

# **Back to Belmore Incorporated**

## **Committee Meeting**

### **Wednesday, October 18 2006**

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

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

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*THE MINUTES ARE PRESENTED IN AGENDA ORDER*

#### **1) Apologies**

No apologies were received.

#### **2) Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Motion that Minutes of the inaugural Back to Belmore Incorporated Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, September 13 2006 be accepted and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Moved: Mark Cevolani, Seconded: Tony Karam

CARRIED

#### **3) Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

- Family day at Belmore Sports Ground in early 2007 to garner solid support for the campaign.  
*Action:* The committee to speak directly to Bulldogs football club about holding their fan day (scheduled for early 2007) together with *Back to Belmore's* family day at Belmore Sports Ground.
- Bank account opened with St. George Bank Limited in name of "BACK TO BELMORE INCORPORATED" [BSB: 112-879; Account Number: 428 152 179] with three signatories as specified in the previous minutes – Luke Brailey (President), Luke Cevolani (Secretary) and Mark Cevolani (Treasurer). An opening deposit of \$7.00 was made to cover committee membership costs.

#### **4) President's Report**

*Report was delivered verbally.* President Luke Brailey reiterated that over the next five months the committee would be actively seeking sponsorship and endorsements in readiness for the 2007 NRL season, which will be 'bigger than Ben Hur'.

#### **5) Financial / Treasurer's Report**

As at October 17 2006: Society Cheque Account – \$307.00; Total closing balance – \$307.00. Treasurer Mark Cevolani reported that a donation of \$300 was credited to the association's bank account on October 11 2006 to assist with campaign expenses in the future.

Motion that Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Moved: Tony Karam, Seconded: Steve Cataldi

CARRIED

#### **6) Correspondence / Secretary's Report**

Secretary Luke Cevolani identified the following incoming and outgoing correspondence since the last committee meeting:

- Letter from Senator The Hon Rod Kemp – the Minister for Sport and the Arts states that primary responsibility for development of community infrastructure and sporting facilities rests with State, Territory and Local governments and there are no ongoing funding programs within sport portfolio that could support an upgrade of Belmore Sports Ground. Committee will draft a response in due course.
- Letter from The Hon Sandra Nori – correspondence was forwarded to Premier Morris lemma for his consideration.

- Letter from Jocelyn Moawad, Assistant Private Secretary to the Premier – Mr lemma has received correspondence from the committee concerning funding to upgrade BSG, the matters raised are under consideration and a reply will be sent as soon as possible.
- Documentation from the National Rugby League – Indicative Guidelines for Stadium Facilities at NRL Venues, Free TV Australia Operational Practice OP-32: TV Coverage Plan for Rugby League, Rugby Union and Soccer Matches, Free TV Australia Operational Practice OP-31: Lighting Requirements for Colour Television.
- Letter from Cr Robert Furolo, Mayor of Canterbury – The Mayor will continue to work in any constructive and serious effort by both Bulldogs Boards to bring the ‘Dogs back home and commits himself to work both the State & Federal Governments to make this a reality. Suffice it to say that Canterbury Council is very much dedicated to this issue.
- Letter to John Ballesty, Bulldogs League Club Chief Executive – formally requesting sponsorship from the Leagues Club.
- Letter to Malcolm Noad, Bulldogs Chief Executive – formally requesting a copy of the register of members of the Bulldogs Rugby League Club to contact each of the members to seek their support for the *Back to Belmore* campaign. A response from Bulldogs Media Spokesman Chris O’Brien was e-mailed on October 12 requesting an undertaking that the contact details of members would not be passed on to anyone else. A letter of undertaking addressed to Malcolm Noad was hand delivered to the Bulldogs football club office at Belmore Sports Ground on October 13 declaring that the register of members would be kept confidential and would not be made available to any other individual or entity for any reason whatsoever.

Motion that Correspondence be accepted.

Moved: Joseph Moses, Seconded: Joe Karam

CARRIED

## **7) Webmaster’s Report**

As at October 15 2006: Number of visits – 5373; Unique Visitors – 3654; Hits – 165,089 [to the *Back to Belmore* website since its launch on October 17 2005.] Webmaster Joe Karam reported hits to the website had increased internationally – United States (3,757), China (1,180), Japan (68), Great Britain (49), Philippines (27) and Poland (7). Most common search keyphrase from an Internet Search Engine: “Belmore Sports Ground”.

Mr Karam also reported that the three new pages, “CB LOUNGE” (‘Endorsements & Testimonials’), “PEDIGREE CLUB MEMBERS” (‘Sponsors’) and “OFFICIAL AREA” (‘Committee Members’) had been completed and uploaded on to the website, including their respective page headers. The left-hand side navigation menu and the bottom menu on each page had also been modified to accommodate the new buttons/options. However, the material for “CB LOUNGE” (‘Endorsements & Testimonials’) and “PEDIGREE CLUB MEMBERS” (‘Sponsors’) will be placed on their respective pages to be uploaded on the website in due course. Modifications to the entry points on the default page will also need to be made to accommodate the new pages.

Motion that Webmaster’s Report be accepted.

Moved: Tony Karam, Seconded: Luke Cevolani

CARRIED

## **8) General Business**

President Luke Brailey called for any items of general business.

Discussion took place at last committee meeting regarding letterbox drop of *Back to Belmore* flyers to the streets that encircle Belmore Sports Ground. It was decided that if the Bulldogs were knocked out in the Preliminary Final that committee would discuss an appropriate time to conduct the letterbox drop. Campaign Manager Joseph Moses suggested that two volunteers appointed by the committee could conduct the letterbox drop on the weekend of the Bulldogs’ first NRL game for 2007.

The subject of conducting our affairs in an open manner was held. It was agreed that such should be a principle of our operations as the *Back to Belmore* committee.

The committee agreed that a mail-out to members of the Bulldogs Rugby League Club would be conducted 13 days prior to the Bulldogs Annual General Meeting, to be held in early 2007. The material in the mail-out will consist of (1) a letter and (2) a flyer accompanying the letter to each of the members. The contents of the proposed letter are to be determined by the committee at a later stage before the mail-out, which is to be conducted by President Luke Brailey. The register of members is a private and confidential document and, as outlined in the Correspondence, will **not** be made available to any other individual or entity, for any reason whatsoever. The register of members will be kept in a secure place and in due course disposed of in a secure fashion or returned to the football club.

An invoice was presented by Secretary Luke Cevolani for one (1) custom made self-inking stamp (\$38.00) with the association's logo, name, incorporation number, postal address and website readily available to stamp. The following funds were received at this meeting for the rubber stamp:

- \$5.45 – Luke Brailey
- \$5.45 – Tony Karam
- \$5.45 – Luke Cevolani
- \$5.45 – Mark Cevolani
- \$5.40 – Joseph Moses
- \$5.40 – Steven Cataldi
- \$5.40 – Joe Karam
- *Total:* \$38.00

As there was no other general business for the meeting to discuss, Luke Brailey called the formal portion of the meeting to a close at 8.16pm and thanked everyone for their attendance and support.

### **9) Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the committee will be held on Wednesday, November 15 2006 at 7.30pm in the Lower Hall, St. Mel's Parish Hall, Campsie.

*Minutes taken by the Secretary.*

### **SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD**

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**SECRETARY**

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**PRESIDENT**

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