



Richmond Sports Council

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Tuesday January 8, 2013

Present: Bob Jackson, (Chair), Mike Romas, Annie Watson, Tony Shaw, Don Fisher, Peter Mitchell, Sanjeet Sandana, Stu Corrigan, Gary Rosval, Trevor Rennie, Rosemary Nickerson, Rob Parmar, Christopher Maika, Barbara Norman, Donna Marsland, Glenn Kishi, Doug Long, Terry Kehoe, Bill Shayler, Steve Valenzuela, Lisa Tam, Serj Sangara, Sam Morizawa (City Staff), Gregg Wheeler (City Staff), Councillor Bill McNulty

Regrets: Jim Lamond

1. Meeting called to order at 7 pm
Bob made an announcement in regard to Jim's health status.
2. Approval of minutes from December 11, 2012 – Don Fisher, Bill Shayler, Carried.
3. Business arising – Nil.
4. Guest – none. Bob explained that Linda Reid should be available for the March meeting.
5. **Council Update**

Councillor McNulty explained the City of Richmond's Social Services Program that will be taken to various groups from childcare to health services for comments and feedback. Councillor McNulty recommended that the Richmond Sports Council look at this document to see how it ties in with sport and to respond by the end of March. The program will be on the City web site shortly for ease of reference.

Walmart development has been referred back to staff.

Councillor McNulty continued by providing details on the Council Term Goals for 2011-2014 as follows:

- Community Safety, Social Services, Economic Development, Facility Development, Financial Management, Intergovernmental Relations, Managing

Growth and Development, Sustainability and Environment wellness within the community.

- Councillor McNulty referred to the assessments being sent out by BC Assessment and confirmed that development in Richmond is not slowing down. An enquiry with regard to a replacement for the Aquatic centre was responded to by Councillor McNulty that this will be looked at in the future development of the Minoru Precinct. In response to the Arenas replacement “not looked at this yet”.
- Serj brought up the subject of the geese problem and was there something that RSC could do? Dogs chasing the geese works but then they just go elsewhere. Councillor McNulty recommended that a letter be sent to Mayor and Council emphasizing the health issue together with a copy to the MLAs and MP.

Motion;

That a letter be sent to Mayor and Council with regard to the geese situation in Richmond pointing out the health and safety issue and recommending alternative and effective plans.

Moved: Trevor Rennie, Seconded: Donna Marsland, Carried.

It was also recommended that a copy of this letter be sent to the School Board too.

6. Staff Update

Bob introduced Gregg Wheeler, Manager of Sports and Community Events. Gregg provided information on the Richmond Celebration of Hockey Day on Saturday February 9th from 11 am thru to 7 pm and extended an invitation to everyone.

7. Sport Hosting Update

Mike was pleased to report that the following events had been secured:

- Secured the Provincial High School Grade 9 Girls Basketball Championship
 - o Feb. 27 – Mar. 2
 - o Richmond Olympic Oval
- Currently working on the following bids:
 - o 2014 World Martial Arts Games
 - o 2016 CARHA Hockey World Cup
 - o BC School Sports
 - 2014 Boys AA+AAA Basketball Championship
 - 2014 Girls AAA Volleyball Championship
 - o 2014 Canadian Box Lacrosse Championship
 - o 2013 Western Canadian Baseball Championship

- Upcoming events
 - Rowing Canada AGM
 - Jan. 25-27
 - Radisson and Richmond Olympic Oval
 - Synchro National Stream Competition
 - Jan. 26-27
 - Watermania

Mike reported that over \$102,000 in hosting of community sports had been granted in 2012 covering 46 events.

Mike concluded by confirming that Sport BC is bringing the Community Sport Hero Awards, presented by Teck, to the City of Richmond on March 14, 2013. The awards will honour long-standing community volunteers who have made significant contributions to sport. Nominations are now being accepted through sportbc.com until Friday, February 15, 2013.

