

**Back to Belmore Incorporated**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Tuesday, July 3 2012**

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, Oltan Akdogan.

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*THE MINUTES ARE PRESENTED IN AGENDA ORDER*

**1) Apologies**

No apologies were received.

**2) Minutes of the 2011 AGM**

Motion that Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting held on Friday, July 1 2011 be accepted and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Moved: Steven Cataldi, Seconded: Luke Cevolani.

**CARRIED**

**3) President's Report**

President Luke Brailey welcomed committee members and distinguished guests to the 2012 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. President Brailey also praised the pivotal contribution of outgoing founding committee member Mark Cevolani over the past 7 years since the organisation's inception and was confident that his successor, Oltan Akdogan, pending confirmation by the committee, would continue his hard work.

Motion that President's Report be accepted

Moved: Tony Karam, Seconded: Joe Karam.

**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 2011/2012 be accepted

Moved: Luke Cevolani, Seconded: Steven Cataldi

**CARRIED**

**5) Election of 2012/2013 Committee**

The 2012/2013 Back to Belmore Inc. committee was elected to serve as follows:

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

## **6) General Business**

President Luke Brailey called for any items of general business.

Secretary Oltan Akdogan reiterated that any decision to examine the prospect of the Bulldogs playing NRL matches at Belmore Sports Ground is the responsibility of the Bulldogs Rugby League Club Limited, not Back to Belmore. The organisation fully supports the right of the Bulldogs to make informed decisions about where they wish to stage their NRL fixtures and will not interfere with the process. Mr Akdogan pointed out that in recent years, the objectives surrounding Back to Belmore Inc have become clouded, straying far from the purpose of the movement and has mistakenly focused on the issue of the Bulldogs playing NRL games at Belmore Sports Ground, which for the record, is not part of Back to Belmore's policy. Those who choose to argue on that basis, however, have totally misunderstood the intent of the Back to Belmore movement.

Operations Manager Steven Cataldi praised Bulldogs CEO Todd Greenberg and Chairman Ray Dib for their inspiring leadership in returning the Bulldogs to Belmore full-time and hoped that in the interests of the Canterbury-Bankstown community, all sporting codes can work together in a constructive manner to fulfill Belmore's ultimate destiny of becoming a multi-purpose sporting facility.

Treasurer Tony Karam expressed displeasure that the surface at Belmore Sports Ground had been misused by Sydney Olympic FC and emphasised that the second-grade soccer club is not the primary leaseholder for the venue, and echoing Mr Cataldi's comments, said that all sporting codes need to work constructively together for the betterment of local sport.

President Luke Brailey commended Back to Belmore Goodwill Ambassador & Canterbury Leagues Club Deputy Chairman Arthur Coorey for his continued leadership in restoring Belmore Sports Ground and that without his steadfast advocacy, the funding for the project would be non-existent. Future generations of sports players will benefit from a rejuvenated Belmore thanks to Mr Coorey, and their future will be better off.

Volunteer Co-ordinator Joseph Moses paid tribute to Back to Belmore's dedicated volunteers who are the 'flag-bearers of the movement'. The past 12 months saw an increase in volunteers running player clinics and training sessions for rugby league, rugby union, soccer and Australian football, as well as new volunteers participating in doorknocking, letterbox drops, mail-outs and street stalls.

Mr Moses also made special mention of the small group that worked on the mail-out to over 800 Bulldogs members in January and February 2012 encouraging them to stick with the current board of directors in the interests of Belmore's long-term future and prosperity. The mail-out was the largest undertaken by Back to Belmore's volunteers in over 12 months and contributed to the re-election of the board members highlighted in the missive to the voting members.

There being no further general business to discuss, Luke Brailey closed the meeting at 9.15 pm

***Minutes taken by the Secretary.***

**SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD**

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**SECRETARY**

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