

**Back to Belmore Incorporated**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Tuesday, July 1 2008**

The Annual General 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 Inaugural AGM**

Motion that Minutes of the Inaugural Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, June 27 2007 be accepted and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Moved: Luke Cevolani, Seconded: Mark Cevolani.

CARRIED

**3) President's Report**

President Luke Brailey welcomed committee members to the 2008 Annual General Meeting and handed out his report, allowing time for the report to be read. He appraised the year's activities undertaken by the Back to Belmore Inc. committee, and reviewed the expectations for the year ahead.

Motion that President's Report be accepted

Moved: Tony Karam, Seconded: Joseph Moses

CARRIED

**4) Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Mark Cevolani circulated his report and budget paper, income included membership fees and donations.

Motion that Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget for 2008/2009 be accepted

Moved: Mark Cevolani, Seconded: Tony Karam

CARRIED

**5) Election of 2008/2009 Committee**

The 2008/2009 Back to Belmore Inc. committee was elected to serve as follows:

**Office Bearers**

Luke Brailey	<b>President</b>
Luke Cevolani	<b>Vice President</b>
Mark Cevolani	<b>Secretary</b>
Tony Karam	<b>Treasurer</b>

**Ordinary Members of the Committee**

Steven Cataldi	<b>Campaign Manager</b>
Joseph Moses	<b>Community Relations Manager</b>
Joe Karam	<b>Webmaster</b>

## 6) Committee Investigation

Mr Brailey belatedly delivered his final report, due in February 2008, of the committee-commissioned investigation into whether adequate strategies were implemented by the previous regime of the Bulldogs Rugby League Club to procure the necessary funding to upgrade Belmore Sports Ground to NRL Standards. After almost a year of thorough deliberating, some key findings presented in the report include:

- During a meeting that took place between Canterbury Council and the Bulldogs Rugby League Club in mid-2005, the football club board was invited to outline their requirements for BSG to be brought up to NRL standard. Canterbury Council was never provided with any details of costing by the Bulldogs
- The Bulldogs gave no indication that it was willing to contribute to the cost of the upgrade, and no plans or concepts were submitted.
- Canterbury Council did not proceed with any definitive plans for the restoration of Belmore Sports Ground as it received no commitment from the previous Bulldogs administration.
- Canterbury Council and the NSW Government had both invested a substantial amount of taxpayers' money in Belmore Sports Ground in the mid-1990s to increase the capacity of the ground and improve the playing surface. Within a few years of this work being completed, the Bulldogs relocated home games to the Homebush precinct.
- In August 2007, after numerous discussions with the Hon. Morris Iemma, Premier of NSW, concerning the restoration of Belmore Sports Ground, the President of Back to Belmore Inc. (Luke Brailey) wrote to the then Bulldogs CEO Malcolm Noad informing him that the Premier would be in a position to consider funding for the upgrade of BSG. The committee sought the assistance of Mr Noad in initiating discussions with Mr Iemma to secure the necessary funding required to upgrade Belmore Sports Ground. No action was ever taken by the football club.

The comprehensive report documented key factors that caused Belmore's dilapidated state over a long period of time and concluded that the former administration clearly neglected Belmore Sports Ground and failed to take action. The fact that several other clubs in the NRL were successful in lobbying governmental bodies, and committing themselves in implementing key measures to combat dilapidation and upgrade their local sporting venues, i.e. Oki Jubilee, Leichhardt Oval & Brookvale Oval, only validated the committee's findings.

## 7) General Business

President Luke Brailey called for any items of general business.

There being no general business to discuss, Luke Brailey closed the meeting at 8.43 pm

*Minutes taken by the Secretary.*

**SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD**

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**SECRETARY**

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**PRESIDENT**

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