



Richmond Sports Council

**Tuesday, September 13, 2022
at 7.00 pm at Richmond City Hall, Richmond BC**

Attendance:

Directors: Stuart Corrigan (Vice Chair), Bob Jackson, Serj Sangara, Don Fisher (Treasurer),
Councillor Bill McNulty, Puneet Bains, Ivan Wong (regrets)

Members: Mike Thorne, Sonja Dong, Jack Hamilton, Wendy Banham, Steve Yip, Leah Timko,
Nik Nashland, Sean Handlin, Karen Fisher Hagel, Barry Riva, Al Groff, Colin Elmes, Dean
Jamal, Chris Parry, Kathleen Wong, Gordon Farrell, Scott Stewart, Arron Thompson, Nav
Sekhon

City Staff – Mandy Hadfield

Agenda	Discussions/Action
1. Call to order	7:05pm Introduction by Stuart Corrigan, Acknowledgement to Jim Lamond and his service to RSC, Introduction by all members in attendance.
2. Approval of minutes of June 14, 2022	Minutes not available yet
3. Business arising from minutes	No business to discuss
4. New Business	Transition of Chair: Overall as per RSC bylaws, the board of directors decides on the hierarchy within the directors and in the absence of a chair, Vice Chair steps in. Chair will be finalised internally by the current board of directors. Next steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The board of directors to finalise quickly on who will step into chair position, to ensure solid leadership from start, continue to work together with the City of Richmond as a partner.- Coun. McNulty – reiterated RSC should maintain its independence. RSC is not answerable to Richmond City Council but preferable to continue have a liaison of Council on RSC.- Board to review the membership structure (member, associate, honorary member), ensure all members understand the difference, know their own status.- Understand how the new complex at the Oval/new fields will affect the group at RSC- Update signing authority on RSC accounts, previous defunct signing authorities have been removed- Internal housekeeping items- Mailing address of RSC – still using the KidSport address.- Summer games/senior games legacy fund – Have \$1,50,000 funds in the account – look into how the fund is maintained, controlled. RSC is authorised to release funds as

	<p>deemed appropriate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Richmond sport Hosting – get better understanding what RSH is about and improve member access to it - Conduct RSC Committee review – Kidsport, Membership, Wall of Fame, Finance. Sport awareness etc - Facilities needs assessment – RSC to have a open and clear relationship with the CoR on this. Address frustrations that members feel about the work done by CoR on this so far. - RSC website requires an update - Collectively look at the values/commitment/mission of RSC.
5. Council Update – Councillor Bill McNulty	Coming back from the summer; sport should continue doing the good work. Continue to work together to achieve what we want. Richmond has a growing and aging population and sports has a big potential to serve. Have work to be done for the unfinished lawn bowling club, Steveston Community Center, Soccer Community Hall – just a few examples.
6. Staff Report – Mandy Hadfield	Elizabeth Ayers, is the new General Manager, Recreational Services, CoR. Have a new person working with Mandy as Community Facilities Coordinator. CoR was recognised as the Most Active Community by Participaction in 2022.
7. Facilities Task Force update	Not received any solid update from CoR. No meeting since the start of Covid with CoR. Expectation is to work together with openness, honesty and transparency.
8. Wall of Fame	Stuart C is the current chair. Need to do a quick review of the outstanding matters.
9. Kidsport	Was active throughout the year. In July- 33 applications were approved for \$16000. August- approved 30 applications (\$13000); September – approved 25 applications (\$12000). In 2022, provided funding towards over 30 organisations, and to 217 participants. Kidsport has not had a banquet since Covid, but have one scheduled for March 3, 2023. Some sport organisations have not cashed the issued cheques, and it is a source of frustration.
10. Membership Review	Require committed members to be part of RSC. Scott Steward and Puneet Bains volunteered to be on the membership review committee, while keeping RSC bylaws in mind. Work needs to get started on the committee. Items to address - types of membership, voting rights of membership, ToR of membership committee, clarity of roles of directors, understand conflicts of interest between members.
11. Announcements and Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Received one application for the summer games trust fund - Reminder to pay membership dues if a member know they are behind. Don Fisher (treasurer) will accept cash and give receipts the next meeting. - Field Hockey club in Richmond has closed. It has healthy funds and the society has to decide what it has to do by the next two years. - Pickle ball gaining popularity – multigenerational sport for participants aged 12 to 85 years old.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Richmond Rockets – sport is expanding - Soccer – wants to be more involved and have a voice at the table - Baseball – happy to provide support - Cricket – has been an influx of members due to international students coming i - Richmond Oval – want to understand how they can contribute to RSC - Tennis- hosted National tournament at Richmond - Aquatics is growing - Rod and Gun club – air gun is growing, hosted Junior National Championships and looking at international competitions. The functioning at RRGCC is being used as a model for operations by other municipalities - Richmond gymnastics Association – classes running and are full. Require coaches to run programs. Also focusing on mental health in sport and retaining girls for longer in sport.
12. Adjournment	Adjourned at 9:02pm.
	Next meeting – Tuesday October 11, 2022. Venue/mode to be finalised since City Hall room will not be available due to elections.

Stuart Corrigan, Vice Chair

Puneet Bains, Recorder for Sept 13, 2022