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**Tuesday July 12, 2011**

Present: Jim Lamond (Chair) Roger Barnes, Barbara Norman Fred Pawluk,  
Rosemary Nickerson, Bill Shayler, Serj Sangara, Bob Jackson, Pat Weatherill,  
Glenn Kishi, Ivan Wong, Dawna Sales, Donna Marsland, Barb Norman  
Don Fisher, Peter Mitchell, Warren Karsgaard, Councillor Bill McNulty.  
Eric Stepura, Sam Morizawa, Mike Romas, Gerry DeCicco (City/Oval staff)

Guest: Heather Corra, Tourism BC

1. Meeting called to order at 7 pm
2. Approval of June 14, 2011 minutes.  
Moved: Barbara Norman, Seconded: Ivan Wong, Carried.
3. Business arising from minutes – Nil

Guest from Tourism BC – Heather Corra

Heather stated that she was primarily involved in community development and sport tourism and was happy to attend the meeting as she had heard of the success of Richmond Sports Council and wanted to observe for herself. Tourism BC is interested in sport hosting as it is a great way to bring people into the community and to promote partnerships. Heather confirmed that the grant program this year would be for \$1M and the events selected would be announced shortly. The grants allocated for championship events vary from \$10,000 to \$35,000 and Mike confirmed that he would circulate more information on the program via e.mail.

4. **Council Update – Councillor Bill McNulty**

Councillor McNulty provided an update on the Terra Nova Rural Park and confirmed that all property has now been purchased for a total of 46 acres which included a community garden, slough and lock all of which is owned by the public.

The Phoenix Net Loft heritage building will be stabilized and be available for community use.

Richmond Public Arts Program – Councillor McNulty added that suggestions from Sports Council for public art would be welcome.

### **5. Staff Update – Eric Stepura**

Eric talked about a number of events happening around Richmond which included the Dolphin Basketball Classic at Thompson, Provincial Softball Tournament, City Centre film show at Minoru Park and the Kids Safe event at South Arm.

Eric then presented the Sport for Life video which would be used for promotional purposes and asked for feedback following the presentation.

Eric continued by asking how this tool could be used to implement the Sport for Life Strategy and suggestions were as follows:

1. Good introduction but needs more, would be basis for group discussion after showing of video
2. Get it to the people who are not participating in sports
3. Use it at Annual General meetings
4. Go to the schools and offer sports outfits for free
5. Could be used for Girls Softball registration day
6. “Learn to Play” for first timers – show video
7. Show to pre school teachers in the community centres
8. Go through PACs as theme for the schools, try a more creative approach within the schools
9. Play video loop in malls around activities i.e. trampolines etc.
10. Learn to Swim – play video loop
11. Begin in the home, parents need to be role models.
12. Volunteers in sports need a municipal tax break plus a tax break for kids that participate in sport

Eric thanked everyone for their input and committed to sending the sports group the video link so that they could add this to their own web sites.

### **Oval Update – Gerry DeCicco**

Jim welcome Gerry and Gerry provided a staff update on the appointment of Andrew Clark who would be the Program Manager for High Performance Training. Gerry confirmed that the ice was out for the summer and summer camps have started with 600 kids registered to date. Two high profile Badminton events will be held at the Oval.

July 20-24, the Canada Open 2011 will feature 35 participating countries and Badminton Canadian World Masters event in August. 21 – 27.

### **6. Sport Hosting Update**

Mike confirmed that his office is now relocated at the Oval and he will circulate his contact information shortly together with an update on the sport hosting grant information. Upcoming

events secured for the Oval include National Karate Championship, National Wheelchair Basketball Championship and Wheelchair Rugby.

Warren stated that the Oval was working with private agencies rather than grass root sports, he referred to Yonex who were a for profit group unlike the Richmond sports groups.

#### 7. **KidSport**

Bob circulated financial information and noted that the total revenue was \$16,181 with expenditures being \$16,336 which left a deficit of \$155, however, funds are anticipated shortly. Average payout has been \$170 and Provincial guidelines are \$200 maximum. 75% of applicants are approved.

#### 8. **Trust Fund**

Financial statement circulated. Jim confirmed that the legacy from the Senior Games will go to a trust fund is in the process of being set up by Richmond Sports Council and the City and this will be exclusively for the use of Seniors for travel to provincial and national championships.

#### 9. **Correspondence**

Letter received from the City in regard to Badminton BC re setting up a club in Richmond. Jim confirmed that no sport hosting grant is available at present for Badminton BC.

#### 10. **Round Table**

- Roger reminded everyone of the Facilities Review as there are 10 more groups that still need to complete
- Roger asked that each sport group check their information on the richmondsports.ca web site to ensure that all the information is correct
- Richmond Girls Soccer received a gaming grant for the amount they requested which is encouraging
- Review of Community Gaming Grant Program is currently underway, please make your reviews know, Roger will send out a link to this review
- Fred confirmed that Kajaks had received their grant with a small increase
- Competitive track and field season coming to a close
- One mile race held at Steveston Salmon Festival
- Rosemary reported that Watermania would be hosting the Kigoos Provincial Championship in August with 1500 athletes
- Bill stated he would be attending and reporting on Lacross events
- Serj raised \$510 for Kidsport. 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual 10k race from the Oval to Terra Nova Park and back on August 14<sup>th</sup>
- Dawna stated that 6 athletes would be competing in the Provincial Push Ball on July 17 and 18<sup>th</sup>
- Peter reminded everyone that volunteers were still required for the Canadian Open

- Bob talked about the 52k Monreal Bicycle tour which was a family event with entertainment in the rest areas and would be a good idea for Richmond in the summer time
- Pat referred to the Triple 1 basebal championship in Steveston
- Donna stated that there had been a record number of tournaments in the summer for Richmond Girls Softball (Provincial, Kiwi, Bantam A provincial)
- Don confirmed that the curling club was closed for curling but open for rentals and they are looking forward to a good season with ice going in the last week of August. Don enquired about the Winterfest recommendations and improvements and asked if Sports Council would send out a notice to all the chairs of the organizations, asking for input. Jim to follow up.
- Barb reported that RACA AGM would be held on September 13<sup>th</sup> and there would be a review of the bylaws. Richmond Girls Hockey is now called Richmond Rovers. 13,500 elementary school students attended the public skating at Richmond Ice Centre. All summer camps are full
- Eric referred to the Richmond Olympic Legacy Committee whose purpose was to keep the Olympic spirit alive in Richmond. They would be working with community sports organizations and the Oval to plan a celebration during 2012 Summer Olympics and would like Sports Council to get involved in this event which will be held late July or mid August 2012. It was recommended that this blend in with the Richmond Games being promoted by Sports Council
- Jim reminded everyone to complete the Facilities Task Force survey as soon as possible. Jim had visited the Delta Gymnastics building in Ladner which was a first class building .

No further business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

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Nora Wright  
Recording Secretary

**Next meeting Tuesday September 13, 2011**