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**Tuesday February 10, 2015**

Present:

Jim Lamond (Chair) Bob Jackson, Don Fisher, Matt Daniel, Donna Marsland  
Terry Kehoe, Barbara Norman, Colin Elms, Stu Corrigan, Lance Carey, Serj Sangara  
Sam Morizawa, Gregg Wheeler, (City staff), Pam Lacroix, Jared Hulme,  
Barb Norman, Noleen Mueller, Mike Thorne, Tony Shaw, Ivan Wong, Robbie Jacobs,  
John Braaten, Gary Rosval, Kim Seaborn, Sanjeet Sadana.

Regrets: Councillor Bill McNulty, Bill Shayler, Mike Fletcher

Meeting called to order at 7.00 pm

1. Approval of January 2015 minutes – Moved: Barb Norman, Seconded: Donna Marsland, Carried.
2. Business arising – Nil.
3. **Guest – Tracy Lakeman – Tourism Richmond**

Tracy emphasized the commitment of Tourism Richmond to the support of the sporting community and their continued involvement with Sport Hosting. Tracy explained that a new committee had been formed, as part of the new agreement with City, with representatives from Tourism Richmond, Olympic Oval, City staff plus a representative from the Hotel group who is the Chair (Steve Veinot).

Terry enquired if leads were being tracked and Pam responded that this was done by Sports Hosting via the grants applied for. Terry continued that he would like to see how effective this process was and the dollar value and economic impact to the community. Tracy commented that this information was available for 2011-2012. General discussion followed on the role of Tourism Richmond and the City and support of the sporting community. Tracy continued by providing a background on the Tourism Richmond relationship with the City and the governance change resulting in this new committee being formed.

Donna commented that there appeared to be a disconnect in communication between Richmond Sports Council, Tourism Richmond and Sport Hosting. Pam responded that she would be more than happy to give a small presentation at a future meeting of Sports Council on what Richmond Sport Hosting could do to help sports groups when hosting a tournament.

Tracy concluded that a Economic Impact Report was a good idea and she would take this suggestion to the next committee meeting.

#### **4. Staff Update**

Gregg stated that the 2015 Budget would be reviewed at the February 10<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

Minoru field open and a lot of the fencing has been removed, only 2 zones have ongoing construction.

#### **5. Minoru Fields Update**

Bob confirmed that the next committee meeting was scheduled for February 11. However, a meeting was held on February 10<sup>th</sup> in regard to the outside areas, trees, shrubs, art etc. Building concern is still the placement of the Multi Purpose Room and WIFI in the park, PA system throughout the park and access to first aid area by emergency vehicles which needed to be addressed. Staff still to respond.

Sanjeet enquired about the parking which would appear to be a “nightmare”. Gregg responded that there are 30 plus parking spots along by the Tennis Courts which are available Mon thru Friday for 2 hours until 5 pm.

Bob continued that the Minoru Complex had been referred back to staff by Council. Lance enquired about the fencing along north/south side and Bob responded that this was mentioned and would have to wait until the project was completed. This will then be addressed and adjustments made. Gregg acknowledged that once the contractor was off site then the sub trades would address the issues raised.

Serj recommended that a “Walk Thru” be held and everyone thought this was a good idea. Gregg will arrange a site visit to review the check list.

#### **6. Discover Your Sport**

Stu distributed an informational poster which had already been sent out via e.mail also. This event will be held on a Friday to tie in with the City’s Move for Health initiative. Stu encouraged everyone to attend even with an information booth. Sign up sheets will be available within the next 2 months.

#### **7. Sport Hosting Update**

Pam confirmed that over 1000 per day attended the Wrestling Event last weekend and there are plans for another event in August.

Events Update:

- Wrestling Age Class event at the Oval Jan 16-17 was a great success.
- Karate Nationals Jan 30-Feb 1 also a huge success. Over 54,000 webcast views online
- Family Day weekend very busy at the Oval, Harry Jerome Indoor Track Meet, Red Bull

Crashed Ice Qualifiers, and Football BC Combine

- Fencing World Cup coming up Feb 13-15 at the Oval
- BCPA Winter Open coming up Feb 22 at the Oval
- Lowermainlands AAA and AAAA Basketball Championships coming up at the Oval Feb 24-26
- Panther Cheer Mardi Parti Event at the Oval Feb 28

Other

- Grant applications to be reviewed next week
- In discussions with Water Polo Canada, Basketball Canada, the International Taekwondo Federation, Archery International, and Wrestling

Tracy took this opportunity to remind everyone that Jan thru May and October thru December were key times to fill rooms.

