



Richmond Sports Council

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Tuesday October 9, 2012

Present: Jim Lamond, (Chair), Bob Jackson, Don Fennell, Sanjeet Sandana, Gary Rosval, Annie Watson, Tony Shaw, Paul Alexander, Christopher Maika, Jeff Lightfoot, Barbara Norman, Ivan Wong, Donna Marsland, Bill Alexander, Gary Stewart, Bill Shayler, Steve Valenzuela, Roger Lane, Christina Bosma, Sam Morizawa, Vern Jacques (City staff) Gerry DeCicco

Regrets: Don Fisher, Mike Romas, Jennifer Scott, Glenn Kishi, Councillor McNulty

1. Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm
2. Approval of minutes from September 11, 2012.

Moved: Barbara Norman, Seconded: Ivan Wong, Carried.

3. Business arising from minutes – Nil.
4. Council Update – Nil.
5. **Staff Update** – Vern Jacques

Vern stated that Eric Stepura's old position was still vacant, however, interviews had been held and a job offer will be made soon. The new manager will be introduced at the next Sports Council meeting in November.

Vern offered his support to the members and welcomed any comments they may have.

6. **Sport Hosting** – no report available as both Mike and Jennifer are out of town at present but they will bring a report to the November meeting.
7. **Facilities Task Force Report** – Jim confirmed that the final report is being put together and he will be calling a committee meeting shortly, however, there was no urgency as the report needs to be submitted within the next 12 months. Vern confirmed that some facilities were already proceeding i.e. Rod and Gun Club, new facility for Gymnastics, Lawn Bowling and

Soccer Clubhouse. Vern encouraged the submission of the report as quickly as possible to allow the City to analyze priorities. Jim committed to following up as soon as possible.

8. **Trust Fund** – no report.
9. **Discover your Sport Day/Committee** – Jim stated that following the success of this event which resulted in 10 new registrations for Gymnastics and 14 for Karate and Lawn Bowling doing well too, a committee would be set up shortly and work with RACA for another event in 2013.
10. **Correspondence** – Nil.
11. **Round Table (highlights)**
 - Sammy reminded everyone about sports awards nominations for coaches, teams, individuals etc.
 - Paul reported on a Rod and Gun Club event scheduled for November 2,3,4, 2012 with shooters attending from Saskatchewan, Alberta, Okanagan and Vancouver Island. The event will be held at Sports Town.
 - Field Lacrosse holding a tournament next month
 - Soccer – building up for the season, hoping for the provincials
 - Richmond Minor Hockey – tournaments have started
 - Gerry DeCicco reported on behalf of Sports Hosting and confirmed that the Oval had a 4 year partnership with Karate Canada. 2014 will have six large events at the Oval. Fencing Canada tournament in November. February 20-23, 2013 Western Canadian Gymnastics Showcase, March 7-10, 2013 Canada Elite Rhythmic Championships.
 - Sanjeet reported that the Richmond Cricket Club had a great season. “No playoffs because wicket is uneven!” and needs to be overhauled.
 - Track and Field – summer season is over. Cross country doing well. “running in sunny weather!”. Awards banquet November 4th. Track and field starts again in January. Indoor training for elite athletes at the Oval, winter training to the end of February
 - Ivan – bowling green still open until 9 pm
 - Barb – RACA – ice is in. Upgrades at Minoru.

- Annie introduced Christina Bosma who is the new president of the board. Registrations are up from last year. 2 male athletes won awards in Budapest. Joshua Stewart and Robert Watson
- Gary – Rugby is going well. 5 good teams. Mini teams (12 and under), Girls teams into the 2nd year and very competitive. 3 mens teams. Gary commented that he had to identify themselves on an application form and so he stated that they were a youth organization primarily, all had come through the Richmond school system and all lived in Richmond. The large goal is to have an artificial turf at King George Park 1. So that all field sports can be played.
- Peter distributed the certificates for those attendees at the Discover Your Sport Day. Reminder that Rmd Centre mall have food court tables and chairs available at the end of the month free to anyone that wants them. City will be approving the 2041 Official Community Plan shortly. City is reviewing the Garden City Lands comments from the residents with a decision on the use of the land within the next 2 years.

12. **KidSport**

Bob indicated that they had been very short of money for the last two months, however, \$20,000 has arrived. As a result \$12,250 has now been disbursed. Bob stated that 258 cases have been dealt with so far this year which is 33% more than last year to date. Telus grant of \$12,000 is still pending and Hockey \$3500 so with these funds KidSport should be OK to the end of 2012.

Bob expressed concern in regard to the lack of female group applications as 70% of the funds go to boys. Bob asked that everyone please communicate that these funds are available.

Jim thanked Bob for his hard work and dedication and for keeping such good financial records for KidSport.

Bob announced that on November 10th Jim Lamond will be receiving the Queen's Jubilee Medal. The ceremony will take place at Quilchena Golf and Country Club at 1 pm with Alice Wong presenting the medal.

Vern confirmed that the rate increase for the user groups on sport fields would be 2% and was included in the Consolidated Fees Bylaw recently approved by Council. Jim requested that Sports Council be informed prior to the report going forward to Council for approval so that the fee increase can be discussed as this is what has happened in the past so that sports groups can build it into their budget.

Vern agreed and responded that the fee program would continue to be included within the consolidated bylaws and the increase would be tied to inflation (CPI) and the increase would be effective January 1, 2013.

Bob also agreed that sports groups need this information ahead of time as this has an impact on registrations.

Vern thanked Seafair Minor Hockey for taking on the street clean up project and was very impressed with their initiative.

Jim continued by reminding everyone that the sports hosting program has \$100,000 so please submit applications for these funds. An application should be sent for each individual tournament not accumulate them and send them in all together. In response to a question, Jim confirmed that a portion of the funds are paid before the event and the balance afterwards. Jim also stated that the sports hosting program had been renewed for another five years.

No further business.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Nora Wright
Recording Secretary

Next meeting: Tuesday November 13, 2012