8. **Sports Awards**

Bob confirmed that the 2013 Sports Awards would be held on Thursday May 2nd at McMath School and a flyer and application forms should be available shortly. The first meeting of this committee will take place within the next 2 weeks. Bob emphasized the inclusion in the awards to cover seniors, people with disabilities, youth etc. and to please recognize as many people as possible. Bob stated that \$1000 had been donated to KidSport from last years event.

On an enquiry from Serj, Bob confirmed that the recommendations from last year will be incorporated in the 2013 awards ceremony.

9. **KidSport**

Bob circulated financial information and stats to the end of 2012. A cheque in the amount of \$15,000 is still pending from Telus and another cheque from Hyundai in the amount of \$3000. A grant for \$10,000 has been applied for via the City of Richmond and the result of the application should be known by the end of February or early March.

Bob drew attention to the fact that 75% of the applicants are boys and there needs to be more from female sports. The application form is on the web site. All in all Bob stated that this was a good year for KidSport.

AGM will be held February 12, 2013 when a new Executive will be elected.

10. **Trust Fund**

No report from Sammy. Bob confirmed that there are two trust funds available and one of these was for seniors.

10. **Correspondence**

Bob read out the following e.mail:

Michael Kidd from RGSA, with a question regarding bleachers at the fields we play at. Our executive has a couple of people that are sure that the city normally has covered the cost of replacing bleachers at the fields. The person that we spoke to at the City was indicating this was to be a cost absorbed by the Softball Association itself.

I am looking for comments from Soccer or other sports that use these types of facilities.

Gregg responded that presently the City does not have funds to purchase new seating only to maintain the present inventory also the City does not have any more bleachers. Bob enquired about the redundant Oval bleachers and Gregg responded that these were not suitable for external use only internal and they were very heavy and not user friendly. They would also require a concrete pad for installation.

Donna stated that the bleachers maintenance, replacement issue etc. needed to be clarified and both Donna and Gary will get more information in this regard and then speak with Sammy.

Gregg asked the members to contact him directly in regard to any issues they may have rather than wait for the next meeting. Telephone: 604 270 8721 for Dispatch at the Works Yard which is 24 x 7 coverage.

Sanjeet requested a list of contacts in regard to field maintenance etc. as it was a challenge to know who to contact. Bob committed to following up with Sammy and provide a small quick reference card for all members to keep for information.

11. **Round Table highlights**

Terry

- SAA Swimathon being held on February 8th as a Fundraiser for our KidSport Chapter
- Soccer – successful tournaments both boys and girls from Richmond

Mike

- Thank you for hosting events in 2012.

Glenn

- Basketball season going well both boys and girls, table tennis seniors boys and girls and curling has 4 schools involved

Bill

- Lacrosse – two boys picked for national team.

Trevor

- Registration Jan 12th at Minoru on line and live
- Thank you to Mike for work on Western Championship bid
- Thank you to Sammy for grant project

Serj

- 5000 sq.ft. facility being build behind Home Depot

Gary

- Softball BC have decided to give other cities a chance, however, tournaments will still take place.

Christopher

- Track and Field – first road race team Jan 27th. Ice Breaker 300 metres.

Lisa

- Beach Volleyball recently joined RSC. Hosting a free kids movie event during family day weekend Feb 10th.

Tony

- Table Tennis – Richmond Open will be held Jan 12 – 13 at Cambie. Bob pointed that Tony is now certified as an International Referee.

Rob

- Football – between seasons. Games will start in March.

Rosemary

- Swimming – pool closed for maintenance at Watermania and used Steveston instead

Don

- Curling – up and running as usual. Fun afternoon will be organized later in February, however, a minimum of 12 people are required i.e. 4 teams of 3 and will probably be held mid afternoon. More information will be sent out via e.mail. PIC will be held April 18th for 5 days.

Annie

- Competition season is getting underway. Elite Tournament will be held in Edmonton in February and three from the club will be attending

Barb

- RACA - Very successful programs, will provide numbers at the next meeting.

Gregg

- 20 days of Winter Wonderland has now finished. Regular operations at the ice centre now.
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No further business - Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Nora Wright
Recording Secretary

Next meeting – Tuesday February 12, 2013