

Meeting Minutes

29 May 2006, Grose Meeting Room, Katoomba

Meeting commenced 7:15pm

Councillors

Councillor Myles (Chair), Councillor Frappell, Councillor McInnes, Councillor Hamilton.

Sports Council Representatives

Stephen Poole, Paul Thomas, Sue Kondek, Bob Bartlett, John Beazley, Estelle Godkin, David Brown, Walter Hitchell, Chris Moloney.

Council Officers

Adrian Birkbeck, Elizabeth Dudley-Bestow (Minutes)

Apologies

Greg Dickson, John Beazley, Lyle Thomas.

1. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Previous minutes adopted.

Matters arising from these minutes:

Action: Estelle to organize article for BM Gazette promoting sports awards.

Action: Sports Councillors too seek more nominations for the Sports Awards (each code rep to supply Adrian with a list of volunteers and sports people from their code for nomination/recognition).

Action: Adrian to discuss restricted smoking trial with clubs at nominated sites and advise Glenbrook Chamber of Commerce.

Action: Adrian to make adjustments to Oval Booking Forms.

Action: Adrian to investigate to what extent the Terms of Reference can be changed to allow reps to remain in Sports council past the specified time.

Action; Adrian to contact Sports Code reps in regards to potential change of representation for 2006/7.

Action: Adrian to find out what is happening in relation to toiletries at Gloria Park Pavilion.

2. Sports Awards

Adrian explained that there were only 8 nominations received by the closing date for the Sports Awards. Last year there were 28. There was debate regarding how often the Awards should be held – annually or bi annually? Adrian explained that the Awards were for the sporting clubs and the code representatives need to seek nominations to make the Awards a success. Having the Awards annually was the preferred option by most. It was suggested that a small team of code representatives would endeavor to resuscitate the Awards. Estelle could champion this. Adrian will help by checking back pages of the BM Gazette. Susan would like the “bar” to be lowered making the awards

open to modest achievers not just the elite. Councillor Myles suggested the Awards be put in the Communicator. Estelle to organize an article in the BM Gazette promoting the Awards. Also there was a need to capture the codes outside the Sports Council such as cycling, BMX, croquet, gymnastics etc. Everyone is to make an effort to provide nominations for their code.

3. Oval Booking Forms

Adrian tabled new booking forms for ovals. The idea is to have seasonal forms (winter/summer) and casual/school forms. Comments from Sports Council included (dates wrong!) Public Liability Insurance runs for 12 months, clubs just needed to ensure BMCC had at all times relevant proof of PLI – not necessarily required as a result when booking made as it may still be current from previous times. It was noted that preseason training causes the most complaints in regards to bookings. The casual booking form will need to be submitted for pre season training requests. The new booking forms are tied to the Sports Ground Hire & Use Handbook. Signing off on the booking forms ties users to the conditions in the Handbook. Debate on whether there should be a “forms in by date”. It was suggested that bookings need to be submitted several weeks prior to the commencement of a new season. Blanket bookings would be scrutinized as per the norm, any disputes would take into account the needs of each club/group. If Fees & Charges are introduced it may stop blanket bookings being submitted as the costs would rise. Susan ask why the seasonal form didn’t ask for things like if the club needed floodlight, toilets, etc – it was explained that regular users know what they need as does BMCC, it’s the casuals that need to let BMCC know (keys etc).

It was noted that some ovals have multiple users and this can cause booking issues. Information on what facility is required at a sporting oval will be sought on the booking form so that, for example, a booking for the cricket nets does not preclude a booking for the oval. User groups are expected to co-operate as these facilities are community facilities. It was noted that historic seasonal users do already get the lion’s share of booking time. Adrian to resubmit final draft version of forms for Sports Council comment.

