



## MINUTES

Team Sydney Inc - Board Meeting - 25 April 2006 - 3:00pm  
 Meeting Venue: Level 2, 54 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst, NSW

1	<b>Attendance - Chair: Geoff Lyne</b>	
	Kate Rowe, Geoffrey Radford, Geoff Lyne, Wayne Morgan, Dave Randall, GJ Lee.	
2	<b>Apologies</b>	
	John Donohoe, Terri Duarte.	
3	<b>Minutes of and matters arising from previous meeting held Tuesday 21 March 2006</b>	
	<p>Three amended board papers agreed for publication. Action items have all been followed up. Cannot show to rowers or Flying Bats. Other clubs have been shown uniform samples, sailing logo now available on program.</p> <p>DR to draft uniform letter to larger clubs/late deadlines for other board members to distribute. KR reported M Campbell negative and unsupportive, nevertheless will send new letter promoting uniforms. GL has contacted Brian Gray of ACON for a meeting. Agreed minutes accepted.</p> <p>Letter has been sent to Team Adelaide regarding uniform program.</p> <p>Agreed TS board should approve surveys or feedback enquiries being sent out from Team Sydney.</p>	
4	<b>FGG report and GLISA reports</b>	
	<p>FGG - KR Two aboriginal people have received scholarships - we should try and provide their shirts early to allow them time to add their own logos.</p> <p>Cologne licence agreement has a ninety day signing period stipulation. GL asked if agreement has a clause regarding numbers and financial control. Document presumably is confidential in confidence. Wayne M stated it will be based on the bid document but will ask for more information. There will be more registrants than stated in the board paper. Agreed as a director organisation TS should be able to obtain fundamental information about agreements the FGG is making.</p> <p>Letter from Consulates has been sent out to registrants. KR is requesting full numbers to advise for reception including volunteers, coaches, cultural etc.</p>	<b>Paper</b>
	<p>GLISA - GL. KR asked for Copenhagen licence details, planned for about 35 sports and 16,000 participants including cultural and conference, one week structure with major human rights conference. Agreement is with independent organisation which is one third each City Council, Tourism board and local city G&amp;L sports team. \$17m funding is currently guaranteed, 3 staff are already employed. Adjacent Swedish town may hold some events. AU\$6m held already, AU\$10m available for development of event. KR asked if any parts of the event will be outsourced. GL said that major sports governing bodies will be involved with running of the event. Good support expected from other government bodies. North American Outgames at Calgary, planning is progressing well. Copenhagen delegation will soon be in Montreal before Outgames I to improve legacy information.</p> <p>Montréal opening ceremony tickets not yet on sale - GL to provide on sale dates and costs when available.</p>	<b>Verbal</b>
5	<b>Correspondence</b>	<b>Verbal</b>
	Email sent to Team Adelaide, SCOGS newsletter received.	
6	<b>Sports Council Update - All</b>	<b>Verbal</b>
	<p>Feedback from sports festival activities - determine framework for 2007.</p> <p>SC meeting has been postponed from April to May. Agenda should include going away social event and request for members of member clubs to help with organisation.</p>	

	<p>GL: next SC meeting should be publicised as commitment required for next year's activities. TS to highlight three or four major activities. WM suggested we need to empower member clubs to take the lead. Half page synopsis (DR) of last minutes is required for first meeting on 13 June (wine and cheese) Second meeting after N America to consolidate ideas and finalise plans. Invite 4 reps from each club to each meeting.</p>	
7	<p><b>Uniform Task Force report - GJL, DR</b></p>	<p><b>Verbal</b></p>
	<p>Update on sales (\$9,500 so far) – late order procedures and transition from main order period outlined – working bee, checking for accuracy of order input, for Wednesday 10 May 6:30 pm at Lee's place. DR to prepare reports for checking. Order confirmation reports will be uploaded to website so customers can check their own. Default logo only order can be taken until 16 May. Delivery times will not be available until production schedules have been agreed with supplier; mid to late June is likely. Lee to follow up on TS pins and report to board by email. Suggestions for giveaway and novelty items welcomed.</p>	
8	<p><b>Memberships - DR</b></p>	
	<p>No new applications for membership have been received. Work must soon be started on mail out and revised membership forms (to cope with constitutional changes); we need to re-examine the role of registrar so this activity has a chance to be a stand alone operation.</p>	
9	<p><b>Directors' Activities - DR</b></p>	<p><b>Paper</b></p>
	<p>Revised Board Paper submitted. Task Force of four people, preferably directors, required to drive constitutional changes at next AGM. Membership renewals need to be addressed. Four Task force GL, DR, GR and GJL. Suggested AGM should be mid September with paperwork done and sent before directors leave for overseas.</p>	
10	<p><b>Operation of Task Forces - DR</b></p>	<p><b>Paper</b></p>
	<p>Revised Board Paper submitted – agreed to accept paper.</p>	
11	<p><b>Role of the FGG delegate(s) - DR</b></p>	<p><b>Paper</b></p>
	<p>Paper from last October – further discussion from points made at last board meeting. Defer till next meeting. KR stated that, although we believed the new FGG structure was voted on as approved at the last annual meeting with changes to be implemented by a steering committee before the next AM, the changed will now not occur until they are ratified at the next AM. DR suggested it was not feasible to consider renewing membership of the FGG until the progress on restructure was properly known. FGG restructure report to be provided by TS delegates with full update on progress and time line before roles and membership are discussed. List serv discussion. GR will communicate with the FGG. DR to forward consulate letter to TS mailing list.</p> <p>DR stated that the matter of dealing with the FGG was becoming very onerous and he refused to do it any more and if the board felt this compromised his position as secretary he would resign. GR offered to handle communication with the FGG and its representatives and pass on to DR anything he should be dealing with as secretary. DR resents that straightforward information concerning the last message about uniforms was not forthcoming from the FGG's representatives. DR also finds it unacceptable that Team Sydney has been involved in a new message system without the TS board being consulted; we have no control over messages that the header denotes as being sent by Team Sydney.</p> <p>The moderators for the ListServ™ message system are Richard Hogan and Kate Rowe and they have total control over messages being sent even though they were not appointed by Team Sydney. KR complained that DR had not sent out a message to all TS members about the consular reception but DR stated no message to be forwarded had been received. Richard Hogan is now looking after consular invitations. GJL indicated recent messages from the listserv operation were not intelligible; why didn't Chicago send out an email about uniforms in the same way that Montréal did?</p> <p>WM explained how listservs were organised, NSW, running, darts etc. recipients determined</p>	

