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Wednesday February 15, 2011

Present: Jim Lamond (Chair), Peter Mitchell, Ivan Wong, Donna Marsland,
 Annie Watson, Mike Crawford, Tony Shaw, Dan Marriott, Pat Weatherill,
 Don Fisher, Gary Rosval, , Barb Norman, Glenn Kishi, Warren Karsgaard,
 Serj Sangara, Rob Parmar, Don Fennell, Steve Valenzuela, Ivan Wong,
 Bob Jackson.
 Eric Stepura, Sam Morizawa, (City staff). Tom Jones, Andrew Clark – Rmd
 Oval. , Mike Romas (Sport Hosting)
 Councillor Bill McNulty

Regrets: Cheryl Dunham

Meeting called to order at 7 pm.

1. Approval of January 10, 2012 minutes
 Moved: Barb Norman, Seconded: Donna Marsland, Carried.
2. Business arising from minutes – Nil.
3. **Staff Update**

Eric drew attention to the referral from Council in regard to City subsidized events and commercial arrangements and A policy to be put into effect to address this issue. As a result a meeting had been held on January 27th with regard to a draft policy. Eric circulated the draft policy for comments and feedback

Roger commented that there had been only one incident in 10 years. The policy limits community groups from entering into arrangements for products and services with exclusions and the City does not even comply with this policy.

Donna said that the policy did not change anything and made reference to Item 2 of the policy.

Barb suggested that the word “approved” be changed to “encouraged” in regard to the suppliers.

Eric confirmed that it was not the intent to deny teams or individuals from access to tournaments because they did not stay in preferred hotels.

Roger said if this is an issue with accommodation then make it an issue over accommodation only. This draft policy is too big, make it simple. After discussion it was agreed that Eric make changes to the draft policy as requested i.e. accommodation providers only and change of word from approved to encouraged.

Annie raised concerns about the costs to families staying at preferred hotels as cheaper hotels could be found elsewhere and families needed to save money.

Bob Jackson stated that he supported the policy amendments and a vote was taken as follows:

Motion:

That Richmond Sports Council support the Commercial Sponsorship of City Subsidized Events Policy as amended.

Moved: Roger Barnes, Bob Jackson, Carried.

Eric confirmed that the Capital and Operating budgets had been approved by Council and the budget will include a new set of Rugby uprights at King George, players bench covers at Hugh Boyd and at Minoru Oval.

Eric stated that the diamond field users need to meet and decide on how to use fees collected for upgrades. Eric was asked to provide funds available in the account.

Bob enquired about the \$1m funding that had been available 10 years ago for increasing the inventory of turf fields in Richmond. It was from this funding that artificial fields got started. Councillor McNulty stated that these funds had been absorbed, however, funding of \$8m was still available for green space and land acquisition. Bob noted that \$265,000 had been put aside each year and it appears that this program has now been halted. All this arose from the last Facilities Task Force Report where we were trying to get more fields.

Don enquired how natural fields were replaced and Jim responded that there is a formula in place and user groups will meet with the City on this issue.

4. Council Update

Councillor McNulty confirmed that the Capital Budget recently approved by Council includes three fields upgrades, no capital structures however, a number of upgrades to sanitary sewers etc. Property tax hike will be 2.98% which equates to 1.98% plus 1% to be placed in reserves. Priorities over the next three years will include facility development.

5. Sports Hosting Update

Mike announced that Baseball had submitted a successful bid for Richmond City and as a result two provincial championships will be held in August 2012.

Annie stated that the 2014 Pacific Rim Gymnastics bid will be presented to the PR Committee shortly.

Mike continued by confirming that 2013 Judo National will be announcing in the Legacy Lounge at the Oval that they were successful in their championship bid. Hockey Day in Canada was a great event and positive feedback received. 16,000 people attended there was national exposure and community engagement very successful.

Jim reminded everyone to submit their applications for the Sport Hosting Funding after each tournament and not to double up at the end of the year as it will not be accepted.

6. **KidSport**

Bob circulated statistics and financial information. 42 cases had been dealt with so far this year and this time last year there had only been 8 so requests are increasing for assistance.

