

Minutes

Date & Time:	31 March 2008, 6.30-9pm
Location:	Orient Hotel, Springwood
Chairperson:	Councillor Frappell (in Councillor Myles absence)
Meeting Purpose:	Sports Council
Present:	Councillor Terri Hamilton, Councillor Kevin Frappell, Brett Sowerby, Steven Poole, Paul Watson, Dave Geddes, Chris Moloney, John Tremble, Ian Monaghan, Estelle Godkin, David Brown, Walter Hitchell, Rob Voura (6.50pm), Adrian Birkbeck, Lisa Macqueen (Minutes)
Apologies:	Councillor Daniel Myles, Councillor Pippa McInnes, John Beazley
Confirmation of Previous Minutes:	Confirmed
TRIM reference:	F01200 – 08/29375

Business arising from the Previous Minutes

Issues raised in the previous minutes have been attended to.

Items for discussion

	Item	Comments
1	Confirmation of Previous Minutes	Minutes confirmed.
2	Collect Items for General Discussion	Refer to Item 10.
3	Sports Ground Over Use Revisited	<p>Is this still an issue? It was agreed that the last several months of relatively good rainfall had helped surfaces recover, this and BMCC's improved maintenance program. All agreed the ovals looked better.</p> <p>Adrian Birkbeck asked if the Sports Council wanted to set up a focus group for grounds /a grounds committee. It was decided to defer discussion of this item until John Beazley and Rob Voura arrived. (This matter will be revisited as John Beazley was absent).</p> <p>Action: Revisit issue at next meeting.</p>
4	Fees Operational Plan/Projects	<p>Adrian tabled a 1-5 Year Sports Fees Project Plan "discussion paper". Sports Council representatives were asked to review the document and add comments. Those code representatives who represent clubs paying the \$5 sports fee were asked to seek input from the clubs they represent. Adrian will be sending an electronic version so priorities/recommendations can be done via computer.</p> <p>Action: All Sports Council representatives have been asked to review and recommend projects for next meeting.</p>

		<p>Ian Monaghan advised that the Nepean District Soccer Football Association has been collecting a \$5 per player levy that was to be used for irrigation/improvements of ovals. Since the change in rainfall over recent months this money is being considered for ground upgrades and things such as floodlights. Ian also advised that a meeting is being held on the 3 April 2008, with the Blue Mountains Soccer Clubs who play in the Nepean competition to discuss amongst other things, how soccer clubs might be able to access Nepean District Soccer Associations levy funds.</p> <p>Brett Sowerby – raised the issue of building security at Pitt Park and Tom Hunter Park. Brett advised that Athletics had invested a large amount of capital in athletics equipment and had lost a lot in a break-in and fire at Pitt Park. Adrian advised that Pitt Park now has an alarm system installed on the shed. This alarm was paid for by Katoomba Little Athletics Club.</p> <p>Sports Fees – The question was asked, ‘how much will we have to spend?’. Adrian advised that the Sports Council should have approximately \$25,000 to spend in the 2008/9 financial year, provided all fees were paid.</p> <p>\$20,000 Minor Capital Works Budget – ‘Is it a case of use it or lose it?’, ‘Will unspent money be carried over into the next financial year?’ Councillor Frappell advised that a decision will be made on this when Council votes on the budget.</p>
5	Sports Fees Draft Commercial Fee	<p>A discussion was held regarding a commercial fee for commercial organisations, e.g. paid coaches and, who should get preference when the ovals are being booked. It was decided that the non commercial user should get first preference. It was agreed that commercial users should pay a fee similar to the “casual booking” fee.</p>
6	Conflict Resolution/Splinter Groups	<p>Adrian raised the issue of Conflict Resolution and the Sports Council having a role in settling disputes. Often emotions are high amongst those directly involved with no compromise able to be reached.</p> <p>Adrian asked if Sports Council members had any expertise in this regard.</p> <p>Discussion of the topic raised the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mediation would be untimely due to the infrequency of Sports Council meetings.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perhaps a quorum of six members of the Sports Council could form a Conflict Resolution Committee. • Splinter groups need to deal with the existing club administration and then their parent association rather than an outside body like the Sports Council. • Common practice within the cricket association is that if a dispute is resolved by the parent body, no further appeal will be entered into. • No lawyers allowed. • The resolution of the conflict is viewed in the best interest of the sport/game. <p>Action: Adrian to prepare a paper for the next Sports Council meeting on this issue.</p>
7	Dog Off Leash	<p>Councillor Frappell explained that Council will be undertaking a “Dog Off Leash” trail at the following locations: Whitley Park, Sir Frank Walford Park, Bulls Camp Reserve, Summerhayes Park, Leura Oval and Lennox Bridge, Lapstone Oval, Sun Valley Reserve, Bureau Park, Katoomba Falls Reserve, Pitt Park, Old Lawson Golf Course and Tom Hunter Park. Councillor Hamilton advised that special fencing will be erected at Whitley Park, Blackheath to help contain dogs to the designated area.</p> <p>This issue was discussed at some length and the following points were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog faeces are a health issue, especially areas where sport is played. Most sports involved tackling/ground contact. • Trial Periods – Was the condition of the trial areas noted prior to the trials commencing? How is the trial being monitored? The timeframes for the use of Katoomba Falls Reserve and Pitt Park are a concern as cricket is there until 7.00pm. • How is the program to be enforced? • Danger of children/adults being bitten by dogs. • No time between users of the parks/ovals for clean up of dog faeces. • Cricket and the majority of other codes would have no problem with this issue provided the grounds are cleared of faeces prior to sporting use. • Previous experience has shown dog owners to

