

## Meeting Minutes

6 November 2006, Grose Meeting Room, Katoomba

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### Meeting commenced 7:10pm

#### Councillors

Councillor Frappell (Chair), Councillor Hamilton.

#### Sports Council Representatives

David Brown (DB), Paul Thomas (PT), Sue Kondek (SK), John Beazley (JB), Estelle Godkin (EG), Walter Hitchell (WH), John Tremble (JT) .

#### Council Officers

Adrian Birkbeck (AB), Elizabeth Dudley Bestow (EDB) Patricia Gonzalez (PG) (Minutes)

#### Apologies

Councillor Myles, Stephen Poole (SP) Greg Dickson (GD), Chris Moloney (CM).

### 1. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Minutes of previous meeting (Annual General Meeting) adopted.

### 2. Items for Discussion

- (AB) Communication Boards for club rooms;
- (AB) Sports Council promotion – Adrian volunteers to assist with club meetings mediation, if required;
- (JB) Would like to apply for Sports Council \$\$ for Warrimoo Oval clubhouse;
- (PT) Problems with Local Government Conference (LGC) who used Basketball Courts etc – there is a range of issue after the event including some stolen items (Councillor Frappell to contact Executive Services BMCC and will call Paul 07/11);
- (EG) DA for sealing of courts taking time, wants to make sure all is going well;
- (JT) Courts at Summerhayes underway and would like to know the completion date **ACTION:** AB to let JT know this date as soon as Council is made aware. JT keen to know this date and hopes date coincides with 60th anniversary of Blue Mts Tennis.
- (SK) Requests wants update on Sports Award and concerned that indoor courts have been taken away from 'Futsal' at Katoomba Leisure & Aquatic Centre. Wants to know why? Is it true? Why? Management committee has apparently taken away court from 'Futsal' and given to Basketball. This will not help junior players progress in sport. **ACTION:** Get information for next meeting + EDB suggest meeting with main players
- (WH) Swim Season in full Swing.

**3. Lawson Golf Course**

Janne Yardy who was to present this item is unfortunately sick. She was to present GHD (consultant) findings and discuss the next steps including a presentation to Council in December – Adrian explained that a report was coming to Council regarding the final three options proposed.

**4. Capital Works Bids (AB)**

- Bids for 07/08 were pulled together through actions in Recreation Sustainable Asset management Plan (SAM Plan), Plans of Managements, Masterplan Actions etc.
- Recreation team has put in well over 20 Sports and Recreation bids including 6 for pools and many related to the sealing of car parks.
- We do not at the moment know how the bids are going.

**5. Minor Capital Works 2006/07 - \$20,000 (AB)**

- AB presents a list (not entirely complete) of requested funding for the 2006/07 minor capital works budget. This prompts questions from Council members including:
- How has list been put together? Project priority should consider the following:
  - Partnership should be looked at favourably
  - How to determine what is a priority for example: one code may receive two successful projects in one years and another code none, is this fair?
  - OH&S should be a concern and priority;
  - Club partnership in either funding or labour should be given a priority;
  - Project that connects with other project should be given priority.
- **ACTION:** Policy on how to spend this money is requested for next meeting. A draft will be sent to Council representatives for comments prior to next meeting.

**6. User Guide Launch & Celebration (E.D.B.)**

- (EDB) discusses the idea of have a celebratory day to thank sports club volunteers, Sports Council members and launch the User Guide. Ideas that are mentioned by those present include:
  - Crazy Sports Day
  - Volunteers Day. Hire a place
  - Blue Mountains Sports Club participation day is crazy sports day
  - Nomination form for Sports Awards in User Guide
  - Centrally located - not Katoomba
  - Cost of this day should be used elsewhere
  - Grants for volunteer available through Kerry Bartlett and may assist in funding this day.
  - Sponsorship deal to fund day is suggested but many say this is difficult and has been tried before.

**7. Sports Fees/Charges (E.D.B.)**

- (EDB) discusses the introduction of sports fees / charges in the 2007/08 budget. The following items are discussed:

- It is considered that last years attempt to introduce fees fell down due to lack of consultation to schools;
- Fees / Charges need to be presented at 3 April meeting 2007;
- Clr Frappel would like greater support from Sports Council Reps;
- SK is concerned with the lack on information on: How to be collect? How to be spent? Process of how it will work 3-5 years process! Currently there is no 'depth', no how, where, why?
- **ACTION:** members agree that a 'business plan' is needed to address the above including, how fees will be determined, who makes a decision on how the \$\$ is spend, how they will be allocated etc, policies / strategies for its spending. During drafting of document AB will discuss the contents with both SK & EG to confirm we are on the right track. This draft document will be sent to all Sports Councillors for comment prior to next meeting.

## 8. General Discussion

- (AB) Communication Boards will help with better communication between club/council & club/members.  
ACTION: he will make enquires regarding costs etc and have next meeting;
- (JB) discusses how they will be funding the building of new clubhouse at Warrimoo including: Block for Building \$250 per Block, Grants and will apply for Sports Council \$\$.
- Councillor Frappell to call PT after speaking with Executive Services at BMCC regarding his LGC concerns;
- EDB introduces the Sports Council survey asking all present to complete so we know how it is working / not working. There is also a 'club' sports council survey for the completion by Clubs, it is suggested that all clubs who complete survey go into a draw to win \$300.
- AB hands out NSW Dept of Sport & Rec poster on sports rage to all Sports Councillors.
- AB asked all code representatives to advise club Presidents that often the reason fencing is damaged at ovals is because club players are kicking balls against them when they shouldn't resulting in damage. Clubs are then ringing Council complaining that the fences need repairing. Players need to be reminded not to kick balls against fences, sit on fences or make holes in fences, clubs may be ask to pay for this sort of damage themselves in future.

## 9. Next Meeting

Thanks to all who have attended.

Next meeting to be held: Monday 22 Jan 07 in Springwood. Location is to be confirmed.

**Meeting closed at 8.55pm**