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Tuesday January 13, 2015

Present:

Jim Lamond (Chair) Bob Jackson, Don Fisher, Matt Daniel, Donna Marsland, Terry Kehoe, Barbara Norman, Bill Shayler, Rosemary Nickerson, Colin Elms, Mike Fletcher, Sam Morizawa, Gregg Wheeler, (City staff), Pam Lacroix, Jared Hulme, Barb Norman, Noleen Mueller, Mike Thorne, Tony Shaw, Ivan Wong, John Braaten, Don Fennell, Matt Daniel, Steve Valenzuela, Stephanie Kennedy, Kim Seadom, Nathalie Stewart, Councillor McNulty

Regrets: Stu Corrigan, Lance Carey, Serj Sangara

Meeting called to order at 7.00 pm

1. Minutes of December 9, 2014 approved as circulated – Don Fisher/Ivan Wong, Carried.
2. Business arising – Nil
3. Introduction of guest – Linda Reid MLA who thanked everyone for their contribution to sport in the community.

4. Presentation by Linda Diano – 2015 The Year of Women in Sport

Linda opened her presentation by referring to the Womens World Cup Soccer event in 2015 which was the single largest elite sporting event for women in the world with 24 countries participating.

Linda continued by asking sports groups for their support in hosting soccer games on June 28th with a goal for Richmond to host at least 5 events. The web site for all the information and the four opportunities for participating can be found at <http://thepowerinsport>

5. Council Update

Budgets are currently being addressed at City Hall with final approval in May 2015.

Term Goals for Council are also being prepared and Councillor McNulty asked for feedback especially with regard to sport so that this could be included in the goals.

Councillor McNulty thanked everyone for another year of supporting sport in the community and he would like to be invited (together with Council members) to the AGMs and special events during the year. “You are all doing a great job”. Volunteers are the backbone of the community.

Wall of Honour report will be going forward to General Purposes Committee on Monday January 19, 2015.

6. **Staff Update**

Gregg provided an update on Minoru 3 field and advised that the construction fencing should be removed by the end of January.

A reminder on the Can Am Torch Relay on June 14th which is currently in the planning stage.

Jim enquired about the email from Serj from Baseball and Gregg responded that this had been taken care of.

7. **Minoru Building Update**

Bob displayed the draft maps of the proposed layout of the 1st and 2nd floor with 8000 sq.ft being dedicated to support field user groups. The committee had requested some changes to the layout and these are currently under consideration by staff. A request was made for WIFI in the building and also a PA system. In response to a question on WIFI outside the building and Donna responded that this could be a long term vision and dependent upon budget. The question of a scoreboard was also raised and it was confirmed that this would not be available at present but had been included on the Wish List.

Bob indicated that there was no easy access for emergency vehicles especially near the first aid room also should be addressed. Draft Layouts of the 1st and 2nd floor were also distributed and any further questions should be directed to Bob or Jim.

8. **Sport Hosting Update**

FIFA Women's World Cup - Richmond Sport Hosting bid to host a team prior to the games for training. Richmond Girls Soccer Association would support this. Waiting to hear back for FIFA if we won.

Richmond Sport Hosting is currently working on bids for:

- Ismaili Games - Nationals in 2015 and International Games in 2016
- Roller Derby - International event for 2016
- Short Track National Trials 2015-2016

Contact with Sport BC in regards to hosting a few events for the America's Masters

Basketball BC and Basketball Canada discussions about hosting 3x3 tournaments and championships. May 2015 hopefully hosting the provincials and 2016 hosting larger events

Richmond Sport Hosting nominated the Pacific Rim Gymnastics Competition for the Canadian Sport Tourism Alliance award for International Event of the Year. Will find out at the end of February

Slow trickle of grants coming into the office so let us know if you are planning to apply. New forms are going to be uploaded to the website in the next few days.

Events Calendar:

- Richmond Winter Classic went really well (Jan 3-4) and is hoping to grow for 2016
- Age Class Wrestling Championship at the Oval Jan 16-17
- Karate Nationals at the Oval Jan 30-Feb 1
- Harry Jerome Indoor Track Meet at the Oval Feb 7
- Football BC Combine at the Oval Feb 8-9
- Redbull Crashed Ice Regional Qualifiers at the Oval Feb 9
- Fencing World Cup at the Oval Feb 13-15

Richmond Sport Hosting is always happy to help support and promote sport in Richmond so if anyone wants to get their event(s) added to websites or city calendars please forward the info to Pam at placroix@richmondoval.ca

9. Wall of Honour

Bob confirmed that a committee meeting had taken place on January 7th and changes to the criteria had been made e.g. 3 yrs to 5 yrs after retiring from a sport, team should be 75% Richmond residents with the concept of a Richmond community connection being preferable. The committee would also like to see the name changed back to the Wall of Fame. Changes to criteria should go to General Purposes Committee on January 19th.

