

Meeting Minutes

25 October 2004, Grose Meeting Room, Katoomba

Meeting commenced 7:00pm

Attendance

Councillors

Councillor Hamilton (chair), Councillor Frappell

Sports Council Representatives

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

Council Officers

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

Guest

Martin Bullock, Chief Executive Officer, Western Sydney Academy of Sport

Apologies

Rita Sandford, Councillor Myles

1. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Previous minutes adopted.

Previous action: Adrian had meeting minutes from Lachlan to provide to Walter.

2. Presentation – Western Sydney Academy of Sport

Martin Bullock, Chief Executive Officer from the Western Sydney Academy of Sport provided a presentation on the Academy. The 'new' Academy has been in operation for 3 months and is an independent not-for-profit organisation. Main roles of the Academy include, consultation with state and national organisations, providing strategic advice to governments and providing programs for athletes in a variety of sports. There are 10 member Council's in the Academy and the Academy receives a \$100,000 administration grant from the Department of Sport and Recreation. Contact details are as follows:

*Western Sydney Academy of Sport
PO Box 2208
North Parramatta NSW 1750
Phone: 9890 2822
Fax: 9890 2859*

3. Minor Capital Works Expenditure Update

Adrian requested Sports Councillors to review the *Minor Capital Works* report provided at the August meeting and to provide him with any suggestions of projects that fit the criteria. Adrian has commenced reviewing the list of the 62 previously identified issues.

The only project funded to date is grass seed for the archery mound, Browntown Oval.

4. Presentation: Service Level Agreements

Alan Cattermole provided a presentation on Service Level Agreements that are relevant to the Sports Council.

A copy of this presentation will be provided with these minutes.

5. Reviewing Soccer Goal Posts

Adrian made reference to the newsletter item in relation to the safety of portable goal posts and requested information from Sports Councillors on goal posts.

Comments included:

- Clubs would need 6 months to plan if a change in goal posts was decided
- Soccer NSW has a policy on goal posts, how does this relate to the Office of Fair Trading
- There is also a safety issue with fixed goal posts that are left in the ground / cannot be removed, proposal to use Minor Capital Works funding to convert to socket system
- The current Council position is that all soccer posts must comply with the Australian Standard or Soccer NSW Guidelines.
- Council will be employing a structural engineer to assess all posts.
- An assessment will be made on all posts (not just soccer) to ensure that they meet standards and that they are not impacting on other users (eg cricket).

Action: *Relevant Sports Councillors to provide information to Adrian regarding goal posts. Adrian to report back to next Sports Council meeting on any further information he has acquired about this process.*

6. Review of Newsletter / Communication Processes

Adrian requested feedback on the Sports Council newsletter.

Comments included:

- Cricket clubs did not receive newsletters
- Request to have newsletters e-mailed and / or link to website e-mailed
- Request to send multiple copies to Sports Councillors to distribute
- Sports Councillors could e-mail Adrian with contacts for affiliated clubs
- Add an 'events' or 'code profile' section to newsletter
- Baseball / Softball contact details missing from newsletter

Action: Adrian to e-mail Sports Councillors requesting feedback / input into next edition of newsletter. In the future, Adrian will e-mail electronic link to newsletter to Sports Councillors and provide multiple hardcopies to Sports Councillors for distribution.

7. Blue Mountains Sports Council Awards Program

Martin asked for endorsement from Sports Councillors to commence with the development of the Sports Council Awards Program as per the report provided at the previous meeting. One change that has been made is the inclusion of the award category 'athlete with a disability'. A motion was unanimously moved to endorse the commencement of the Awards Program for delivery in April.

A judging panel of six people needs to be created that will assess the nominations. These will consist of:

- Three (3) members of sports codes who are on the Sports Council
- Two (2) Councillors who are on the Sports Council, including the Chair
- One (1) representative from D-Sport or another organisation representing sporting people with disabilities.

At the December 6th Sports Council meeting we shall discuss the panel make up /options.

Note: Members of the Sports Council and staff of Blue Mountains City Council who work with the Sports Council are ineligible for nomination however their families are eligible for these awards however if a family member is nominated the Sports Council representative is not permitted to be part of the judging panel.

8. Correspondence Received

Letter received from Hazelbrook Croquet seeking Sport Council support for a playing field at Whitton Park. Agreed response from Sports Council was to advise that their letter had been forwarded to Council for consideration and investigation.

Action: Adrian to draft response to Hazelbrook Croquet letter advising that their letter had been forwarded to Council for consideration and investigation. Letter to be signed by Councillor Myles.

9. General Discussion

- Adrian handed out Australia Day nomination forms on behalf of Kerry Mumford, Council's Communications Officer, for sportsperson nominations.
- Reference was made to AFL front page Gazette article. It was agreed that **Adrian would draft a letter for Councillor Myles signature, inviting AFL to rejoin the Sports Council.**
- Bob advised that Council was quick in getting the lights fixed at Lomatia Park and clubs are happy to hear that the fencing will be raised.

- The Dog Club would like roller doors installed and have not heard back in response to a letter they sent to Council. **Adrian will follow-up.** Councillor Hamilton advised that BA/ DA Fees are refunded to community groups.
- John advised that the tennis court issue is ongoing at Summerhayes. **Alan to update at next meeting.**
- Stephen raised the issue of the child that received a fracture at Blackheath Oval and that this was a reminder of the general condition of fields. Estelle advised that netball was required by their insurance company to complete and sign-off on a safety check of the courts prior to play. Netball is seeking advice from the insurance company regarding club / Council's liability responsibilities.
- Estelle requested an update on the Lapstone Plan of Management process. Alan advised that the netball club would still be kept informed of progress.
- Susan questioned the seasonal renovation period on the ovals and the disparity between the winter sport season and summer sport season. Adrian advised that there was some flexibility for clubs. **Question was taken on notice and will be reported back to next meeting.**
- Mick highlighted the growth in Touch Football and the field capacity issues as well as the seasonal renovation period. Mick would like to work towards a long-term solution.
- Alan advised that there were two community information sessions planned on the Capital Works Program nomination process on 24 Nov at 7pm and on the 27 Nov at 2pm, both at the Lawson Mid Mountains Community Centre. Dates and times will be advertised in the Gazette and on Council's website.

10. Next Meeting

Next meeting: **Monday 6 December 2004**, 7.00pm at BMCC Katoomba. Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP and provide agenda items to Adrian Birkbeck ph 4780 5709.

Meeting closed 9:10pm

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