

Meeting Minutes

28 February 2005, Grose Meeting Room, Katoomba

Meeting commenced 7:04pm

Attendance

Councillors

Councillor Myles (chair), Councillor Frappell, Councillor McInnes

Sports Council Representatives

Susan Kondek, Walter Hitchell, Stephen Poole, Mick Hayes, John Tremble, Chris Maloney, Estelle Godkin, Greg Dickson, David Brown

Council Officers

Adrian Birkbeck, Martin Parmenter, Patricia Gonzalez (Minutes), Lydia Kolar

Apologies

Tony Martini, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Creed, Councillor Brown, Shane Whitelaw, Bob Bartlett, Alan Cattermole

1. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Previous minutes adopted.

No actions arising from previous minutes.

2. Items for General Discussion

Councillor Myles called for open discussion giving Sports Councillors an opportunity to raise any issues.

Discussion included:

- A number of Code representatives advised they would contact relevant staff members directly, rather than raise issues in this forum as their concerns related to maintenance matters.
- Tennis: Thanks to Adrian Birkbeck for his assistance in resolving issues at the tennis courts in Katoomba.
- Netball: Advised that Netball would like clarification on what netball can and cannot do at Lapstone in regards to improvements whilst the Plan of Management is in process
- Soccer: Will cricket wickets be turfed at Lawson Oval and Gloria Park for start of winter season? This is the preferred option by Hazelbrook Soccer.
- Dog Training: Whose responsibility is it to maintain and clean community property such as toilets, as this is often a problem. It was advised that clubs should contact Council to discuss specific problems in this regard.

- Swimming: Interested to find out more about the proposal to outsource elite coaching in the Mountains. Walter advised that this matter would be dealt with through specific meeting arranged to deal with matter.
- Rugby League: Advised that Rita Sanford ended her term as Rugby League representative early, in February 2005. A new representative will need to be elected.

Action: Adrian to respond to Netball by mid March 2005 regarding PoM
Adrian will contact Soccer regarding cricket wickets at Lawson Oval & Gloria Park
Adrian will contact John Beazley to coordinate a meeting with Rugby League Clubs to elect a new Rugby League representative.

3. Presentation – Sports Fields Research Project

Patricia Gonzalez – Sports Project Officer presented an update on the project advising Sports Council representatives on the process so far and listed a number of issues and possible solutions currently being explored.

Copy of presentation will be forwarded with these minutes.

Discussion included:

- Will non public schools be approached?
- Touch Football location issues will continue due to rapid growth rate of competition.
- Previous attempt at Council / School partnership was unsuccessful however it was agreed that the use of school grounds was a good option.
- Multi use of ground is a concern. Solution: better consultation between user groups.
- Changeover period together with Summer / Winter conflict is also a matter of concern for most clubs.

4. Presentation – Open Discussion on the Sportsground Hire / User Policy

Adrian tabled a discussion paper regarding the Sportsground hire / user policy. Adrian outlined the key points in the discussion paper. In summary, sporting season and changeover period need greater definition, key register proposed as a method of controlling key distribution and a fees & charges system will be explored. Draft Seasonal Booking forms were distributed for Sports Councilors information.

Discussion included:

- Balance required between both summer and winter codes.
- Closure periods need not be blanket. Greater flexibility during this period is required.
- Could individual maintenance regimes be put in place for major locations?
- Key register is a good idea, some clubs already have this system in place and it seems to work well.
- Fees & charges are a way forward and something that could be done. Any system would need to be equitable and unilateral across the Mountains. More research required.

Action: Adrian to investigate if any permit is required for the use of signs / banners displayed over the length of a day at an oval.

5. Presentation – Lawson Golf Course

Adrian gave a presentation on the former Lawson Golf Course site and reminded all Sports Councillors of the need to get involved in the consultation process. A second community consultation day is scheduled for April 2005, with invitation to be forwarded shortly to all Sports Councillors.

Discussion included:

- Greater support from sports clubs is required or site may be lost to sport altogether.
- If club representatives are unable to attend communication consultation day please write a letter or email your thoughts and ideas. Please copy Councillors into any correspondence.

6. Correspondence Received

No correspondence received.

7. Sports Council Survey Results

Adrian briefly presented the results of the survey. In summary Sports Councillors felt strongly or generally agreed with most questions asked in the survey, many agreed that the Sports Council should work on the following: improving communication on all levels, media promotion of Sports Council and more control over speaker time allocation.

8. Sports Awards

Adrian reminded everyone of the need promote the Sports Awards and encourage all Club representatives to submit nominations. Meeting will be held end of March 2005 for Sports Council Awards judging panels members to discuss nominations and organise awards night.

Action: Adrian to forward details of meeting to Sports Council Awards judging panel.

9. General Business

- Blackheath Oval is preparing to commemorate 75 years since the Don Bradman match in 2006.
- Club representatives should inform Sports Council of details regarding any special club anniversaries, events etc so that this may be promoted in the Gazette or other media.

10. Next Meeting

Next meeting: **Monday 2nd May 2005**, 7.00pm at BMCC Katoomba. Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP and provide agenda items to Adrian Birkbeck ph 4780 5709.

Meeting closed 9:05pm

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