



MINUTES

Team Sydney Inc – Board Meeting – 23 May 2006 – 7:30pm
 Meeting Venue: Level 2, 54 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst, NSW

1	Attendance – Chair: GJ Lee	
	Terri Duarte, GJ Lee, Jon Donohoe, Geoffrey Radford, Geoff Lyne, Dave Randall.	
2	Apologies	
	Kate Rowe.	
	Meeting agreed to move items 6, 7 and 8 to late in the agenda to allow for late arrival of Wayne Morgan.	
3	Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting held Tuesday 25 April 2006	
	None – agreed action items in future minutes to be highlighted. DR apologised for sending wrong file to the board for the Sports Council minutes – to be corrected. DR to circulate new copy of the SC minutes.	
3a	Amendments to previous minutes and board papers and agreement to publish them on Team Sydney website.	
	Agreed to publish.	
4	Correspondence	Verbal
	Team Adelaide newsletter acknowledged. GR commented that no reply to our letter has been received from Team Adelaide. Westpac signing authority to be fixed up – new account signatories to be finalised.	
5	Election of co-presidents – WM	Verbal
	WM not present – agreed co-presidents not required, suggested it should be an item for the new board after the next AGM.	
6	Communication with TS delegates to FGG – DR Authority for TS delegates to act – WM	Paper Verbal
	There are six committees on the FGG website with our delegates' names listed – Wayne (2): Governance Committee (GOV), Sports Committee (SC). Kate (4): Communications (COMCOM), Outreach sub committee (OC), Women's Outreach subcommittee, Sports Committee (SC).	
	DR indicated he thought it was unfair to push for option one of the paper because the delegates did not attend this meeting and therefore could not agree to it; previous experience shows that option two is what actually happens and we should adopt it but not send the letter to the FGG. GL suggested the letter to the FGG would highlight the flaws in the system. GR promoted the importance of the FGG restructure vote. GL suggested that we are not properly informed about whether new proposals to be voted on substantially change the original proposal. DR suggested the board agree that all votes concerning the restructure be made in a way that supported the restructure being completed. There was a general lack of understanding about why more votes were required after the vote taken at the AM was resoundingly in favour of the restructure happening. GL and DR noted that the latest information was not fully available because IDs and passwords were not available to directors. Agreed the options in the board paper to be changed with the following result: Delegates will not be required to discuss voting issues with the Team Sydney board except for votes concerning the FGG restructure. A draft to be produced of a letter that will be sent to the FGG concerning processes, lack of transparency and indicating that Team Sydney will not be party to future agreements that did not allow confidentiality agreements to be signed on behalf of the board and not by delegates. DR stated he thought it was not in the best interest of TS or its delegates for the delegates to be put in a poor light with the FGG. TD suggested letter to	