4. Restricted smoking at Council ovals

BMCC will be speaking to the main users of Glenbrook Oval & Lomatia Park to discuss options in regards to restrictions. Councillor Myles raised the “designated area” option. Councilor McInnes reinforced that it is not about enforcement of smoking restrictions but about a cultural change. It was suggested that the Glenbrook Chamber of Commerce should be informed of this trail at Glenbrook Oval. BMCC staff to meet and discuss option in June.

5. Capital Works Bids

Adrian advised that any club wishing to make a request for Capital Works Funding via BMCC should start preparing. The more robust the application the greater the likelihood of the bid being considered. Adrian is available to assist any club wishing to do so.

6. AGM/Nominations for Sports Council Membership

Adrian explained that it was time for the Sport Council to review its membership at this meeting. It was suggested that the Terms of Reference be reviewed and potentially amended to allow current members the opportunity to “see current things through”. There was discussion about gradual change of membership rather than a dramatic change. Code reps invited to bring some-one along to allow them to gain some understanding of the Sports council. Some codes may find it hard to get a new representative. Adrian will be contacting members to discuss their particular code/expectations.

Open discussion:

- John Tremble announced the 60th Anniversary of Winmalee Tennis Club and hoped the new courts would be ready in time. Elizabeth advised that a paper was planned to go to the 20th June council meeting to accept the civil works contract.
- Peter Carroll Field – Report going to Council Tuesday regarding the building of pavilion (since this meeting the Report recommendation has been adopted).
- AFL has expressed interest in Tom Hunter Park as a home ground.
- Sports Fees to be decided by Council by vote – no submission were received as part of the Draft Management Plan whilst on public exhibition. Issues still exist regarding how the funds should be spent – should money raised at an oval be spent at an oval? It was recommended in the Council Report on Fees that the Sports Council decide how the money was spent. Stephen Poole raise concerns on the ability of clubs to pay the fees, cricket needs time to work out how it will collect/raise the money for fees. Walter Hitchell explained that swimmer pay up to \$700 to swim per year and this can be more in certain circumstances. Susan doesn't want fees introduced. Chris stated fees are ok as long as they are fair and equitable. Estelle supports fees as long as they are fair and equitable, feels netball charges are higher than others and that netball have already put considerable resources into the Lapstone netball precinct. Paul says Basketball pay \$36,000 per year and the fees being discussed for ovals are low – it was noted that the facilities for Basketball where more expensive to build and maintain compared to ovals. David accepts the fees but raised that school need to be consulted. Councillor Hamilton fees shouldn't be rushed and it would appear more information was needed. Councillor Myles asked the Sports Council to give a show of hands on whether the Fees were supported in principle, there were 5 for and 4 against (code reps only voted) On the 20th June Council will decide whether to adopt the fees.
- *Note, since the meeting Elizabeth sought information on how the fees could be implemented if they are adopted by Council. Given the administrative requirements, fees will not be implemented from the first of July; they will be implemented after the processes for collecting them have been established. Further consultation with the Sports Council about the timing of the fees will occur. Also, given the lack of consultation with school, and the complex nature of their bookings, the charging of fees to schools has been delayed a year. Consultation will occur through out the year, and the experience of administering fees from sporting clubs will help to guide the administering of fees from other groups,*
- Lapstone Oval needs the irrigation fixed – matter is in hand, a new pump has been ordered.
- Lawson Golf Course – things are quiet in regards to the future. As soon as any new developments are known these will be communicated to the Sport Council meetings.

- Commodities for amenities – Gloria Park Pavilion experience frequent problems in regards to the lack of toiletries.
- Good Sports Program – Susan brought this to the attention of the Sports Council.
- Katoomba Pool – Walter expressed the need for better communication with Pool Management.
- Lomatia Park – new fence seems to be working ok (Bob) “hook shots may be a problem however to date no balls have hit residents homes”.

ADRIAN PLEASE PUT IN AGM DATE – need to discuss???

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.

7. Next Meeting

Next meeting: **AGM - Date to be confirmed.**

Meeting closed 9:45 pm