was available and asked for help from the sports groups around the table in providing this information. Jim asked that Terry circulate a list to Sports Council so that members could submit contact information.

10. **KidSport**

Bob circulated stats and financial information which he reviewed in detail. Total grant amount to date was \$75,000 and it was noted that \$60,500 in grants given out in 2015. 267 applications had been received to end of October and the most applications before had been in 2012 with 257 applications.

Bob concluded that since the inception of KidSport by Terry in 2008/9 it had grown exponentially each year and was certainly something to be proud of.

11. **Trust Fund** – no report.

12. **Correspondence**

Jim referred to the thank you received from a Richmond Field Hockey \$250 grant recipient which had greatly helped with travel costs. Jim stated that the 1979 BC Summer Games Legacy Trust Fund now totalled \$129,000 with only the interest being used from this fund.

Jim continued by referring to a letter received from the City in response to our letter requesting support for a baseball diamond in the King George Park area. The City would work with Serj and the Dug Out Club so that a diamond would be available for their weekly program.

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In conclusion, Jim stated that as a result of Stu Corrigan being a member of the Provincial Safe Sport Advisory Committee, minutes had been received from the last meeting and would be sent out to the members via a separate email for information.

13. Round Table

Mike:

- Season up and running for soccer, registration up slightly
- Thanksgiving tournament was a success, team registration slightly down
- RSA participated in concussion assessment with players under 12 and well received – this is on a voluntary basis and ongoing to 2017
- Enquiry received about Refugee Sports Club in Richmond – Gregg to follow up

Al:

- Selection process for next years Softball teams
- AGM of Softball BC this coming weekend
- Would like to host some Provincial championships
- Proposal for London/Steveston Park ball diamond concept (to be circulated separately via email)

Serj:

- Development of indoor game, test runs, some changes, tests ongoing
- Looking to hire someone part time with sports background to run programs. Please contact me if you know of anyone
- Will be a 10 week indoor program once we get started
- Response letter from City re baseball diamond in King George Park, Serj emphasized that he would like to clarify that this application was made by all the members of the Dug Out Club even though only Serj's name was in the letter

Scott:

- Glad to be at Sports Council
- Club is short track speed skating
- Strong coaching
- Mostly Richmond residents

Shari:

- Working towards indoor season and Spring

Terry:

- Football season up and running, good start to season

John:

- Starting winter training

Steve:

- Season is kicking off
- Launching new web site raccasoccer.ca
- League Cup this weekend
- Total of 35 teams

Tony:

- Correction to last minutes with reference to Table Tennis 2016 America Masters held in Convention Centre in Vancouver. Entrants were low (only 4 players) as entry fee was \$200 US per person, this should read 49 players and not 4 players

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Don:

- Invitations sent out for Intl. Pacific Curling Cup in April 2017 with an overwhelming response

RSC Bank Balance \$2403.25

Tanya:

- Coaching Association of Canada Conference November 3-5, no female coaches and four coaches from Richmond
- Conference sold out but there is a need for volunteers (information to be sent out via separate email)

Ivan:

- Wheelchair Bonspiel to be hosted by Richmond Committee on Disability Nov. 15-20
- Lawn Bowling AGM Sat. Oct. 15th

Jim:

- Report from Council on Review of Local Sports Groups Residency Requirements which is currently at 60% but there is a will to increase. Jim will send this report out via separate email and requested that groups give some thought to this and provide some input/ response prior to the next Sports Council meeting as the City had referred this report to Sports Council for feedback

Update from the Richmond Field Hockey Club – not present at meeting and submitted the following:

- Senior League season only in the fall. We have two Women's teams (age 13 and up) Div 1 Premiere and Div 4 last home game there was a baseball game. Unfortunately, same concerns...fly balls. I will contact Greg and staff to see if there is a possibility of putting a back cover along the bleachers/stands.

No further business.

Meeting adjourned at 7.58 pm.

Jim Lamond, Chair

Nora Wright, Recording Secretary

Next meeting: November 8, 2016