Bob continued that deadlines for applications was January 15, 2015 and encouraged everyone to submit applications which can be done on line even if all the information was not available, at least get the names in. The formal ceremony is tentatively scheduled for June. Next meeting of the Wall of Honour Committee is scheduled for January 28th.

10. Sports Awards

Terry thanked Don Fennell for his coverage in the local newspaper promoting this event. There are 18 categories for nominations and only 11 category nominations have been received to date. Terry stated that nominations were sadly lacking for female and male youth teams and administrators. Nothing had been received from hockey, soccer, baseball, gymnastics, rugby, rowing and lacrosse. Terry emphasized the need to suggest just the names and the committee would work on pulling all the information together. Banquet to be held May 7, 2015 at McMath School.

11. KidSport

Bob circulated financial statements for the fiscal year Jan 1 thru December 31, 2014. 267 applications, 218 approved and 18 pending. 35 sports have been provided with funding in 2014.

Bob encouraged everyone to add the KidSport information onto their web sites to ensure that families are aware of this grant application process.

12. **KidSport Fund Raiser Banquet**

Jared confirmed that he would be sending out more information via Facebook, Twitter and the web site. This will be sent via Nora in a separate email. The next meeting will confirm the keynote speaker and MC. Jared also pointed out that TSN would be on site this year. Date of event April 10, 2015.

13. **Trust Fund** – no report.

14. **Correspondence** – Jim had received information from Stu Corrigan as follows;

Discover Your Sport ~ Move to Health”

Planned date:

Friday, May 8

Time:

6:30 - 8:30 PM

Location:

Minoru Park (Oval)

Set up:

same as last year

At this point, there are no planned activities for the next day (Saturday). If there is agreement and consensus at Sport Council, we will move forward with planning for this date and event.

15. **Round Table** (highlights only)

Matt:

- Trying to encourage kids from lower incomes to join golf and will be visiting elementary schools to promote the sport
- Purchase of equipment is a challenge

Mike:

- Soccer started and playing on new Minoru 2 and 3 fields

Stephanie?

- Panther Cheerleaders at the Oval (1300 participants)

Kim:

- Gymnastics event Jan 3rd
- Record number of girls joining

Jared:

- Kajaks Ice Breaker Sunday Feb 1st, 8 km run
- Coaching at Rmd High – members should come and see good basketball

Colin:

- As Sportstown owner looking for a new home
- 15 yrs of five a side inside soccer

Mike:

- Rod and Gun Club – Paul Alexander has resigned as chair
- Archery going strong 4-5 days a week
- Saltwater fishing done
- All divisions of club are expanding

Donna:

- Rmd Girls Softball gearing up for the season
- Ice breaker is end of April

Terry:

- Football AGM Jan 19th

Tony:

- Table Tennis tournament Jan 24th Rmd Open 9 am to 7 pm

John:

- Online registration now open & in-person registration Richmond Centre Jan. 24 & 25
- RCBA Opening Day April 11th at Latrace field
- 12 RCBA players to attend private training session with Toronto Blue Jays at Oval Jan. 23rd

Noleen:

- Gymnastics – boys have been training for National and Canada Games
- Recreation program up and running
- Registration has gone up

Don:

- Curling is now $\frac{3}{4}$ way thru the season
- 26 junior teams in Bonspiel
- Lessons available
- Junior team went to Provincials
- BC Wheelchair championship Jan 16-18

Rosemary:

- Season is going along well
- Winter mode at present
- Season starts May 1st at Steveston

- Richmond Rapids are in competition

Nathalie:

- Richmond Rocketts speed skating
- Skating at oval for 3 years
- Up and coming club for speedskating
- Division champions – competition in Port Coquitlam
- Would like to be club of the year
- First competition Feb 7th at the Oval

Barb:

- Many tournaments over Christmas/New Year
- Ringette tournament this past weekend

Ivan:

- Nothing to report from Rmd Committee on Disability
- Lawn Bowling Dec 30th – damage and vandalism on south green
- Windows broken following altercation on Dec 30th with youth - RCMP report
- Trespassing taking place – soccer and skateboarding
- Asked City for 6ft fence to be installed – rejected

Gregg responded to the comments from Ivan. As the safety of the players was at stake, it was recommended by Jim that a letter to Mayor and Council be sent in regard to the lawn bowling incidents.

No further business – meeting adjourned at 9.05 pm

Nora Wright
Recording Secretary

Next meeting: Tuesday February 10, 2015