		<p>be irresponsible regarding the removal of faeces. Dog owners should be made to pick up after their dogs.</p> <p>Action: Sporting Clubs using a ground being trailed as a “Dog Off Leash Area” should monitor the grounds over the 12 month trail period and note/report to Council any problems/issues associated with these activities.</p>
8	2008/2009 Draft Management Plan	<p>The 2008/2009 Draft Management Plan is going on public exhibitions for 28 days (April). Submissions may be made by the public. It is available for viewing on the BMCC website.</p>
9	Western Sydney Academy of Sport	<p>Martin Bullock, CEO of the Western Sydney Academy of Sport is to present to the next Sports Council meet.</p>
10	Discussion Items	<p>Chris Moloney – The Lapstone Oval floodlight upgrade has been completed, increasing the previously dismal lux level to 31lux. This is still below the Australian Standard but is still greatly appreciated by the Rugby Club. Chris thanked Council for delivering this upgrade.</p> <p>John Tremble – Advertising on Sporting Grounds. Has a decision been made as to whether it is allowable? John explained Tennis NSW provide signs (at a cost) therefore allowing clubs and associations to subsequently charge businesses to advertise on them. It is potentially a good source of funding. Councillor Frappell requested John “drop him a email” so that he can chase up this issue. Councillor Frappell will canvas other Councillors for support.</p> <p>Action: John Tremble to email Councillor Frappell regarding advertising signage at sporting facilities.</p> <p>David Brown - requested that Council put up guidelines for dog owners “information” at Summerhayes Parks “Dog Off Leash Area” to encourage dog owner responsibility.</p> <p>Brett Sowerby – Athletics not against the “Dog Off Leash” trail at Tom Hunter Park as long as dog owners act responsibly. Athletics trust Council will manage this trail properly. Brett also raised the issue of installing a rain water tank at Tom Hunter Park to collect run off from club house.</p> <p>Estelle Godkin – 40 Years of Netball Celebrated on Saturday, 29 March 2008. Reiterated that conflict resolution is an important issue for the</p>

		<p>Sports Council to be involved in.</p> <p>Steven Poole – Water Tanks – it is possible to install a system independent to the mains? Action: Adrian to provide Sports Council information on rain water tanks.</p> <p>Adrian Birkbeck – Council is planning to upgrade their key system next year and plan to implement a hierarchy system.</p>
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Next Meeting Items

Date & Time:	Proposed for 28 April 2008, 7.00pm and Katoomba.
Chairperson:	Councillor Daniel Myles

Meeting Closed 9.04pm