Presentation was made to Coast Capital Savings in regard to obtaining funds from their Community Investment Fund and still waiting to hear results. Bob emphasized that they were working hard to find funding from other sources. Bob was thanked by everyone for doing a fantastic job. Bob stated that those cases they were not able to help were referred to Sean Davies at the City who may be able to help from other sources i.e. Canadian Tire Jump Start.

7. **Trust Fund**

Reference was made the Parks & Recreation Leisure Guide and a request made to please check for the accuracy of club information.

Jim confirmed that the Seniors Trust Fund of over \$60,000 will be in place by the end of March 2012.

8. **Sports Awards Update**

Jim reported that meetings had been held, however, the venue is still undecided at present. Nomination Guide has been sent out via e.mail.

9. **Correspondence**

Jim stated that a letter had been received in regard to hosting the BC Summer or Winter Games for 2016 or 2018. A decision will be made at the next meeting and it was noted that the bid deadline was September 1st. Sports involved in the games will be circulated via e.mail together with a copy of the letter.

10. **Facilities Task Force**

Jim confirmed that another meeting will be arranged within the next 10 days.

11. **Richmond Community Games**

Following feedback from the community associations, this event will be a Richmond Sports festival only held in Richmond during the summer.

12. **Round Table – highlights**

Roger

- Debbie Judd court case has concluded (\$204,000 was stolen). Reminder to everyone to be vigilant and never sign blank cheques and to separate the financial duties.
- Three of the Zambia team that helped win the Cup of Nations in Africa had previously played in Richmond during the under 20 World Cup
- New coach certificate program
- Womens World Cup Qualifiers at BC Place

Annie

- Competition season has started
- 4 male athletes are competing at Mississauga
- Gymnastics Canada have course for parents

Gary

- Cash theft is rampant please check processes for all sports.

Glenn

- Basketball is finishing. Senior boys and girls finals are being held. Table tennis is finishing too

Serj

- Dugout club for baseball foundation 300 kids into Nat Bailey Stadium, age group 5 to 10 yrs tied to Boys and Girls club. Midget Triple A Selection Team for coaching in Chilliwack. Moving ahead on web site but need some assistance in this area if anyone knows anyone that can help, please let Serj know. Interested in participating in the Rmd Sport Festival

Dan

- Awarded two provincial championships Pee Wee and Bantam, thanks to everyone including the Mayor, Councillor McNulty and Mike Romas.
- Many thanks to Sammy and Eric for helping out on the fields
- April 2nd NCPP Travelling Road Show
- Try out on May 13th for one team

Rob

- April 28th Richmond hosting all star game for bantam and midgets
- May 6th Rmd Minor Spring Flag Jamboree at Hugh Boyd (75 teams)
- Minor football will have a juvenile division starting in April

Tom

- Successful Hockey Day at the Oval, great event
- Harry Jerome Classic held earlier this week
- Lots of camps for spring break and summer
- Introduction of Andrew Clark who is the Program Manager for High Performance Training at the Oval

Tony

- BC competition on February 18-19 at Cambie

Don

- Curling – two major events
- Playoffs over March
- April 18 – 22, BC Club challenge
- Committee will help out with Sports Awards function in May and will sponsor too. Don encouraged everyone to attend this event

Barb

- Winding down in playoffs
- March tournament

Steve

- Rmd Senior Soccer – league cup final “best team in association”. Rmd Athletics won the league

Eric

- Cross Canada Relay will take place to celebrate Rick Hansen’s 25th Anniversary. May 20th will be arriving in Richmond. City is planning with community partners to host a celebration at the Oval on the outdoor plaza at 4:30 pm. More information to follow.

Bob

- Recognized Steveston Athletic Club for a donation of \$1600 and a donation from Martin Wright in the sum of \$1000
- KidSport web site should be up and running within the next 7 days.

Jim reminded everyone of the annual general meeting in March and that membership fees of \$10 will be due at that time. Elections will be take place and formation of various committees.

No further business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Nora Wright
Recording Secretary

Next meeting – March 13, 2012 Annual General Meeting