

RICHMOND SPORTS COUNCIL

March 10, 2009

Present:

Jim Lamond, Roger Barnes, Roy Lightfood, Pat Weatherill, Paul Alexander, Bill Alexander, Stephen Ptucha, J.J.Hill, Tanya Donaldson, Penny Talbot, Jack Hamilton, Gary Gosval, Donna Marsland, Peter Mitchell, Bob Jackson, Lance Carey, Fred Pawluk, Terry Kehoe, Don Fisher, Ivan Wong, Don Fennell, Eric Stepura (City staff), Paul Morizawa (City staff), Councillor Bill McNulty

1. Election of Executive – the following were nominated:

Chair	Jim Lamond
Vice Chair	Roger Barnes
Treasurer	Gary Rosval
Secretary	Peter Mitchell

All were elected by acclamation.

2. Approval of minutes dated February 10, 2009 – Don Fisher, Jack Hamilton, Carried.

3. Business arising from minutes:

Jim referred to the 2009 Operating Plan and the attempt by the City to place the funds raised from the artificial turf users fees into General Revenue. Jim had followed up with senior City staff, and was pleased to confirm that this will not happen. The City will honour the agreement with Richmond Sports Council and the fees will remain untouched by the City. Lance enquired about user fees and it was confirmed that there were two types of fees, one for grass users and one for artificial turf users. Roger emphasized that the change of mind by the City was entirely due to the action of Jim speaking directly with senior staff.

4. Council Update – Councillor Bill McNulty:

ICS Championships taking place in Richmond Oval this coming weekend. Tickets are available for Thursday and Friday with Saturday and Sunday sold out. It was confirmed that there is a 4500 seating capacity at present at the Oval.

Budget has been approved with a 2.97% property tax increase for 2009.

Funds for the sports fields still to be located by the City Treasurer. Grants to community associations approved in the amount of \$510,000. The Richmond Museum project was referred back to staff and other priorities were identified as a result of the PRCS Facilities Strategic Plan i.e. 1) City Centre Community Centre, 2) Britannia Shipyard National

Historic Site, 3) Minoru Aquatic Centre, 4) Minoru Place Activity Centre, 5) Hamilton Community space, 6) Terra Nova Rural Park Historic District, 7) Field Sport Tournament Centre, 8) Richmond Museum, 9) Richmond Environment Centre etc. Councillor McNulty stated that it would 2014 before development of any major facilities takes place and noted that development in Richmond has gone down 85%.

The question of priorities was addressed to Bill who confirmed that facility studies still need to be completed and at present the Richmond Museum project was “in limbo”. The priorities wish list needed to be addressed and brought forward to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee.

Bill confirmed that the provincial government infrastructure funding will be lobbied for by the City.

The 2% hotel room tax funds will be allocated to Sports Hosting and the City will also be working with Tourism Richmond on this project. A detailed plan is still being worked on and it was confirmed that these funds can only be used for marketing purposes.

5. Staff Update – Eric Stepura:

The 2008 Richmond Sports Council letter to Council in regard to non smoking at indoor and outdoor sports facilities has now been referred to the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Committee via a report which will establish a ban on smoking on or within 25 metres of all outside sports facilities in Richmond. If approved, appropriate signs will be erected and will be self policing. Eric encouraged sports organizations to be aware of this policy.

Minoru Oval is taking shape as new flag poles, a new timing clock have been installed and a score clock will be available soon.

Eric commented on the leaks at the Rugby Trailer and this is currently being worked on.

Eric stated that the agreements sent to field users to date have not been returned and are still pending. Jim urged that the signed agreements be forwarded to Eric as quickly as possible.

6. Games Update:

Roger, Eric and Jim attended an information meeting on the 2015 Canada Winter Games which will be held in BC. Eric confirmed that information is being prepared on the bid for these games which will go forward to Council.

Senior Games – Jim reported that arrangements are going well and it is expected that 4000 athletes will be attending. Games Office will be officially opened on April 8th (although this is currently in operation). Jim also stated that volunteers are required to host the horse shoe and floor curling events.

