



Richmond Sports Council

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Tuesday September 13, 2011

Present: Jim Lamond (Chair) Roger Barnes, Serj Sangara, Bob Jackson, Pat Weatherill, Ivan Wong, Donna Marsland, Annie Watson, Dawne Tiller, Don Fisher, Jeff Lightfoot, Cheryl Dunham, Tony Shaw, Paul Alexander, Peter Mitchell, Don Fennel, Warren Karsgaard. Eric Stepura, Sam Morizawa, (City staff)

Regrets: Glenn Kishi, Barb Norman, Dawna Sales, Mike Romas

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm

1. Approval of July 12, 2011 minutes.
Moved: Don Fisher, Seconded: Pat Weatherill, Carried.
2. Business arising from minutes – Nil.
3. **Staff Update**

Eric referred to the information sent out via e mail in regard to the Local Sport Development Funding available and encouraged sports group to apply. Eric is on the Allocation Committee and deadline for applications is October 3, 2011 for this particular grant program.

Jim confirmed that a letter will be sent to Skip Triplett in regard to sport funding and a copy will be circulated to everyone for information.

Sport for Life Strategy – Eric stated that a meeting had been held on September 13th and an additional marketing tool had been discussed to target parents, young coaches, pre school instructors and primary school teachers on the importance of physical literacy. The Physical Literacy Committee has been established with staff and community associations involved and workshops have been held for city staff. These programs will be rolled out early in the new year at all community centres.

Richmond Oval – Athletes Performance Mentorship Program is available for training high performance athletes.

Parks & Recreation have partnered with BC Golf Association to start a program to introduce girls into the game of golf at an entry level. A number of initiatives are being worked on in the Sport for Life Strategies.

Eric confirmed that Sports Day in Canada would be celebrated on September 17th and was a national campaign to promote sports week in Canada. Sports group were supposed to register between September 10th and 17th for this event, however, as information had been received too late, it was decided to support this initiative in 2012.

4. **Sports Hosting Update**

Mike was unable to make the meeting but had forwarded the following information: Richmond Sport Hosting has recently launched its new microsite – www.richmondsporthosting.ca – the website highlights the city's facilities, sport hosting resources and upcoming national and international events. I would like to encourage all sport organizations to sign-up for the newsletter on the site to receive the latest sport hosting news.

Secured events for 2011/2012 include:

4th International Health Qigong Tournament & Exchange
September 15-22, 2011
Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel

2011 Western Canadian Chinese Basketball Association Tournament
October 8-9, 2011
Richmond Olympic Oval

2011 Dominion Curling Club Championship
November 21-27, 2011
Richmond Curling Club

2012 Karate Canada National Championship
March 16-18, 2012
Richmond Olympic Oval

2012 Canadian Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championship
March 23-25, 2012
Richmond Olympic Oval

2012 Canadian Sport Tourism Alliance Sport Events Congress
April 18-20, 2012
River Rock Casino Resort

2012 North American Chinese Basketball Association Invitational Tournament
May 26-28, 2012
Richmond Olympic Oval

2012 Canadian Wheelchair Basketball Championship
May 18-20, 2012
Richmond Olympic Oval

Again, Jim reminded everyone that funds are available and to please apply for a grant whenever possible.

A meeting had been held with Mike, Jim and Tourism Richmond and the following grant applications had been approved.

Richmond Soccer – Provincial A Cup for \$710

Nations Cup Soccer Tournament for \$2,810.

5. **Trust Fund**

Four more applications had been received and more information will be available at the next meeting. Reminder to everyone that the applications forms are on the Richmond Sports Council web site with a link provided.

5. **Sports Awards**

Jim emphasized the need for a different format and improvements in 2012. \$500 donated to KidSport.

7. **Facilities Task Force Update**

Jim confirmed that 20 groups have submitted information on future facility requirements. The committee will be moving forward on this initiative for presentation to Council in the coming months.

