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Tuesday September 8, 2015

Present:

Jim Lamond (Chair), John Braaten, Gregg Wheeler,(City staff),Pam Lacroix, Terry Kehoe, Serj Sangara, Bob Jackson, Jack Hamilton, Don Fisher, Bill Shayler, Stu Corrigal, Barb Norman, Sam Morizawa, Donna Marsland, Kim Seaborn, Dan Marriott, Matt Daniel, Mike Fletcher, Warren Karsgaard, Tanya Foley, Matthew Eng, Noleen Mueller.

Regrets: Councillor Bill McNulty, Rosemary Nickerson, Sanjeet Sadana

Meeting called to order at 7.00 pm

Introduction of Matthew Eng from the Richmond Olympic Oval who will be taking on the duties of Pam Lacroix who will be on maternity leave beginning Friday September 11, 2015.

1. Approval of July minutes – Moved; Stu Corrigal, Seconded: Don Fisher, Carried.
2. Business arising from minutes – none.
3. **Council Update** – none available.
4. **Staff Update**

Gregg provided highlights on the July, August and September events which had taken place over the summer.

Jim enquired about the No Food or Drink sign at Minoru Oval and Gregg explained that this was a left over from the World Festival and due to the large number of people in attendance a clean up and levelling had taken place and the field was now back in good condition. Bob expressed concerns with regard to the food issues that had arisen during the Festival.

5. **Sport hosting Update**

Matt Eng taking over Pam Lacroix's role as Coordinator for Richmond Sport Hosting

- RSH working on a joint bid with UBC for the 2017 U18 Female Ice Hockey National Champs. Tournament at UBC but players stay in Richmond.
- Masters Swimming Provincials taking place at Watermania in April 2016 - working to help find hotels and banquet facility right now
- RYSA Thanksgiving tournament coming up in October. Hotels secured
- Working with Wheelchair Basketball to see if Richmond can host some tournaments and High Performance Camps
- Working with Special O BC to see if Richmond can host some Short Track Speed Skating

Camps in December

- Wrestling BC Age Class Provincials are confirmed to return to Richmond January 2015

Upcoming Events:

- Olympic Museum Network Conference Sept 24-25 2015 at the River Rock and Oval
- Fencing Canada Cup West Sept 25-27, 2015 at the Oval
- RYSA Thanksgiving Tournament October 10-11 2015 all over Richmond

6. **Minoru Fields and Building Update** – none to report. Building completion target date May 2017.

7. **Wall of Fame**

Bob explained that due to the upcoming federal elections, the official opening of the Wall of Fame will be delayed until November 2017.

8. **KidSport Fund Raising Banquet**

Bob confirmed the date of Friday March 11, 2016 for this event. The next committee meeting date is yet to be scheduled and more information will be available at the next Sports Council meeting.

9. **Sports Awards Event**

Terry stated that as the Richmond Review was no longer a sponsor and there was hope to engage Richmond News as a sponsor but this was still pending. Terry reminded everyone to please forward their nominations for this event as quickly as possible.

10. **Discover Your Sport** – no report.

11. **KidSport**

Bob circulated financial information and reviewed in detail. 227 applications received to date with 197 approved. \$50,000 spent to date on grants. Bob continued by drawing attention to the \$20,000 in outstanding cheques, \$10,000 of which was Youth Soccer. Funds of \$15,000 still remaining in bank.

12. **Trust Fund**

No report, however, Jim explained that funds of \$600 per team are available for teams travelling to Provincial or National Championships with each sport allowed upto \$600. The Trust fund was originally established from the BC Summer Games held in 1979 and the interest is being used to provide grants. The Trust Fund now stands at \$130,000 from the original funds of \$70,000. Jim reminded everyone that application forms for a Trust Fund grant are available on the web site.

13. **Correspondence**

Jim confirmed that correspondence had been received from Baseball groups and a meeting will be scheduled shortly to resolve the outstanding issues.

Jim drew attention to a lawyers letter received in 1982 on Discipline Matters which had been circulated to sports groups emphasizing the entitlement to hearings for all disciplinary matters. This letter will be sent out via separate email as a reminder to Sports Council members.

14. **Round Table and New Business**

Mike:

- Spring Soccer program ended June and Fall/Winter registration and Winter season starts this coming weekend

Bill:

- Field Lacrosse Tournament in Ontario World under 19 Invitational – one player from Richmond Nick Jensen on team to represent Canada

Mike:

- Fishing update
- Archery going well and getting into schools and community centres
- Air gun in school programs
- Thanks to Gregg for clean up of boat ramp on Gilbert Road and request for no parking sign on west side of the ramp
- Camp grounds along the river would be an addition to the Facility Needs Assessment and a sani dump for RVs too
- Reminder to everyone to get the hunting and fishing licenses up to date

Serj:

- Still waiting for response from Gregg re park usage
- Rmd City Baseball does not qualify for grants as not affiliated with Sport BC
- Serj has a new email address serj@richmondbaseball.ca;

Kim:

- Soccer underway this weekend
- Thanksgiving Tournament to be held Oct. 9 - 12
- Winter session Jan 2 and 3, 2016
- New nets taken down by vandals

Warren:

- Will finish in two games (55 and up)

Terry:

- Football season started this past weekend, games mainly held at Minoru
- Library has co-operated in setting up a reference area for football and has provided space for all of his materials. Recommended that Lea Smith from the Library be invited to a future meeting so that other sports could participate in Library reference centre

John:

- Thank you to the city for Blundell field

- Richmond City Baseball has 500 players
- Host to Championship Legacy Team at Latrace – well attended
- Thank you to the City and Sport Hosting for two successful provincials
- Establishment of Little League in Richmond under review however concerns expressed and request for support from Richmond Sports Council members. Serj did not respond out of respect to Jim and meeting scheduled for Tuesday September 15th. Jim confirmed that the fields issue would also be addressed at this meeting

Noleen:

- Fall season has started and registration is up and running
- Schedule will be available in late November

Don:

- Richmond Curling 2015/2016 season has started – ice in a week earlier and Curling BC camps held
- There will be a number of clinics and camps over the next 3 – 4 weeks and information is available via the web site
- Open House will be held September 15 – 17
- Looking forward to a busy season

Enquiry re Richmond News representative to which Jim and Bob responded that requests have been made but no response to date. Don Fennell may freelance in the future. Sports Hosting offered to help in this regard.

Bob:

- Attended World Festival and expressed concern with a group of players using the soccer field and the use of the field hockey nets. Gregg will follow up, however, the fall season scheduling should take care of this issue.

Jack:

- Rugby kicking off and working with staff as to when King George Field will be available
- September will be away games

Barb:

- RACA AGM will be held Sept. 16th
- Working on food services at Watermania
- Ice is in
- Replacing two chillers
- Repairs have all been completed
- 271 Summer day camps
- Stanleys Jamboree raised \$2200 for KidSport

Jim:

- Facility Needs Assessment to be reviewed again and any changes to be submitted as soon as possible – will circulate again via email
- Would like to present this information to Council in October

No further business.

Meeting adjourned at 7.55 pm

Nora Wright
Recording Secretary

Next meeting – October 13, 2015