7. Partnership Agreement:

The agreement has now been signed off and Jim expressed his appreciation to the volunteers who had worked on this important document during the past two years.

8. Trust Fund:

Information circulated by Sammy. Jim reiterated that these funds were part of the legacy that followed from the 1979 Summer Games. The maximum amount available per sport is \$600.

9. Correspondence:

Jim had received an email from Elizabeth Ayers, Manager of Community Recreation Services enquiring if a representative from Sports Council would be available to become a member of the Home Stay Community Group who would be organizing a home stay program for the parents of the Canadian Speed Skating athletes for 2010. Jim asked that should anyone be interested, to please forward their name and Lance Carey submitted his name.

10. New Business

Roger stated that a meeting had been held on Sports Tourism with Cathy Carlile, Dave Semple, Eric, himself and Jim in attendance in order to reinforce the concept with regard to the funding from the 2% hotel room tax. These funds would support a Sports Hosting Office and emphasis was placed on communication and meeting the needs of the sports organizations. The amount is half a million dollars per year and the funds must be spent on hosting events. The next stage is to design a program and it will be October before the funds become available at the earliest.

11. Round Table: (highlights)

- BC Provincials at Rod & Gun Club went very well
- 4th annual Richmond Marathon held with 140 runners
- Rugby – expressed extreme frustration with the leaks and other problems in the changing rooms and would like more long term viability. 50th anniversary celebration on March 28th at East Richmond Hall, everyone invited
- Seafair Minor Hockey very successful season now “AAA”. Two teams at Provincials. Presence at Winterfest was very good.
- Jimmy Ng Tournament on May 29-30
- Rmd Field Hockey – AGM held, Wish List prepared for submission to Sports Council. Numbers are up in the 25+ group
- Kajaks are hosting a Coaching Clinic on March 28th at 8:30 pm. Please visit kajaks.org for more information
- Kidsport – received 39 applications to date. \$4000 required per quarter. Recession having an effect with increased applications, need support from everyone
- Bowling – April is the start of the season, recruiting new members. Artificial green turf would cost \$300,000. Funds could be raised from Games funding (\$100,000) and with

\$100,000 from the City would help to reach the goal. Would like the support of Rmd Sports Council. The artificial turf installed at White Rock is what the club would like. Parking continues to be an ongoing problem as there are more permits than spaces.

- Richmond Sports Awards Banquet will be held April 30th at 6 pm at Minoru Activity Centre. Proceeds from the banquet will go to Kidsport. Tickets will be \$30 and the limit is 180. Sports awards nomination form is available on line at richmondreview.com
- Speed Skating Championships taking place at Oval this weekend

Jim concluded the meeting by stating that Tourism Richmond would like a member of Sports Council on their board of directors. They meet monthly on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 8 to 9 pm. Anyone interested in being a member of this board, please let Jim know.

No further business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday April 14, 2009.

Nora Wright
Recording Secretary

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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7:00 pm

Meeting Room M.2.004

Present: Jim Lamond, Roger Barnes, Roy Lightfood, Pat Weatherill, Paul Alexander, Bill Alexander, Stephen Ptucha, J.J.Hill, Tanya Donaldson, Penny Talbot, Jack Hamilton, Gary Gosval, Donna Marsland, Peter Mitchell, Bob Jackson, Lance Carey, Fred Pawluk, Terry Kehoe, Don Fisher, Ivan Wong, Don Fennell, Eric Stepura (City staff), Councillor Bill McNulty

1. Approval of minutes dated March 11, 2008 – Pat Weatherill, Donna Marsland, Carried.
2. Report from Chair – as circulated with agenda.
3. Report from Treasurer – Gary Rosval reported that the bank balance was \$3,477.56 and requested that members pay their dues for 2009.
4. Election of Directors: Names of 12 members nominated as follows:

Pat Weatherill
Donna Marsland
Jim Lamond
Roger Barnes
Serj Sanghera
Peter Mitchell
Gary Rosval
Bob Jackson
Lance Carey
Terry Kehoe
Ivan Wong
Roger Watts

Accepted by acclamation - No further business.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Nora Wright
Recording Secretary