8. **KidSport**

Bob circulated financial statements and stated that they were in much better shape than last year due to the Telus grant of \$12,000 which hopefully would be an annual grant. A decision was made to raise the funding level to \$250 from \$200 effective September 13, 2011. Eric stated that there was a need to raise awareness in the community about the KidSport Application process and suggested that perhaps an article in the local newspaper would certainly help. The applicants to date were 76% males and 24% females. Eric committed to promoting the program through the City and Bob through the schools.

Bob confirmed that applications are accepted for youth upto and including 18 years of age and this also included 4 to 6 yrs old too. Bob requested that all sports group provide a link to KidSport on their web page as they want to help as many kids as possible.

9. Round Table - highlights

Annie: Fall programs have started and registration is strong.

Serj: Great summer. Canadian Little League from Langley team beat China. Looked at different baseball diamond and ball boxes.

Pat: Thank you to the City for their help in working with softball diamond at Steveston and making it available for baseball tournament. Kudos received from out of town visitors and baseball associations. We certainly need a facility upgrade.

Tony: Canadian Junior Open held August 18-21 at Capilano University. Official from Table Tennis Canada visited the Oval to look into the possibility of hosting at the Oval next year.

Don: Praised the baseball volunteers at Baseball Tournament at Steveston.

Jeff: Hockey back on ice for 2 weeks now. Exhibition games being played. September 17th event at Rmd Ice Centre on September 17th from 10 am to 4 pm. \$800 raised for KidSport.

Cheryl: Soccer started last weekend.

Don: Curling League starts September 23rd. Hosting Dominion National Championship in November. Bar and kitchen open.

Peter: Signs and curtains requested will be supplied.
Maritime Festival parking by donation made \$1000 with \$700 to KidSport and \$300 went to Rotary

Dawne: Iron Man in Penticton, one member won in 60-64 yrs age group and will be going to the World Championships. Triathlon season is wrapping up. Terry Fox run Sept. 18th

Ivan: Club bowlers have done well, winning first place in many competitions together with silver and gold medals won too. City are requesting user fees to cover cost of replacing greens

Jim requested that a Field Users Group meeting be set up as soon as possible, Eric to arrange to discuss fees for 2012.

Eric: Story on his trip to Ireland and the availability and affordability of golf courses for the community.

Roger: Gaming Grant Review meetings are being held and a letter will be sent from RSC to Skip Triplett in this regard and covering the following points raised by the members:

- Commitment should be 3 yrs or a pro rated funding formula
- Eligibility should be extended to adult and children sports
- Funding should be divided up by community
- Money should be for Richmond community and not Sport BC
- Merger of sports groups should be addressed to make sure they qualify for funding

Sammy had received a thank you letter from Field Hockey for the Trust Fund funding received.

7. **Richmond Seniors Athletes Trust Fund**

Jim reported that the fund was in the processing of being set up with the City and funds would be deposited shortly.

8. **New Business**

Proposed Oval Museum

Jim brought forward for discussion the newspaper article with regard to the proposed museum at the Richmond Oval. Jim expressed his disappointment at the RSC not being represented in this proposal after 5 years of trying to get a wall of fame. Serj stated that there was a need to be collectively heard to ensure that RSC wanted to be involved. Bob stated that we needed to go to a Council meeting as a delegation so that they are aware that we are very unhappy, this was a community asset and should include Richmond sports. The following motion was then put forward:

MOTION:

That Richmond Sports Council send a letter to City Hall and the Richmond Oval expressing disappointment that after 5 years of numerous requests to staff a Richmond Sports Hall of Fame was not included in the Olympic Museum.

Moved: Bob Jackson, Seconded: Peter Mitchell. Carried – Unanimously

Jim provided a timeline of requests and it was agreed that this should also be included in the letter to City Hall and the Richmond Oval.

Bob Jackson expressed his thanks to Seafair Hockey for the \$800 donation.

No further business. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Nora Wright
Recording Secretary

Next Meeting: Tuesday October 11, 2011