

Meeting Minutes

6 December 2004, Grose Meeting Room, Katoomba

Meeting commenced 7:10pm

Attendance

Councillors

Councillor Myles (chair), Councillor Frappell, Councillor McInnes

Sports Council Representatives

Rita Sandford, Estelle Godkin, Susan Kondek, Bob Bartlett, John Tremble, David Brown, Walter Hitchell

Council Officers

Alan Cattermole, Adrian Birkbeck, Martin Parmenter, Vicky Frank (Minutes)

Guest

Patricia Gonzalez, BMCC, Sports Facilities Project Officer
Noel Hiffernan, D-Sport

Apologies

Tony Martini, Chris Maloney, Stephen Poole, Greg Dickson, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Creed

1. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Previous minutes adopted.

No actions arising from previous minutes.

2. Blue Mountains Sports Council Sports Awards

Adrian called for nominations for the Sports Council Sports Awards judging panel to be made up of 3 sports code representatives, 2 Councillors and one D(isability)-Sport representative. The panel would probably be involved in two meetings to be set a mutually convenient time. Sue, Bob and Walter nominated. Councillor Myles put Councillor Creed's name forward in her absence. Councillor Frappell and McInnes also put their names forward. Noel Hiffernan, president of Metwest D-Sport, has agreed to be the D-Sport representative. Noel briefly outlined some of the activities D-Sport was involved in. Sports Councillors would be encouraged to assist with promotion when the Awards program was officially launched.

Note: Adrian has spoken to Councillor Creed who has confirmed she does not wish to be on the judging panel.

3. Presentation – Blue Mountains Sports Facilities Project

Alan Cattermole introduced Patricia Gonzalez, a 6 month full-time project officer, working on the Blue Mountains Sports Facilities Project. Alan presented on what the project would deliver and how the Sports Council would be involved in the project.

Copy of presentation will be forwarded with these minutes.

Discussion included:

- Former Golf Course, Lawson will be included in the project study along with existing and other possible sites for more sporting grounds.
- If work on lighting is being investigated by clubs, it is not necessary to wait until the lighting component of the project is completed, as long as current standards are met. Adrian has information on a range of lighting standards that can be made available to Sport Councillors. Also, check that the lighting company is working to current standards.
- Capital Works nominations have to be resubmitted each year.

Action: Martin will contact Bob regarding lighting at Lomatia Park.

4. Review of Oval Booking System

Adrian tabled a discussion paper regarding the oval booking system. Adrian outlined the key points in the discussion paper. In summary, the current booking system was lacking in many areas, with only 12 conditions. A draft Oval Booking Policy is intended to be available by August 2005. Adrian would like feedback from Sports Councillors on what the new policy could include by February 2005.

Discussion included:

- Other Council's have a separate booking form for seasonal bookings (winter/summer).
- Tennis courts are being looked at separately with agreement that players need to be made aware of what the conditions of use are.
- Wording for the definition of 'oval user' needs to be considered so that non-Sport bookings are also included.
- It would be beneficial for goal post information to be incorporated into the policy.
- Would be good to include oval-specific information in the booking form.

Action: Adrian will e-mail Sports Councillors the key information from other Council's oval booking systems. Sports Councillors to contact Adrian with feedback on what the new Blue Mountains Policy could include.

5. Media Review / Sports Issues

This agenda item has been included after discussions held in the previous meeting. This agenda item can be used to table current issues. A suggestion was made to include an item in the Gazette celebrating the first twelve months of the Sports Council. It was also suggested that the Gazette would be a good way to promote the Sports Awards Program.

Action: – Adrian to discuss with Kerry Mumford to put together a positive press story.

6. Correspondence Received

No correspondence received.

7. Review of First Twelve Months, General Discussion Time, Ambitions for 2005

Discussion points included:

- A lot of information has gone out and hopefully Sports Councillors have a better idea of how Council works.
- The newsletter is up and running.
- Did not have an idea of the scope or parameters but it has been good to be part of the process and things might not happen tomorrow but confident that they will happen eventually.
- Dealing with important issues.
- Sports Council as a lobby group.
- How can Sports Council influence the budget.
- The sharing of information has been good.
- The communication between members is appreciated – thanks for listening!
- A level of frustration at not being able to ‘bite the bullet’ and act quickly.
- Disappointed at croquet discussion, felt that Sports Council was not encouraged to discuss the issue.
- There had to be a learning process and influence will become greater in years to come.
- More time on specific issues. Need to be placed on the agenda in advance. Information on the item needs to be circulated prior to the meeting. Sports Councillors could table discussion papers.
- Not necessary to go through discussion paper point by point when they have been previously circulated.
- Provide a link to Business Papers on relevant issues. Need information to make informed decisions. This takes time.
- Need for flexibility in the agenda to deal with emerging issues.
- Sporting codes need to be involved in consultation with RTA & BMCC when highway works will impact on their facilities.
- A survey was conducted and the results of this will be presented back at the Feb 2005 meeting

Action: Adrian will contact Rita regarding who to talk to regarding Showground issues.

8. General Business

- Sue is disappointed that the flyer on the Former Lawson Golf Course only went to the mid-mountains. This is an opportunity for a multi-use citywide facility. Sue advised that she is gearing up to push for soccer. Alan confirmed that citywide communication strategies will be employed and a presentation on the Lawson Golf Course will be conducted at the Feb 2005 Sports Council meeting.
- Adrian is still seeking ideas for the expenditure of the Sports Council \$21,000 capital works funds.
- Request for presentation on renovation periods on Council ovals - what and where this takes place.

Action: Presentation to be organised for Sports Council on Council's renovation periods to be delivered at the Feb 2005 meeting.

10. Next Meeting

Next meeting: **Monday 28 February 2005**, 7.00pm at BMCC Katoomba. Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP and provide agenda items to Adrian Birkbeck ph 4780 5709.

Meeting closed 9:15pm

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