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Tuesday September 9, 2014

Present:

Jim Lamond, (Chair), Bob Jackson, Gary Rosval, Don Fennell, Don Fisher
 Donna Marsland, Terry Kehoe, Barbara Norman, Warren Karsgaard, Bill Shayler,
 Jack Hamilton, Mike Fletcher, Ivan Wong, Tony Shaw, Mike Thorne, Sanjeet Sadana,
 Stuart Corrigan, Sam Morizawa, Gregg Wheeler, (City staff), Pam Lacroix, (Oval),
 Rosemary Nickerson, Keith Dawson, Jared Hulme, Steve Valenzuela, Serj Sangara
 Councillor Bill McNulty

Meeting called to order at 7 pm

Bob introduced representatives from Coast Capital Savings who presented a cheque to KidSport in the amount of \$5000..

Bob then recognized Sanjeet Sadana from the Hilton Hotel for his contribution to the success of the Fund raising banquet. A plaque was presented in appreciation. Bob announced that the Hilton Hotel are in the process of formalizing a 5 year agreement with KidSport for future fund raising banquets. Work is already in progress for the event in 2015.

1. Approval of July 8, 2014 minutes. Moved: Barb Norman, Seconded: Donna Marsland, Carried.
2. Business arising from minutes – Nil.
3. **Council Update**

Councillor McNulty provided the following information:

- Congratulated everyone on the many summer events held and recognized the preparation for the fall season
- Opening of the pedestrian bridge at the Canada Line Aberdeen station took place Sept. 9th
- Two new fire trucks purchased one ladder truck that reaches 8 floors and one replacement pumper truck

Jared enquired about food cart vendors and Councillor McNulty confirmed that Richmond was definitely open for business. Japadog at No. 3 Road and Westminster are doing well.

A question arose on the congestion at No. 5 Road and Steveston Highway and Councillor McNulty responded that he was not sure there was a solution. The new bridge may help with

congestion in the future and also a twin tunnel and public transit should be explored as an option. May be also look at limiting the left and right hand turn lanes as this area continues to be a traffic challenge.

4. **Staff Update**

Gregg Wheeler drew attention the following:

- Dragon Boat events with 72 teams held over the summer
- Kajaks run at the Oval
- Nations Cup
- Fund raiser at Minoru
- Bike Park at Garden City and Granville
- Via Sport \$1000 grant for physical literacy program which will probably be held at Cook School
- Minoru Update – light towers, turf at Minoru Park, Demolition of the Pavilion, concrete walkway, cricket pitch working towards improvements for next year, change/washrooms behind caretakers suite
- Terry Fox Run at Garry Point on Sept. 14th

Jim enquired about storage for sports groups and Gregg responded that Minoru 2 have laid out some space for the nets. Baseball have part of Latrace Field. Score keeper building will have some storage underneath. Looking at more storage in the new facility.

Jack enquired about the status of King George Park and Gregg replied that the seeding in July did not take and the affected areas were replaced with turf.

Sanjeet commented on the lack of affordable options for kids during the school strike e.g. \$65 per day at the Oval for a camp. Gregg responded that the community centres worked out at \$4.50 per hour or \$36.00 per day, however, space was maxed out at the centre but they have been trying to accommodate programs during the strike.

5. **Sport Hosting**

1. Lawn Bowling 2015 Canadian Senior Championship event is confirmed for next Aug-September
2. The 1st TAFISA World Martial Arts Games just finished at the Oval
 - a. Great international exposure for the City of Richmond
 - b. Well received by all participants
 - c. Provided a large volunteer group with the opportunity to get involved and get trained on martial arts events (mat set up, etc)
3. Tournament of Champs is confirmed for July 2015
 - a. Spring hockey invitational at the Oval
 - b. Will bring 12-15 travelling teams to Richmond
 - c. Client is looking for a Richmond group to help support with the event – suggested Kids Sport so will connect with Bob
4. Bids in the works:
 - a. Coaching Association of Canada to host the Sport Leadership Conference in 2016
 - b. Fencing Nationals in May 2015

- c. Wrestling Premier Provincial Championship in Jan 2015 and potential for Nationals in July 2015
- d. BC Hockey HP BC Cups – working with the Ravens for 2015, 2016, 2017
- 5. Social Media plan for RSH
 - a. Would like to talk about ALL sport activities happening in Richmond so are asking local sport orgs to keep RSH in the loop about local tournaments, competitions, etc so that we can help promote sport in Richmond as much as possible via social media
 - i. Twitter
 - ii. Facebook
 - iii. Websites
- 6. Volleyball BC initiative – the BC Sport Conference (www.bcsportconference.ca)
 - a. Jan 10, 2015 in Burnaby
 - b. Multisport coaching conference worth NCCP credits

Richmond Olympic Oval updates:

- Busiest summer yet for camps, with nearly 2,000 enrolled in a summer camp at the Oval (multi sport, HP Volleyball, Hockey Camp and Goalie camp)
- As a result of the public school closures, multi-sport day camps sold out last week and this week.
- While the school closures have resulted in a significant demand for day camps, it is coming at the expense of a slower uptake of registered kids programs in the evening and on weekends.