	<p>FGG should clearly be directed towards the future. Agreed delegated to be advised of board decision and that they are not authorised to speak about FGG matters on Team Sydney's behalf. GJL supported this by saying current communications are one sided and we are not properly informed of what delegates are saying or how they are voting.</p> <p>Suggestions that we should suspend our FGG delegates or in their current roles or reduce them to one were dismissed. Agreed we accept that the behaviour of our current delegates is likely to continue and we should work within their limitations. GJL pointed out that the board's deferring of the Role of Delegate paper could be seen as a reason for objecting to any action being taken.</p> <p>GR suggested that the upcoming Gay Games and the FGG restructure vote are reasons for not taking any action. DR suggested that we should not wait another month or accept any more excuses for not taking action, one main issue being the refusal of the delegates to take direction from the board and the board should stand by the standards and values it sets for the organisation.</p> <p>DR suggested and it was agreed by the board that voting of governance issues, over which we have no control but will issue instruction, should be an exception to the following. The board renounces all responsibility for any other votes taken by the delegates and does not require the delegates to report in any way on FGG votes. WM and KR will remain as delegates in name only but will fulfil the obligations seen to be necessary by the FGG. Communication to delegates to be made as indicated above. GR requested and it was agreed drafts of communications would be circulated to directors for approval but changes to the basic intent will not be accepted.</p> <p>DR to forward to the board the original restructure paper issued before the last FGG AM.</p>	
7	Role of Team Sydney's delegates to the FGG - KR	Paper
	Deferred item - original paper from DR	
	With the proposer of this agenda item not at the meeting and in light of the decisions made in agenda item 6, the board agreed it was not necessary to discuss this paper at this time.	
8	Renewal of Team Sydney's membership of the FGG - DR	Verbals
	If we are due to renew this year, application documents and the fee are required by the FGG to be sent before 15 August 2006. Directors should be aware of the stipulations and prepared for discussion before overseas travel this year.	Adobe Reader files
	To be held for later comment by directors with consideration given to possible structural changes at the FGG.	
9	Sports Council Update - GR	Verbal
	Last meeting had very low attendance, minutes and dot point items to be supplied by GL and DR. Opinion voiced that member clubs do not see need to support Sports Council at this time of year and also that many are concerned with preparations for overseas events.	
10	Uniform Task Force report - GJL, DR	Verbal
	Delivery information, distribution points, late orders and selling of samples.	
	<p>Two meetings held with supplier, production should be ready by end of next week.</p> <p>GJL has prices for TS badges with about 3 week's delivery - agreed to purchase with date on. Discussion held on value of giveaways. Agreed Task Force to decide on giveaways. Samples to be sold at half price (estimated loss will be about \$150) on we site. Working bee required for assembling orders, a weekday (Thursday) evening preferred. DR to enquire if Manhattan Bowl will let us use their space.</p> <p>Agreed earliest possible distribution may encourage additional sales.</p> <p>Agreed to purchase 100 Team Sydney pin badges with 2006 showing. John Donohoe to advise available prices for clear plastic ponchos. All remaining pins and samples to be available for sale at farewell party and uniform distribution points.</p>	

	GR to follow up with WM regarding distribution point for Sydney Frontrunners.	
11	Memberships - DR No new applications for memberships have been received.	Verbal
12	Team Sydney Membership Restructure - GL GL explained aspects of the board paper. DR suggested modification to include member clubs' members as non voting members. Agreed members of member clubs could join Team Sydney for a \$10 (inc GST) membership fee. Some sort of contract or agreement with member clubs may be required (mainly to show number of members). Board paper to be amended by GL. Changes effective from next membership year. GJL questioned the value of \$20 membership, GL said better benefits required. Agreed to proposed changes. DR to convey decision to Zoe at SFR. Work to continue on increasing benefits for individual members.	Paper
13	Nominations for candidates to attend GLISA Annual Delegate Congress - GL TS is currently a member of GLISA Asia Pacific. Agreed to support candidate from Bentstix, Derek Glass. Meeting is three hours before opening ceremony at Montreal games, open meeting - all welcome to attend as observers.	Paper
14	Banner for opening ceremonies - GR Agreed photo should be included, rectangular photo faded at top and at left to allow for full depth logo. Words to be OUT DOING IT only. DR to submit new designs. Banner to have rod pockets top and sides; poles and retaining hooks to be purchased overseas. Cost is likely to be \$550 for one, \$650 for two. Recruitment for banner bearers - one male, one female uniform wearers - to be discussed further - send out to member clubs for nominations - GL to draft letter to clubs and individual members for nominations and ballot. GR to check who will be carrying country and state signs at Chicago opening ceremony.	Verbal
15	'North America here we come' farewell social - GR GR - Stonewall most amenable venue - very positive response - agreed to commit to Stonewall on a Sunday afternoon (2 or 3pm?) 25 June agreed - food can be provided by Stonewall or Team Sydney. GR to confirm with Stonewall. Also use event as <u>second</u> uniform distribution point and TS to provide food. DR to seek publicity from SX and SSO and Queer TV. TD to organise DJ and entertainment. DR to enquire of Manhattan Bowl if we can distribute uniforms there on the Monday immediately following. Relationship with SX will be improved if we can help find some new participants for their weekly feature. GR suggested a photo from the first uniform distribution would be good for publicity.	Verbal
16	Any other business NMG - Festival committee meeting attendee will need to sign a confidentiality agreement. Do we need a permanent member? Can we meet the requirements? TD agreed to sit on NMG Festival committee. DR to reimburse GL for internet domain fee. GL to seek assistance for fun items for the farewell from our member clubs.	Verbal
17	Meeting closed: 10:10pm. Next meeting: 20 June 2006.	Verbal