	<p>by CGI, not the FGG. GL asked for the board to be advised in writing on how TS can make use of the listserv system.</p> <p>KR requested Consulate letter be sent to TS database. GL and DR advised direct request from RH or CGI required.</p>	
<b>12</b>	<b>Fundraising - DR</b>	<b>Verbal</b>
	<p>Program required to replenish our bank account – can we establish a task force? GL is trying to partner with ACON on fundraising programs. Need to foster relationships with government authorities and ask SC to help. Can farewell event be used as a fundraiser. First on agenda for next meeting. Follow up is required with Sport and Rec and Sydney City Council. Fundraising to be major item on next board and SC meetings.</p>	
<b>13</b>	<b>Banner for opening ceremonies - GR</b>	<b>Verbal</b>
	<p>DR to submit artwork and get quotations. GR offered to help with quotations.</p>	
<b>14</b>	<b>Consider requests from Sydney Frontrunners for more relevance and value from TS - DR</b>	<b>Verbal</b>
	<p>GL to submit a board paper on possible TS membership restructures for next meeting, DR to respond to SFR. Issues are costs of uniforms, value of large club's votes at TS general meetings, SFR have more expenses and extra insurance to pay, some SFR members question necessity of being members of TS. Uniform order lists to be shared between SFR and TS. DR suggested SFR should be a distribution point for uniforms and therefore share in excess funds. Sliding scale rebate difficult to administer because of low cost of uniforms. DR said TS and SC should encourage debate on membership issue, perhaps with a view to strengthening the power of the Sports Council; TS is only worthwhile if it has members to represent and needs to reflect the wants of those memberships; also the issue should be examined at the same time as sponsorship and support with or by other organisations. GL suggested major club's members might be non voting members without payment or become voting members at a very reduced fee. SFR AGM is 15 May so response may not be forthcoming before them. WM stressed value to individual SFR members must be addressed.</p>	
<b>15</b>	<b>Resurrect Australian Gaymes - KR</b>	<b>Verbal</b>
	<p>96 was very successful. KR suggests event for 2007 or 2008. Must involve SC. GJL suggests SC to use 2007 as practice. Several comments that it would be unrealistic to compete with Asian Pacific Outgames event and it might be better to work as a contributor to that event. Strength of other city teams and Team Sydney's relationships may be a concern. GL said development of SC into participatory roll. GJL suggested we approach Australian Gaymes in 2008. GL and GJL remarked TS board inability to form Task Forces would be a major concern. Although like a Mardi Gras tournament, TS involvement in registrations and promotions is considerably higher. DR suggested association with bigger organisation such as Sport and Rec and GLISA might be helpful.</p>	
<b>16</b>	<b>'North America here we come' farewell social for early July - KR</b>	<b>Verbal</b>
	<p>Needs a task force to plan and execute. End of June preferred. GR offered to lead task force. Involve SC. Decide if uniform distribution can be incorporated. GL suggested Midnight Shift ground floor might be appropriate on a weeknight. New Task Force guidelines were discussed and this event deemed to be first under new task force rules.</p>	
<b>17</b>	<b>Communication with Chicago and Outgames as proposed by a Team Sydney member - KR.</b>	<b>Verbal</b>
	<p>TS should be only in a support role. KR stated to John Baldan that she could not attend to matter because she was on leave of absence, GL failed to respond before he went overseas. KR said TS contacts should respond within seven days. DR said any board member could have followed up on the JB matter; at the time of JB's initial request there was no-one in Montréal to respond to the matter. When DR followed up after Basketball people were in place in Montréal a response was forthcoming. Agreed TS board and appointed communicators for external events have responsibilities as facilitators but not for performance of other organisations. GL admitted he could have responded sooner and in part thought Montréal has supplied at</p>	

	<p>satisfactory response in accordance with their schedules. DR reasoned that responses may have to be tailored to individual circumstances. KR asked for GL to send an apology to JB to which he agreed. The most likely service we can offer is to find the person who can actually help.</p>	
<b>18</b>	<b>Other Business</b>	
	<p>WM asked if there was a treasurer's report and DR responded that he had not had time to prepare one but the majority of the \$14,000 plus in Team Sydney's bank account was comprised of payments for uniforms. Most of this will be due to the uniform supplier and the ATO for GST. TS net worth is somewhere between \$3k and \$4k.</p> <p>We have not been asked to volunteer for Love Muscle. Any negativity from SLPA may be because they think we tried to take Physique competitors away from them. TS board accepts this understandable and we wish Leather Pride the best of success with their event. Love Muscle is featured on the TS website.</p>	
<b>19</b>	<b>Meeting close: 5:45pm. Next meeting: SC 9 May and 13 June TS board 16 May and 20 June.</b>	