

Back to Belmore Incorporated
Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 17 2009

The Committee Meeting for Back to Belmore Incorporated opened at 7.30 pm.

Present: Luke Cevolani, Mark Cevolani, Tony Karam, Steven Cataldi, Joseph Moses, Joe Karam.

THE MINUTES ARE PRESENTED IN AGENDA ORDER

1) Apologies

Luke Brailey

2) Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion that Minutes of the twenty first Back to Belmore Incorporated Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, November 18 2008 be accepted and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Moved: Mark Cevolani, Seconded: Joe Karam

CARRIED

3) Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

NIL

4) President's Report

In the absence of Mr Brailey, Vice President Luke Cevolani presented comments from his conversation with Mr Brailey the previous day.

Motion that President's Report be accepted

Moved: Luke Cevolani, Seconded: Tony Karam

CARRIED

5) Financial / Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Tony Karam tabled his report. As at February 16 2009: Society Cheque Account – \$178.67; Total closing balance – \$178.67

Financial Statement (November 18 2008 – February 16 2009)

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| Financial Assets at November 18 2008 | | |
| St.George Bank Society Cheque Account | 178.67 | |
| TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS | | 178.67 |
| Income | 0.00 | |
| TOTAL INCOME | | 0.00 |
| Expenditure | 0.00 | |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | | 0.00 |
| Financial Assets at February 16 2009 | | |
| St.George Bank Society Cheque Account | 178.67 | |
| TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS | | 178.67 |

Motion that Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Moved: Tony Karam, Seconded: Steve Cataldi

CARRIED

6) Correspondence / Secretary's Report

Secretary Mark Cevolani reported that there was no incoming or outgoing correspondence since the last committee meeting.

Motion that Correspondence be accepted.

Moved: Mark Cevolani, Seconded: Joe Karam

CARRIED

7) Webmaster's Report

Webmaster Joe Karam reported that there were some minor issues with the host which prevented the committee from updating the website on a regular basis. Mr Karam advised that these issues were being fully investigated and hoped to have the problem rectified as soon as possible.

Motion that Webmaster's Report be accepted.

Moved: Joe Karam, Seconded: Luke Cevolani

CARRIED

8) General Business

Vice President Luke Cevolani called for any items of general business.

Campaign Manager Steven Cataldi reported that the Back to Belmore group on Facebook had attracted almost 100 members since the last committee meeting in November 2008, taking the total number of members to 980 as of February 16.

Vice President Luke Cevolani seized on comments by Bulldogs CEO Todd Greenberg in December 2008 that the football club was truly committed to a return to Belmore. On the rleague.com website, Mr Greenberg was quoted as saying in an interview with rleague.com's Matthew O'Neill, "*Fans need to know that we're serious about it, we can't announce anything as yet but we'll give it every possible shake to see if we can get a game or two back at Belmore*".

Community Relations Manager Joseph Moses reiterated reminded the need to establish close ties with local businesses in Belmore and business that sponsored the Bulldogs when they played at Belmore. Mr Moses asked that the committee consider a mailout within the next 2-3 months to these businesses to consider giving financial support to Back to Belmore Inc, allowing the campaign to follow through in its objectives and mission.

Tony Karam discussed a proposal to start a letterbox drop of *Back to Belmore* flyers in the streets encircling Belmore Sports Ground in April & May 2009.

Marco Cevolani expressed deep concern that the effects of dilapidation and deterioration at Belmore Sports Ground were getting much worse and urgent attention was needed to the state of the ground.

Luke Cevolani encouraged all attendees at the meeting and supporters of Back to Belmore to get more involved in the campaign and thanked them for their important participation in the fight to save one of Sydney's greatest sporting venues.

Local business survey results were presented briefly by Joseph Moses & Steven Cataldi. Their combined survey to local businesses situated within a 500 metre radius of Belmore Sports Ground was conducted over the summer period. It found 82% of business respondents would be financially better off and in-store business would increase by more than 15% on game days if the Bulldogs returned to Belmore for a select number of games per year, while 8% said they would be worse off. 10% of the respondents said the Bulldogs returning to their spiritual kennel would make no difference.

As there was no other general business for the meeting to discuss, Luke Cevolani called the formal portion of the meeting to a close at 8.22pm and, on behalf of the President of the committee, wished Back to Belmore Inc. and the Canterbury Bulldogs a successful 2009.

9) Next Meeting

The next meeting of the committee will be held on Tuesday, May 19 2009 at 7.30pm in the Lower Hall, St. Mel's Parish Hall, Campsie.

Minutes taken by the Secretary.

SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD

SECRETARY

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PRESIDENT

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