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Tuesday December 13, 2011

Present: Jim Lamond (Chair), Roger Barnes, Peter Mitchell, Steve Valenzuela, Annie Watson, Donna Marsland, Gary Rosval, Wendy Steadman, Jeff Lightfoot, Trevor Rennie, Don Marriott, Fred Pawluk, Serj Sangara, Tony Shaw, Don Fisher, Dawne Tiller, Bill Shayler, Maria Majblat, Jack Hamilton, Terry Kehoe, Bob Jackson. Bill McNulty (City Council), Glenn Kishi (SD38), Eric Stepura, Sam Morizawa (City), Mike Romas (Sport Hosting), Gerry DeCicco (Oval)

Guests: Lisa Tam, Jeff Cheung (6Pack Indoor Beach Volleyball).

Regrets: Barb Norman, Ivan Wong, Cheryl Dunham, Mike Crawford, Dawna Sales.

1. Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm
2. Approval of November 8, 2011 minutes – Moved: Annie Watson, Seconded: Donna Marsland Carried.

That the November 8, 2011 Minutes be approved as amended regarding RMHA, Jeff Lightfoot's asked to amend the minutes on the discussion by RMHA on problems with hotels. Amendment will be circulated to the membership via the December minutes.

Amendment as follows:

“Jeff discussed an issue recently faced by Richmond Minor Hockey’s International Midget Tournament. That tournament had negotiated contractual arrangements with certain hotels in Richmond. Part of the tournament’s registration package stated that if teams did not book at the host hotels they may not be accepted into the tournament. Some local hotels found out about this and complained to Tourism Richmond who in turn complained to the City who had a meeting with Richmond Minor Hockey to find an answer to this situation. The money for sports hosting grants comes from a City imposed hotel tax, which it uses to subsidize sports groups hosting tournaments. As such, the City felt the exclusionary language in the Tournament’s application form violated public policy. RMHA changed the wording of its application such that teams can stay at other hotels. Jeff cautioned other minor sport associations to be mindful of this in structuring their tournaments, as the City may withhold their sports hosting grant”

3. Business arising from minutes – Nil

4. Guest – Lisa Tam, Jeff Cheng – 6 Pack Indoor Beach Volleyball – on Mitchell Island, 18,000 sq. ft., 32' ceiling, 750 tonnes of sand, all sorts of amenities, for groups, rental, drop in. Discussed programs plus Beach Tennis.

5. Council Update – Congratulations to all completing sport seasons. Call if he can be of assistance. Councillor McNulty wished the many sports groups a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year on behalf of Council.

6. Staff Update

Eric provided an update about Blundell 1st base area drainage. He also mentioned a letter to rectangular sports field users about their submissions. Deadline impending.

7. Sport Hosting Update

Western Canadian Tennis Championship. July 2012 National Table Tennis Tournament almost finalized. AGMs (Oval Annual meeting) have submitted a report to City Council about accessing sports hosting funds for larger events. Call for Sport Hosting bid preparation help, or any with questions regarding sport hosting, at 778-296-1406 or mromas@richmondoval.ca Jim circulated Bid Book for Sports Hosting bid for Gymnastics Championships in 2014 – well done.

Check out the new Richmond Sport Hosting website - www.richmondsporthosting.ca

8. KidSport

Bob reported that 2011 revenue is \$44,000 and \$37,000 was awarded in grants in 2011 compared to \$26,000 in 2010, with grants increased to maximum \$250 /person annually from \$150 in 2010. Cases increased to ~200 from 125 last year. Some cases were also referred to JumpStart.

9. **Trust Fund** – Nil. Seniors Trust Fund should be in place by the end of December 2012.

10. **Sports Awards Update** - Other venues including hotels will be investigated for hosting awards banquet.

11. **Correspondence** - The provincial government gaming website lists groups that are receiving grants. The Executive Secretary will forward the information. Youth sport funding has been restored. Thanks extended to Richmond MLA's. The Sport Council submission (adult sports, capital funding, funding certainty) to the Sport Funding Task Force was acknowledged. Per capita funding is also being considered. When will the report be out? The next round of sport funding will be due February to May. Sport BC is devolving and there will be a new sports group called the BC Sports Agency. Future funding may be partly participation, partly high performance, and events like BC Games, part administration.

12. Facilities Task Force Update

Twentyfour sport group submissions were received to date. A few are still overdue. Results will be compiled into a package with some results available in January.

13. Richmond Community Games

Some but not all community centres have expressed interest in participating. The Games will occur on July 28-29 possibly at the Oval Plaza and may be a sports demonstration festival.

14. Round Table

Roger – Soccer. 24 top futsal players playing off Jan. 7 at 7 pm at the Oval (free). Provincial play off for Futsal Jan 7, 2012.

Football – Nil.

Peter – The Rick Hansen Foundation is celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Man in Motion World Tour with a cross country relay that will come to Richmond May 20 and 21. Applications to participate are closing soon.

Steve – Senior Soccer – Dec, 27, 28 Futsal Tournament at the Oval.

Gary- Softball – Tournaments in April, May – July.

Wendy – Hockey – Midget tournament Dec. 26 - 31. Minoru, Ice Centre. 154 teams.

Jeff – Hockey – 1-4 Up to age 10.

Trevor – Baseball – Registration online. Jimmy Van Ostrand spoke to youth recently.

Fred – Kajaks – Jr Development Track Championships.

Serj- Batting cages at Oval in progress. Dugout Club is a non profit organization. Looking to update website and interested in supporting young local web developer.

Paul – Parks - City accepting groups as volunteers for Snow Angel program.

Eric – Parks - Richmond Sport for Life is developing a marketing plan for physical literacy and activity for life will be available at community centres.

Tony – Table Tennis – Provincial Championships were held Dec 3 & 4. at Cambie High School.

Gerry – Oval – Oval 3 years old. Concrete stand installed for 3 sided LED display. Climbing wall on the way for Feb. 11 opening. Batting cages to be over sprint track (12' wide). Gerry handed out the new Winter brochure.

Don – Curling – Dominion Curling Championships were hosted 2 weeks ago. 30 drivers and vans. It was their biggest and best tournament. A few New years Eve tickets are still available.

Bill – Lacrosse – Field Lacrosse tournament went well.
An under cover off season training facility is needed.

Glen – School Board – Many local athletes and teams finished very well at the provincial level.

Maria - Speedskating – Wish speedskating time. Setup and takedown take 1/3rd of practise time.

Bill – City - There is competition between different groups for funding and sports groups must all detail their needs via the facility task force, because other groups are advocating their needs. The community games should be supported because they fit the Sports for Life strategy.

Jack – Rugby – The season is half over and resumes in January. Part of the King George field is flooded and it appears there must be a damaged waterline.

Jim – Chair – New Sport hosting fund will be \$75,000 and will support bids upto \$25,000 and events totalling \$75,000 so please apply if you qualify. A lot of work was put into this. Hotels all pay 2% toward this so ensure you treat them all fairly. . This will not interfere with the hosting grant of \$100,000 as it exists. A committee will review the sport hosting process for tournaments

Jim asked Roger Barnes, Barb Norman and Bob Jackson to sit on the committee with city staff to come up with a policy that will be fair to everyone using hotels during tournaments.

No further business.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Next Meeting; Tuesday January 10, 2012