



Richmond Sports Council

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Tuesday September 15, 2020 Telephone/Video Conference call meeting

Attendance: Jim Lamond (Chair), Bob Jackson, Colin Elms, Don Fisher, Gordon Farrell, Jeanne Jensen, Lance Carey, Serj Sangara, Stu Corrigan, Robin Hughes, Rein Weber, Scott Stewart, Ivan Wong, Councillor Bill McNulty, City staff - Paul Morizawa, Gregg Wheeler

1. Call to order at 7.04 pm.
2. Approval of minutes from June 16, 2020. Moved: Don Fisher, Seconded; Scott Stewart, Carried .
3. Business arising from minutes – none.
4. **Council Update**

Councillor McNulty provided the following information:

- City Hall remains closed except for payment of property taxes until end of September. To date 90% owners have paid
- Business in Richmond struggling
- Will be a no frills year for budget
- No Casino funding
- Staff are working from home
- Social Services hosting of AGM and fund raising a challenge
- Attended Boys Soccer on Saturday, a job well done with following protocol
- Lawn Bowling has started
- Three indoor fitness areas open at South Arm, Thompson and MCAL
- ViaSports guidelines and number of sports opening up
- Minoru Oval artificial turf being prepared and lines worked on
- COVID Testing Station available next to Tennis Club on Gilbert
- Steveston traffic areas back to normal

- Introduced a Motion requesting that masks be mandatory in all City facilities including staff. This was passed unanimously by Council.

5. Staff Report

Gregg provided updates as follows:

- ViaSport now into Phase 3
- COVID Safety plans received from Soccer, Softball, Baseball, Lacrosse, Kajaks etc.
- Lawn Bowling open two hours in the morning and two hours in the afternoon with 2 against 2 and going very well
- Minoru Oval putting in custom lines
- Minoru track TPE i.e. man made product as opposed to reclaimed tires. Shock pads underneath and guaranteed for approximately 8 years
- Pickleball courts at West Richmond and South Arm
- Ice Arena up and running six sheets from 6 am thru 11 pm. no games just practicing and skill development. Dressing rooms are closed
- MCAL Pool opening Monday September 21st. Times to be booked
- Watermania open for swim clubs only
- Going slow, keeping safe and following protocol

Lance confirmed that teams were being formed and waiting for Vancouver Field Hockey to get protocols sorted out. Hope to start in October.

6. **Insurance** – no updates.

7. **Financial report**

Bank balance as at Sept. 15/20 \$3,179.90.

Dues are now past due for the 2020 season and we suggest

Members who have not paid, mail in their \$10.00 payment to Richmond Sports Council c/o 415- 4600 Westwater Dr. Richmond B.C. V7E-6S2

8. **KidSport**

Bob confirmed that a new web site was up and running but still a few bugs to sort out. \$23,000 in funds allocated to date and currently down 100 applications from last year. \$700 per year per child confirmed.

9. Other Business

Pickeball

Gordon stated that the club would like to purchase brooms and squeegies to keep the courts clean and to have a lock box for members to use which they would be prepared to pay for. Gregg committed to meet and discuss options in this regard.

Tennis:

- In July and August, youth and adult lessons on Minoru Courts were fully attended with a Coach/Student Ratio 1:4
- In July and August club youth lessons ran Mon. thru Thurs. from 1pm to 4pm. These were fully booked and will continue in the fall.
- New Bubble going up Sept. 28

Curling Club

-Ice installation will begin Sept. 28/20.

-League Curling expected to start Oct. 13/20.

-New LED lighting will be fully installed by start-up.

-Our facilities to be made available to two Vancouver Clubs

which may not start their operations until earl next year.- New MURAL is being applied to the exterior side of our building on the Gilbert side with completion in two weeks.

-Staff working hard and have completed Covid health plans.

-Our volunteers have been working extremely hard all spring and summer.

School Sports

Bob stated that school sports not in the same start up plan and there will be no playoffs etc.

Bonspiel cancelled for November.

10. Adjournment - No further business and meeting adjourned at 7.33 pm

Jim Lamond, Chair

Nora Wright, Recorder

Next virtual meeting – Tuesday October 13, 2020.