

Meeting Minutes

27 March 2006, Orient Hotel Springwood

Meeting commenced 6:30pm

Councillors

Councillor Myles (Chair), Councillor Frappell

Sports Council Representatives

Walter Hitchell, Stephen Poole, Paul Thomas, Sue Kondek, Bob Bartlett, John Beazley, Estelle Godkin, Greg Dickson, David Brown, Walter Hitchell,

Council Officers

Alan Cattermole, Adrian Birkbeck, Vicky Frank (Minutes)

1. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Previous minutes adopted.

Matters arising from these minutes:

Action: Adrian to get Sports Award application forms to codes as soon as possible and organize advertisement in Gazette.

Action: Adrian to discuss restricted smoking trial with clubs at nominated sites.

2. Sports fees

Adrian presented “example” projects that could be funded from income from sports ground fees. There is the potential to do 1 to 3 jobs per year. There is still scope for the Sports Council to spend funds on smaller value projects. All projects would be publicly recorded and reported.

Open discussion:

- How will projects be prioritised – agree on principles and then prepare a five-year plan
- Fees would generate approximately \$40K per annum
- Large capital works projects will still be bid through Council’s Capital Works Program
- Difficult to support introduction of fees when standard of fields is poor
- Baseball is less than cricket - this was based on other Council’s fees
- Council needs to consider dual-use ovals and differences in fees between sports – why is there a discrepancy between sports for same oval and amenities
- It is not the intention to charge for amenity blocks
- Athletics “associated facilities” relates to long-jump, discus cage etc
- Clubs pay for oval lighting, who pays for amenity block lighting?
- No other Councils charge clubs for netball training days, this will result in more work for Council, would prefer a one-off fee

- Schools have not been consulted on this
- Should be concessions for clubs who have contributed to the upgrade of facilities
- Setting a precedent for user-pays
- Concerns over procedural matters including having management of the funds in an officers position description and also developing a criteria for how the funds will be spent
- Concerns with training fee, perhaps build into general fee
- Funds raised need to be enshrined in legislation
- Cricket will be paying approx \$8K, however at Orange the cricket club pays \$6K and has access to 7 turf pitches whereas Blue Mountains has no turf pitches
- There will always be a discrepancy with a 'sports ground' fee, a loading on membership would be more equitable
- May change mentality of Council to be more accountable
- Other sporting groups may not be aware of proposed sports ground fees
- Sports ground fees are a good idea, the figures presented are realistic but needs a sales package

Councillor Myles advised that the proposed Sports ground fees would be going to Council meeting of 11 April for adoption for public exhibition. During the public exhibition submissions can be made in writing to the General Manager. After the public exhibition period, Councillors are briefed on the submissions received by Council staff. A report will then come back to the 20 June Council meeting where Councillors will decide whether to adopt the fees.

3. Sports Awards

Adrian will shortly be contacting the Sports Award subcommittee. The Awards are planned for 29 May. Applications will be amended to include mandatory signature from the club. The "senior" title will be changed to simply say "sports person". Adrian will organise Gazette campaign and also will get application forms to clubs as soon as possible.

Action: Adrian to get Sports Award application forms to clubs as soon as possible and organise advertisement in Gazette.

4. Restricted smoking at Council ovals

The Council report on restricted smoking at Council ovals was adopted at the 21 March Council meeting. A trial at two sites will be undertaken and reported back to Council. Athletics (Glenbrook Oval) and Lomatia Park were nominated and agreed by the Sports Council to be the trial sites. Netball already have this in place but would like to have signs and bins. The \$20K Minor Capital Works funding will not be used to pay for the signs or bins.

Action: Adrian to discuss restricted smoking trial with clubs at nominated sites.

5. General discussion

Discussion points included:

- Walter requested consideration of purchase of 2 marquees for Katoomba outdoor pool to be 50% funded from Sports Council Minor Capital Works funds.
- Stephen was impressed with quality of mowing at Katoomba Falls oval however there has been damage from horses. Sports Councillors were reminded that Council ranges can be contacted on weekends to report illegal activities.
- John reported a good outcome with the lighting at Warrimoo oval now at 100 lux on both fields

6. Sports Council AGM

ADRIAN PLEASE PUT IN AGM DATE

Matters arising from *previous* minutes:

Action: Sports Councillors to advise Councillor Myles if they would be interested in participating in a tour of a premier sports oval facility.

Action: Review to be carried out of current NSW Sport & Rec Grant guidelines.

Action: Adrian to liaise with those Sports Councillors with concerns over changes to oval closure procedures.

Next meeting: **Monday 31 July 2006**, 7.00pm **Venue to be confirmed. Dinner will be provided.** Please RSVP and provide agenda items to Adrian Birkbeck ph 4780 5709.

Meeting closed 8:45 pm

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