

Back to Belmore Incorporated

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, July 3 2013

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

Present: Luke Brailey, Luke Cevolani, Tony Karam, Oltan Akdogan, Steven Cataldi, Joseph Moses, Joe Karam.

THE MINUTES ARE PRESENTED IN AGENDA ORDER

1) Apologies

No apologies were received.

2) Minutes of the 2012 AGM

Motion that Minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, July 3 2012 be accepted and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Moved: Joe Karam, Seconded: Tony Karam.

CARRIED

3) President's Report

President Luke Brailey welcomed committee members and distinguished guests to the 2013 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. Mr Brailey also praised outgoing Bulldogs CEO Todd Greenberg for his inspiring leadership over the past 5 years on Belmore Sports Ground and expressed confidence that the executive committee will work constructively with new Chief Executive Raelene Castle, due to commence her role in mid-July, to fulfill Belmore's promise as a multi-purpose sporting facility in the years ahead.

Motion that President's Report be accepted

Moved: Steven Cataldi, Seconded: Luke Cevolani.

CARRIED

4) Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Tony Karam circulated his report and budget paper, income included membership fees, donations and proceeds from the sale of Back to Belmore merchandise.

Motion that Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget for 2013/2014 be accepted

Moved: Luke Cevolani, Seconded: Joseph Moses

CARRIED

5) Election of 2013/2014 Committee

The 2013/2014 Back to Belmore Inc. committee was elected to serve as follows:

Luke Brailey	President
Luke Cevolani	Vice President
Oltan Akdogan	Secretary
Tony Karam	Treasurer
Steven Cataldi	Operations Manager
Joseph Moses	Volunteer Co-ordinator
Joe Karam	Webmaster

6) General Business

President Luke Brailey called for any items of general business.

Secretary Oltan Akdogan commended Deputy Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Immigration Minister Tony Burke for their pivotal role in securing \$4 million in Federal Government funding to build the Sydney Multicultural Arts and Sports Precinct, comprising two new grandstands with a capacity of 1700 seats, performance and visual arts spaces and a walkway that will link the venue to the town centre of Belmore.

President Luke Brailey issued a statement of appreciation in support of Mr Burke for his unstinting efforts as local federal MP in restoring Belmore Sports Ground since the inception of Back to Belmore in 2005. The statement will likely appear in any material that his office will distribute in the lead-up to the federal election, scheduled for late 2013. Mr Brailey emphasised, however, that the statement should not be misinterpreted as an endorsement in accordance with Back to Belmore's long-standing policy of political impartiality.

Operations Manager Steven Cataldi echoed Mr Brailey's sentiments, praising the Honourable Member for Watson's passion for Belmore Sports Ground but reminded the executive committee that Back to Belmore has no political affiliation, and remains neutral on political activity. The organisation does not endorse nor promote political parties but will encourage local residents to play a responsible role as voters to be informed. While Back to Belmore will duly acknowledge and give credit to any elected individual in public office who actively promotes the restoration and preservation of Belmore Sports Ground, it does not endorse any specific person involved in political activity, platform or party.

Vice President Luke Cevolani advised that Back to Belmore's manifesto will be released in the next few weeks to outline the 'plan and vision for the future' as the organisation approaches its 10th year of service to the Canterbury-Bankstown community in 2014.

Volunteer Co-ordinator Joseph Moses paid tribute to Back to Belmore's selfless volunteers. The past 12 months saw an increase in volunteer numbers and the appointment of Back to Belmore's first indigenous Goodwill Ambassador, Arthur Little. A staunch advocate for Belmore's restoration, Mr Little and Michael Cummins have been selected as the pioneers of Back to Belmore's indigenous youth program - running player clinics and training sessions commencing in 2014.

Mr Moses also made mention of Back to Belmore's drive to attract rugby union at Belmore Sports Ground in the long-term future, aiming to secure a trial match between Randwick RUFC (Gallopers) and Sydney University at the venue in 2014 and potential Wallabies training sessions, delivering an economic benefit to local businesses in Belmore. Player clinics and training sessions have continued throughout the year thanks to a number of volunteers who play the game at a professional level for a number of Sydney-based clubs.

There being no further general business to discuss, Luke Brailey closed the meeting at 9.02 pm

Minutes taken by the Secretary.

SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD

SECRETARY

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PRESIDENT

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