



**Minoru Sports Pavilion
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Tuesday April 8, 2014

Present:

Jim Lamond, (Chair), Tony Shaw, Mike Thorne, Gary Rosval, Don Fennell, Sanjeet Sadana, Serj Sangara, Jordan Mottle (Oval), Lance Cary, Don Fisher, Bill Shayler, Robbie Jacobs, Barbara Norman, Donna Marsland, Terry Kehoe, Ivan Wong, Stuart Corrigan, Jared Hulme, Sam Morizawa, Gregg Wheeler, (City staff), Councillor Bill McNulty

Guest: Dr. Nikolay Yelizarov, Richmond Muscle and Tendon Clinic
195 – 8279 Saba Road, Richmond Tel: 273-3334. www.musclestrain.ca

Meeting called to order at 7.02 pm

1. Approval of minutes from March 11, 2014 – Move: Don Fisher, Seconded: Barb Norman, Carried.
2. Business arising from the minutes – Nil.
3. Dr. Nikolay Yelizarov introduced by Councillor Bill McNulty. Dr Yelizarov has a business in Richmond and would provide good medical help to athletes. Dr. Yelizarov then provided a brief background on his professional career and the services available at his clinic with a variety of clients coming for treatment.

4. Council Update

Councillor McNulty made reference to Volunteer Week and on behalf of City Council thanked the volunteers for the countless hours they contributed to sport.

5. Staff Update

Gregg reiterated the comments of Councillor McNulty and thanked everyone on behalf of staff for their efforts which were very much appreciated.

Richmond City Baseball – April 13th is the opening of the long base cage at Blundell Park beginning at 11 am and also the kick off to the season.

At 1.00 pm on April 12th the 39th Service Battalion will be receiving the Freedom of the City with the ceremony taking place in the City Hall Plaza.

6. **Garden City Land** – no updates.

7. **Sport Hosting Update**

Jordan explained that Tanya has been in Edmonton at the Canadian Sport Tourism Alliance Awards during which time she had been in contact with national sporting organizations who had expressed interest in hosting in Richmond. Tanya will be in touch with sports clubs to see if they are interested in taking on an event.

8. **Minoru Fields Committee and Recommendations**

Donna provided an update on the meetings held to date and the discussions on the current facilities together with plans for the new facilities at Minoru. Working with the City to make these facilities as good as, or better, than before. Donna confirmed that one set of plans have now been agreed upon and staff would be taking this forward to a General Purposes Committee meeting, however, no date has yet been confirmed.

Gregg stated that a memo and map had been presented to Mayor and Council with an update and specifics on the next steps. Councillor McNulty stated that no map had been received to date.

Donna emphasized that there may be some further fine tuning by the Park Consultant and any changes will be discussed with the Committee first together with construction of the new Minoru Park Pavilion. Greg stated that a matrix had been designed indicating all the requirements of the Committee.

Gregg referred to the changes that would be taking place with regard to Track and Field which would be moved to the south east/north west configuration. Javelin, discus, shot putt and hammer would also be affected. Serj stated that “he anticipated a problem with this”. Gregg responded that Richard Collier was on the committee and did not raise any concerns. Jim emphasized that this discussion would take place within the committee level and not individual sports.

Bob commented on the new design for cricket to be accommodated in the park and enquired if there was enough space when track and field events take place. Sanjeet confirmed that he saw no problem with cricket.

Bob continued by referring to the storage and change room requirements which had been made very clear to the staff, however, there is no guarantee that this will be accommodated in the new building. These requirements have been included in the “shopping list” which will be discussed with staff and S.C. Committee.

Don Fennell enquired about the public space area of the fields and Gregg confirmed that the path would remain and on the north side and there would be a fence where the apartments are located.

9. Wall of Fame

Jim reported that he was still waiting for a letter from the City with regard to the committee structure indicating that Sports Council would be taking the lead on this initiative.

10. Sports Awards – May 7, 2014

Terry confirmed that nominations had been received and tickets are now on sale for this event. Terry stated that in order to break even, three tickets need to be sold for each finalist and it would be a good opportunity to thank the volunteers and showing appreciation by the purchase of tickets to the Sports Awards. Tickets can be purchased on line through richmondgirlssoccer.com

11. KidSport

Bob circulated financial statements and reviewed the details. KidSport are expecting 270 to 280 applications in total for 2014 and to date there have been 71 compared to 67 in 2013. Grants have been received and no more funds are anticipated this year. Thanks given to Jared and Robbie for the amount of time given to ensuring the success of the Fund Raising banquet. Thanks also to Sanjeet for the 5 year commitment from the Hilton.

12. Trust Fund – no report.

13. Round Table (highlights)

Bob:

- Commented on the quality of playing fields he had noted during his recent trip to the US even in the smaller, or poorer areas and he was very impressed

Stu:

- 10 have signed up for Discover Your Sport Day to date and Stu encouraged everyone to participate, all he needs is the name and contact information
- May 4th at the Oval a seminar by a retired professional wrestler

Robbie:

- Introduced some metal hangers for displaying of medals which can be customized as required. Contact details: elite medal displays www.elitemedaldisplays.com, 778-384-9298
- Triathlon season has started.

Serj:

- Junior Mens Team has resumed. 18 players to date.

Jordan:

- Very busy spring break with 250 kids a week
- Pacific Rim Gymnastics Championship held
- Next Sports Council meeting can be held May 13th in Room 1055 at the Richmond Olympic Oval, parking passes will be provided. A tour of the oval will be available following the meeting.

Gary:

- Girls Softball started a week ago
- Tournaments every weekend

Sanjeet:

- Cricket season has started at Minoru
- Celebrating 50 yrs of cricket in 2016

Terry:

- Junior team season opened
- Host day is May 24th at Hugh Boyd

Tony:

- Table tennis event May 24 and May 25 at Cambie Secondary School, highest level competition this year

Mike:

- Steelhead season “hot” at Chilliwack
- Crab season is happening now

Lance:

- Field hockey season began last week – junior season
- Numbers are up and club is growing
- Three former Richmond developed players inducted into the UBC Hall of Fame including Lance’s daughter and Bob Jackson’s daughter

Don:

- Pacific International Curling Cup April 16 thru 20th. April 17th at 12.30 pm is the official opening, please drop by
- Free to come into the lounge

Barb:

- RACA – lighting has been upgraded
- Ice is out. 1129 hours at the Oval Ice
- New shelving and hooks in dressing rooms

- Lots of tournaments held over the Spring break

Ivan:

- Bonspiel Nov. 12 – 16
- Opening day for bowling April 26th at 11 am

Note from the Treasurer – 17 members paid up to date from a total of 30. \$10 membership fee reminder.

No further business

Nora Wright
Recording Secretary

Next meeting May 13, 2014 – Richmond Olympic Oval, Room 1055