

Team Sydney Inc – Board Paper

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For acceptance as an agenda item in the meeting to be held on: 15 August 2006

Date: 11 August 2006

Title: Future Position

Portfolios involved: All

Proposed duration: 20 minutes

Estimated financial impact: Nil

Proposed activity or matter for discussion: Determine our position and activities.

I am concerned that Team Sydney in future concerns itself more with its aims and objectives and less with the politics of outside events. I offer the following issues for discussion:

In some way we should require our directors to pledge adherence to our constitution. Regardless of the legal requirements for directors not to work against their own organisations we should ask for greater commitment and publicly record occasions when breaches occur.

The board should, from time to time, reaffirm its intentions for the support and conduct of local activities and properly set up appropriate task forces.

We should seek to strengthen our local position by association with other G&L organisations.

I do not trust our existing delegates to the FGG to properly represent us. Kate has a history of not complying with board requests and Wayne recently cast a vote in direct opposition to the board's direction. Team Sydney's future membership of the FGG should be determined by our ability to appoint one suitable delegate who will be able to inflict our influence. Without a good delegate I cannot see our being able to make any contribution. The restructure of the FGG would allow Wayne and Kate to represent their own Frontrunners club and I suggest they be encouraged to that end so that we are rid of the irritations, problems and expense they have brought to the TS board.

I see no need for further activity concerning the role of our delegates because the FGG structure is about to change. I expect some public comment to be made by our existing delegates concerning the relevance of Team Sydney and continuing criticism by them of our position and activities. We may need to consider whether or not we will need to counter this.

We should never have to conduct another uniform program. The thousands of people who left the Chicago opening ceremony before it finished and the exciting and upbeat atmosphere of the Montréal opening ceremony are testaments to the need for more fun and informality for the participants and these events. Surely the next GG hosts have got the message! Such informality will negate any impact matching uniforms might bring and will better allow local teams and clubs to identify individually. If asked we might take on a stock service with generic "Aussie Team" tee shirts or the like.

We should briefly reaffirm our activities for the next twelve months. Particularly we should agree our level of support for events such as the Asia Pacific Outgames and similar initiatives.

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