

Back to Belmore Incorporated
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, July 2 2014

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

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

THE MINUTES ARE PRESENTED IN AGENDA ORDER

1) Apologies

Apologies were received from Luke Brailey.

2) Minutes of the 2013 AGM

Motion that Minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, July 3 2013 be accepted and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Moved: Oltan Akdogan, Seconded: Luke Cevolani

CARRIED

3) President's Report

Following the resignation of Luke Brailey as President of the Back to Belmore executive committee, acting President Luke Cevolani welcomed committee members and distinguished guests to the 2014 Annual General Meeting and handed out the 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: Steven Cataldi, Seconded: Joseph Moses

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 2014/2015 be accepted

Moved: Oltan Akdogan, Seconded: Joe Karam

CARRIED

5) New members

Applications for membership of the association were received from the following volunteer leaders:

Angus Jabbour

Committee voted unanimously to accept these applications

6) Appointment of ordinary members to the executive committee

Motion to appoint Angus Jabbour to the executive committee

Moved: Joseph Moses, Seconded: Oltan Akdogan

CARRIED

7) Election of 2014/2015 executive committee

The 2014/2015 Back to Belmore Inc. executive committee was elected to serve as follows:

Luke Cevolani	President
Steven Cataldi	Vice President
Tony Karam	Secretary
Oltan Akdogan	Treasurer
Joe Karam	Community Relations & Operations Manager
Joseph Moses	Volunteer & Sporting Co-ordinator
Angus Jabbour	Webmaster & Social Media Co-ordinator

8) Special Motion

President Luke Cevolani proposed to appoint Luke Brailey as 'President Emeritus' in recognition of his devoted service to Back to Belmore since inception. Emeritus status is bestowed as an honour upon retired Back to Belmore Inc. committee members in recognition of meritorious service to the organisation.

Motion that Luke Brailey be appointed President Emeritus of Back to Belmore Inc.

Moved: Steven Cataldi, Seconded: Joseph Moses

CARRIED

9) General Business

President Luke Cevolani called for any items of general business.

Vice President Steven Cataldi took the opportunity to ask that a vote of thanks be given to President Emeritus Luke Brailey, who stepped aside last month, for his fearless leadership and courage since the organisation's inception nine years ago. Mr Cataldi said that without Mr Brailey's unstinting efforts, Belmore Sports Ground would not be the facility it is today.

Community Relations & Operations Manager Joe Karam reminded the executive committee that the next biannual survey was scheduled to take place in October and will send a reminder to all volunteer leaders closer to the time to seek helpers for the four weekends of that month. Mr Karam expressed indifference that the number of those surveyed in April who would prefer to see NRL matches at Belmore was down 3% from the previous survey conducted in October 2013, attributing it to the fact that the Bulldogs have no long-term intentions to play premiership NRL games at Belmore and local residents are mindful of this, focusing their efforts on other sports to potentially fill the void left by the Bulldogs when they chose to stop playing NRL matches there in 1998.

Treasurer Oltan Akdogan conveyed his disappointment that sports like gridiron and rugby union have been excluded from using Belmore Sports Ground, reminding the executive committee that the Federal & State government funding was awarded on the proviso that the venue be used as a multi-purpose sporting facility. However, he accepted that as the primary leaseholders of the historic facility for the next 21 years, it is the Bulldogs' ultimate decision but noted that it was incongruous and unbecoming of a sporting club that prided itself on being known as the "family club" to purposely deprive genuine sporting outfits from using a community resource funded by taxpayers.

Webmaster & Social Media Co-ordinator Angus Jabbour encouraged all stakeholders to work constructively for the benefit of local sport and urged federal MP Tony Burke and Canterbury City Council General Manager Jim Montague to be more pro-active in promoting other sports at Belmore Sports Ground, stating that not all taxpayers and ratepayers who funded the venue's upgrades were necessarily supporters of rugby league and soccer.

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

Minutes taken by the Secretary.

SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD

SECRETARY

DATE

PRESIDENT

DATE