6. Minoru Fields Update

Mike confirmed that everything was still on target for the end of October. A meeting is being held on September 10th at 7.30 pm with the City and the sports groups in regard to the Minoru Major facility.

7. Hall of Fame

Jim stated that a report would be going forward to GP Committee on September 15th, but this date may change. Jim confirmed the Hall of Fame Committee as being Bob Jackson, Bill McNulty, Donna Marsland, Stu Corrigan and staff members Sammy and Gregg. Next Hall of Fame Committee meeting is scheduled for September 10th. Jim confirmed that the Hall of Fame would be located in the foyer of the Oval in the entrance from the parking lot.

8. Sports Awards

Terry confirmed that students from McMath school would like to take on this project and would be reviewing the newspaper for athletes that deserve recognition and forwarding for follow up by Sports Council for verification and this will be done on a monthly basis. Jim responded by encouraging all sports groups to forward nominations.

7. KidSport

Bob circulated financial reports and grants that have been allocated to a variety of groups. Bob then reviewed the reports in detail and confirmed that currently there were funds of \$5000 in the

bank. Hopefully more funds would be received shortly as there were \$8000 worth of grants that are pending. Bob noted that \$30,000 has been allocated in grants with recipients being 25% female and 75% male and funds are only allocated to those that live in Richmond.

8. **Trust Fund** – no report.

9. **Correspondence**

Jim stated that a letter had been received from the City with regard to the appointment of David Ince as Manager of Community Recreation Services.

10. **Round Table – highlights**

Ivan

- Richmond Committee on Disability Back to Goodies Event Sept. 12th
- Annual fund raising gala October 4th - information circulated separately via email
- Bonspiel Nov. 20-23 at the Curling Club with int'l teams, 8 registered to date
- Richmond Lawn Bowling Club did very well in the Provincial games and the National competitions
- September 31st, season closes

Jack

- Rugby started last weekend with 3 teams
- Youth side is struggling due to the school strike as recruitment is usually through the schools
- Womens teams 7 for the first month and then 15 in October

Barb

- Arena programs during the school strike but do not have space to try to open up more
- Summer Tournament by RACA raised \$990 for KidSport
- Summer camps 35 kids per session
- Rmd Minor opening date September 14th – celebration
- Minoru flooring upgraded
- Renovating the board room
- Ice is in
- Major events include Lacrosse, hockey, sockeyes, seafair ice breaker

Rosemary

- Watermania shut down for maintenance
- Rapids Water Polo at Steveston
- Water program for adults in September and for the youngsters in October
- Will be attending the MMF meeting on September 10th

Don

- Wheelchair International November 20-22
- Information brochure circulated on curling
- Season starting earlier to accommodate extra bonspiels

Keith

- Rmd City Baseball wrapped up the summer season and now back to fall season
- Teams doing well in Provincials
- Blundell Park batting cage nearly complete and will be available for winter training

Mike

- Rod and Gun Club – archery is booming
- Junior Olympic program starting up
- 12 – 24 new people coming to the training program
- Air Gun division doing well and will be a youth training camp

Bob

- Congratulated Robbie Jacobs for his participation in the Whistler Ironman Triathlon finishing 827th overall and 64th in your division with 1907 competitors. Robbie had an outstanding swim time of 1.07.05 in the 2.4 mile course and a bike race of 112 miles and finally ran a 26.2 mile race. Overall with a great time of 13.29.11 for this event. Well done Robbie.

Terry

- Football opening day Labour Day weekend – teams will be in all six divisions

Sanjeet

- City has done a great job on the cricket pitch.

Jared

- First annual Pro Meet last weekend
- Referred to article in the local newspaper
- Very successful summer

Warren:

- Thinking of starting another division for 55+

Stu

- Dr. Sheila Babul will be in attendance at Oct meeting re Sports Concussions

Bill

- Field lacrosse starts September 15th
- 14% increase in registration this year
- Field will be ready for tournament long weekend

Gary:

- Girls softball reps Try outs for next 2 weeks
- Registration will take place mid Jan 2015

Mike:

- Juvenile Soccer for 11 to 17 yrs season started last week
- Hugh Boyd tournament Sept. 13/14
- Thanksgiving tournament would like to use school fields – Gregg responded this will be re evaluated and options looked at
- Rmd Youth Soccer Association are rebranding to *Richmond Football Club*
- Oval have requested 75 new soccer balls for hanging from the ceiling

Steve:

- Adult Soccer season starting Sept.13
- Club is off and running

Serj:

- Junior mens team finished in top tier, lost in semi finals
- Nationals in Quebec included some players from the club
- New League – Junior Mens Division – 14 teams
- Western Canadian at Chilliwack for 5 days, would like to see Richmond Host this event
- Minoru – baseball and cricket are working together to make things happen
- Offered a Baseball training session while the strike is on to take kids

No further business.

Meeting adjourned at 8.40 pm

Nora Wright
Recording Secretary

Next meeting: Tuesday October 14, 2014

Jim will be on vacation and Bob Jackson will take the Chair

