



Richmond Sports Council

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Tuesday September 10, 2019

Present: Jim Lamond (Chair), Bob Jackson, Pam Lacroix, Barry Riva,
Mike Thorne, Lance Carey, Barb Norman, Jeanne Jensen, Scott Stewart,
Steve Valenzuela, Al Groff, David Van Ostrand,
Bill Shayler, Karen Fisher Hagel, Don Fisher, Mike Fletcher, Ivan Wong,
Sean Handlin, John Parnell, Serj Sangara, Gordon Farrell,
Sandra Sequeira, Rein Weber, Councillor Bill McNulty,

Regrets: Sanjeet Sadana, Carolyn Hart, Rosemary Nickerson, Donna Marsland,
Rob Parmar, Jack Hamilton, Nik Nashlund, Stu Corrigan,
Gregg Wheeler (City staff), Sam Morizawa, (City staff),

1. Call to order at 7.00 pm.
2. Approval of minutes of July 2019 – Moved: Barb Norman, Seconded: Jeanne Jensen, Carried .
3. Business arising from minutes – none.
4. Guest – Introduction of representatives from Pickleball who are new members of RSC.
5. **Council Update** – deferred to later in the meeting
6. **Staff Report** – none.
7. **Wall of Fame Update** – deferred to later in the meeting.
8. **Sport Hosting Update**

Reminder to submit applications for grants and any questions to please call Robyn.

Canada Cup Fencing event in September and more events in the fall.

9. **Creating Community Champions Gala Event**

Steve stated that the event in 2020 would be held on February 28, Keynote speaker yet to be confirmed.

10. **Sports Awards Report** – next meeting scheduled for first week in October.

11. **KidSport** – deferred to later in the meeting.

12. **55 Plus Games**

Jim reported that a group of directors and City staff would be visiting Kelowna this coming weekend.

2020 games in Richmond would attract 5000 athletes over four days and arrangements were currently underway to accommodate some of the sports in the community centres. High cost of hotels could be a problem.

13. **Trust Funds**

Jim provided a brief history of the trust funds which started in 1979 and these funds were available for travel only for athletes that compete in provincial and national events.

14. **Correspondence** – Jim distributed copies of the Outdoor Sport Field Allocation Policy and stated this was the final policy, some members responded that it was marked Draft only and they needed time to read and bring forward any changes.

15. **Round Table and New Business**

Serj – Richmond Little League:

- Application for a \$50,000 grant to Vancouver Canadian Foundation for artificial turf for King George Park.
- Outdoor Sport Facilities and Amenities Allocation Policy draft to be circulated following meeting

Bob – KidSport

- By the end of 2019 \$140,000 will have been allocated
- 305 applications to date with 85 to 90% approved at \$600 per child per year

Councillor McNulty – Wall of Fame

- Recommendation report submitted to Council with 90% accepted
- Ceremony will be held November 23rd at the Gateway Theatre

Council Report

- Ride sharing in the fall
- Homelessness Strategy adopted
- Council support for Clean BC Plastic Action Plan Policy.
- Richmond has 78% carbon footprint at present
- MCAL pool being repaired at not cost to taxpayers

Sandra/Gordon – Pickleball:

- Incorporated in July 2019
- 5 directors currently
- Potential of 150 member
- Fastest growing sport in North America
- Need facility in Richmond, wheelchair accessible

Bill – Field Lacrosse

- Ready to go in 2 weeks

Al – Richmond Girls Softball

- Started last week, four young teams and one older team
- Six players from club now in college across Canada
- Looking for a lighted area

Scott – Speed Skating

- MOU with Oval
- Shortage of coaches and officials, training offered to anyone interested
- Oval Coach is now a Provincial Coach

David Oval

- Getting ready for fall programs, hockey, basketball
- Parking challenges at the Oval
- Canadian Cup Fencing Sept. 27 - 29

Mike – Rod and Gun Club

- Best fishing season in 20 years
- Hunting season now for Canada geese
- Archery programs going well, will be shooting indoors fall/winter
- Air gun shut down in the summer

Steve/Sean – Adult Soccer

- Season kicking off
- Kick of bbq at South Arm this coming weekend
- All Star Game playing Burnaby

Rein – Richmond Youth Soccer

- Well underway

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- Under 18s this weekend
- Jamboree at Boyd Sept. 14th
- 1100 kids registered for the fall
- Preference for one day a week drop in soccer
- Friday night camps
- September 27th tournament at Boyd

Mike – Soccer

- New uniforms with KidSport logos

John – Richmond City Baseball

- Wrapping up summer season
- Fall programs very popular
- Triple AAA on September 21st

Tony – Table Tennis

- Medals won at National Junior championships gold and bronze
- Pan Am Games gold medal in mix doubles female and player from Richmond won bronze

Jeanne – Richmond Tennis Club

- Introduced new manager
- Web site updated
- Brand new courts, thanks to Gregg and Sammy – Australian Blue

Lance – Richmond Field Hockey

- Girls are doing well
- Hosting team from Ontario on Sept. 15, meet and greet
- Pleased with new track and a change lane for runners

Don – Curling Club

- Thank you to Pickleball, first event went very well
- Open House September 15th
- Double Bonspiel Sept 20-22
- Practice Ice Sept. 12 6.30 to 9.30. Sept. 13th – 10 to 30 and 6.30 to 9.30
- Fresh Scape Bonspiel Sept 14 – 15, any gender, any age, 16 teams max
- Janice Froese – Office and Business Development Manager
- Oen Hayward – Ice and Facility Operations Manager

RSC Bank balance \$3181.71

Barb – RACA

- Member has run tournament as a fundraiser for KidSport for past 5 years

- Oval negotiations resulted in decrease in number of hours cannot afford fees and getting times was a challenge. 40.5 hours for this year
- Rate increase \$122 for first group and \$210 for 2nd group
- AGM September 17th
- Upgrades to kitchen
- Set of mini nets for little kids

Karen – Kajaks

- New resurfacing of track completed Australian Blue
- Cross country season/high school cross country
- High profile members now moving on to university
- Participation in Pan Am Games

Ivan – Lawn Bowling/RCD

- RCD nothing to report
- Lawn bowling doing well
- Medals won BC Provincials bronze, silver and 5 gold
- Nationals Silver in womens singles
- Artificial green change and will be ready next week.

16. **Adjournment**

No further business, adjournment at 8 05 pm

Jim Lamond, Chair

Nora Wright, Recording Secretary

Next meeting – Tuesday October 8, 2019.