

RICHMOND SPORTS COUNCIL

Tuesday March 9, 2010

Present: Jim Lamond (Chair), Roger Barnes, Tony Shaw, Ivan Wong, Warren Karsgard, Gary Rosval, Terry Kehoe, Peter Mitchell, Bob Jackson, Sandra Nass Paul Alexander, Bill Alenxander, Serj Sangara,, Tony Shaw, Don Fennell, Barbara Norman, Donna Marsland, Councillor Bill McNulty. Eric Stepura, Paul Morizawa (City staff)

1. Election of Executive for 2010

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

2. Approval of February 11, 2010 minutes.

Moved: Bob Jackson, Seconded: Pat Weatherill, Carried.

3. Business arising from minutes – Nil.

4. Guest – John Mills, General Manager, Richmond Olympic Oval

John referred to his letter that had been circulated in response to his attendance at the January meeting. It was confirmed that ice and courts would start up in September 2010 and a framework had been approved for community organizations. Fees have not been set but should be better than previously quoted i.e. \$55 for courts. John stated that there was a reason for optimism and communication will take place both with RACA and RSC.

Barb enquired about the opportunity to hold events and tours of the Oval. Eric confirmed that a Final Skate day was being organized for Monday April 5th from 2 pm to 9 pm which would be free to the public and also be another opportunity to showcase the facility, take pictures with the podium etc. More information will be circulated once arrangements are confirmed.

Don Fennell enquired as to what is staying at the Oval and what is not staying from the Olympics. John responded that almost everything was rented for the Games. However, the pageantry on the windows and the images on the ice will remain. VANOC returns the Oval on April 1, 2010. Doping Lab will remain due to Paralympic Games. Opening of the Oval will begin in stages and tours may start April 1st together with group fitness classes. Later in May will be the opening of the fitness mezzanine and hard courts in the middle. John confirmed that a synthetic floor was being installed and this would take approximately 2 months. By early July 2010 the Oval should be substantially complete and fully complete by September 2010 (with two sheets of ice).

Jim enquired if the conversion plans to accommodate the community would remain 80% community and 20% elite sports. John confirmed that this was correct and the community would be the biggest beneficiary. Jim continued if gymnastics would be able to hold events and John responded that they would be able to but not on a regular basis. Don Fennell enquired if Richmond groups would receive priority over other municipalities and would the Oval Corporation be actively seeking to host major events.

John stated that Richmond groups have the first option of advance booking privileges and after expiry of this privilege then it will be open to other groups. Yes, special events will be held but not to disrupt regular patrons to any large degree.

Tony enquired as to the separation of different areas and John confirmed that this would be via a curtain system.. Barbara enquired as to special rates for Richmond groups and it was stated that as Richmond groups had advanced booking privileges there would be no need for two tiers of rates. Adult and youth rates will be in effect. John confirmed that 1950 bleachers would be available, all of which were moveable.

No further questions and presentation concluded at 7:35 pm.

5. Council Update – Councillor Bill McNulty

Bill congratulated the Lawn Bowling Club who received grants for the artificial turf which is currently under construction and will provide a first class facility for the community.

Bill confirmed the Garden City land purchase of \$59.17M for 136 acres and thanked the sporting community for their ongoing support. The purchase should be completed by March 31, 2010. There are no immediate plans for development of this ALR land.

6. Staff Update – Eric Stepura

Eric reported on the success of the O Zone and over 400,000 had attended the 17 day event. Eric thanked the sports groups for their co-operation during this time. Two lit fields, track and Minoru artificial turf field are now available. Grass cutting was going ahead and the take down on the O Zone site is nearly complete and the grounds are being prepared for the Spring season.

Eric confirmed that a meeting had been held with staff in regard to the HST implementation on July 1, 2010. For field rentals during spring and summer bookings sports groups will not have to pay HST if they pay invoices prior to May 1, 2010, however payments after this date will incur HST. Eric was asked into how this applies to field rentals between May 1st and July 1st, Eric to follow up.

7. Sports Hosting Update

Roger provided an update and circulated grant applications forms and continued by reviewing the application forms in more detail and drew attention to the following:

- eligibility for grant for events after March 1st
- \$100,000 in the budget
- 2 tiers of grant applications, one for upto \$1000 and another for over \$1000
- maximum is \$7000 for international events and more information is required
- expectation is that money will be distributed as long as funds are available
- must use facilities within Richmond
- Task force will meet monthly
- not for profit societies only
- no cap for any group

8. Trust Fund – Sammy circulated a report for information.

9. Correspondence

Roger referred to the letter sent to John Yap MLA and the response was circulated, however, there is no clear indication of how much sports groups are getting from the new budget. Roger urged groups to submit their applications as normal and see what results they get.

10. New Business/Round Table

- In late April Soccer is hosting Coastal Finals with 22 games over 3 days at Minoru
- Sammy requested that groups please forward a copy of their liability insurance to Rentals
- Serj thanked Terry and Ivan for the calendar program which resulted in \$400 for KidSport. Calendars still available with full funding of \$10 each going to KidSport. Dug Out Club formed together with web site
- Steveston Rotary Club generated \$3000 in revenue from the RV Park during the Games and \$2000 went to Steveston Partners leaving \$1000 still available. Should anyone need funds please contact Steveston Rotary Club
- National Gymnastics competition held for boys/men and two titles were won and club is very proud of their achievements
- Oval Free Skate will take place on April 5th and a static table for RSC will promote sporting groups in Richmond, please contact Terry if you wish to help out
- Sandra reported on the Provincials held in Victoria, won Silver medal
- Gary stated that 10 invitational softball tournaments in 2010
- Increased interest in curling. Curling clinic will be held on March 13th, everyone welcome
- Don Fennell confirmed that the Annual Sports Awards Dinner will be held on Thursday May 6th at the Seniors Activity Centre. Please send in nominations for teams and individuals. Application forms will be in the newspaper and on line.
- Ivan stated that artificial turf lawn bowling green would be completed by the end of May
- Eric encouraged everyone to go out and support the Paralympic Games. Suggestion made that wheelchair curling and sledge hockey would be suitable for Richmond

Councillor McNulty enquired as to KidSport information and to whom they report. Bob responded that KidSport report to Richmond Sports Council monthly and to KidSport BC annually. The activity report including amounts is distributed at the RSC meetings. Councillor McNulty suggested a Tim Horton KidSport Day for fund raising.

Jim to make arrangements for a representative from KidSport BC to attend the April 13th meeting. Terry reported that \$5000 grant has still not been received from the City (however, since the meeting the cheque has been received).

The raffle of hockey tickets was won by Ivan Wong who could not use them so Jim Lamond took the tickets and paid the full price of \$150 to KidsSport.

No further business, meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Nora Wright
Recording Secretary

**Next meeting: Tuesday April 13, 2010
Richmond City Hall, Meeting Room M.2.004**