## 8. Wall of Honour Update

Bob reminded everyone that the name Wall of Honour may change its name to the Wall of Fame depending upon the decision by Council. The deadline for nominations was January 15, 2015 and names have been received for all four categories. The Nominating Committee has met twice to date and will be meeting again on February 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be approximately 12 plaques on the Wall of Honour. Bob continued that he was personally disappointed on the quality of nominations all of which are to be reviewed to ensure they meet the criteria established including being a resident of Richmond. The committee is still in the process of finalizing the nominations which will go forward to Council in early March with the Induction Ceremony taking place in June.

## 9. Sports Awards

Terry confirmed that 16 categories had received 32 nominations, however, the Female and Youth Teams continue to be a challenge with regard to nominations.

## 10. KidSport

Bob circulated financial information which was then reviewed in detail. Bob stated that some funds have been left over from 2014 and a \$16,500 grant had been received from the City. As a result the grant amount will be increased to \$250 per child effective March 2015. Bob thanked the sports groups who had provided a link to KidSport information on their web sites.

## 11. KidSport Fund Raising Banquet

Jared emphasized the need for a Graphic Designer and asked if anyone could help out in this area or knew of anyone and to please contact him directly at [jhulme@richmond.ca](mailto:jhulme@richmond.ca).

Jared confirmed that Bobby Singh was the Honorary Chair and that four tables had been sold already. Keynote speaker is still pending. Tickets are \$150 each with a table for \$1400. Media sponsors will be Richmond News and Richmond Review.

There are still 19 tables to fill. A live auction will also be held. Jared confirmed the banquet date of Friday April 10, 2015.

12. **Trust Fund** - - reminder from Sammy to forward 2014 submissions prior to the March meeting.

13. **Correspondence** – nil.

14. **Round Table**

Matt:

- Still working on elementary schools in Richmond
- Golf and Travel Show at the PNE Feb 14-15
- Equipment to demonstrate at schools continues to be a challenge

Mike:

- May be an Archery Division Championship will be held at the Oval – waiting for more information
- Archery doing really well in the club
- Air Gun March 6,7,8 at Sportstown
- Awards Night Feb 20<sup>th</sup>
- BC Wildlife Federation concerns brought forward

Stu:

- Suggestion that Social Media be addressed by RSC with the introduction of a Facebook page

Gary:

- Richmond Mens Softball – boys and girls – tournaments will be allocated
- Reminder to bring \$10 membership fee to March meeting

Lance:

- Richmond Field Hockey Club sign up in mid January – girls 6-18 Playing first week in April
- Womens League will be closing down next month

Colin:

- Still looking for a new home

Kim:

- Registration for Spring program has doubled in size to 132

Jared:

- Kajaks AGM Feb 25<sup>th</sup>
- Thank you to the City Sammy and Gregg for Feb 1<sup>st</sup> race, raised money for club

- Grade 9 basketball team won back to back....goal is to make the Provincial

Tony:

- Table Tennis Canada Winter Games in Prince George Feb 25 – 27
- Table Tennis champions in 2007 and 2011 at Canada Winter Games

John:

- Baseball registration open
- Starting grass roots program to pitch baseball in elementary schools

Noleen:

- Junior national team event 0 finished 5<sup>th</sup> overall
- Special invitation to Int'l competition in Idaho

Don:

- Last 2 years not had a team going to Provincials, Junior team now going
- Wheelchair event in Quebec
- Senior womens provincials qualified and senior mens provincials
- Pacific Int'l Cup April 15 – 19 with 18 Int'l teams and 16 BC Teams

Barb:

- Capital projects going ahead for 2015
- Minoru – wheelchair lift
- Flooring upstairs and heating element in mezzanine
- New tables for mezzanine
- Family Day hosted Feb 9<sup>th</sup>
- Hiring 3 Area Service Workers, Ice leader and skate instructor
- Lots of events

Jim:

- KidSport AGM held Feb 10<sup>th</sup> and Bob Jackson elected as Chair

No further business. Meeting adjourned at 8.25 pm

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Nora Wright  
Recording Secretary

**Next meeting – Annual General Meeting March 10, 2016  
Followed by regular Sports Council Meeting**