



MINUTES

Team Sydney Inc - Board Meeting - 14 September 2006 - 7:30pm

Meeting Venue: Level 2, 54 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst, NSW

1	Attendance - Chair: Terri Duarte.	
	G J Lee, Geoffrey Radford, Geoff Lyne, Dave Randall.	
2	Apologies: John Donohoe (available by phone), Wayne Morgan.	
3	Minutes of and matters arising from previous meetings held Tuesday 15 August 2006	
	Agreed approved to post previous minutes and papers to TS website - DR to arrange.	
	WM has not provided details of photo competition - window of opportunity now lost.	
	GL to follow up on medal lists from Montréal. Meeting costs in financial statements are concerned with catering at SC meetings. All contributions to the AGM annual report are under control. A director attended the Sydney Pride meeting. DR to send cheque for insurance policy renewal.	
4	Correspondence	
	Newsletters received from SCOGS and Polly's	
5	Memberships - DR	Paper
	To the paper provided add John Donohoe, John Siecker, Dennis Johnson, G J Lee, Babes with Bats, Geoff Tripp and Jim Box. Agreed paper and additions all accepted. A board meeting will be held one hour before the AGM to ratify all applications for membership received up until the day before.	
6	Sports Council - consideration of minutes from SC meeting on Monday 4 September 2006 - GR.	Minutes
6.1	Commitment to SC recommendations for future activities	
	Agreed this board acknowledges and accepts directions as laid down in SC minutes. GR reported that SC prefers the TS board concentrate on SDO and Fair Day with SDO to be held in spring; Mardi Gras parade entries left to individual clubs. Probably two directors will be nominated from the Sports Council. (appendices to SC minutes are only idea starters, the board has only to support the directions outlined in the minutes).	
	Phone calls to clubs to renew membership. GL: Convicts - OUTfielders. GR: GLMA - WettOnes - Team Table Tennis - Squash - Sailing. Bridge does not exist. DR: Harbour City wrestling. It maybe that men's badminton has absorbed Wombad - DR to contact Christophe Albala to determine situation.	
6.2	"Festival07Application.doc" application form for TSMGSF 2007	
	Agreed OK to put link to form on SC page with note on welcome page. DR to arrange.	
7	AGM - DR	
7.1	Agreement for final draft of Agenda and Annual Report - DR	Draft
	Discussed. Corrections made and draft agreed for publication subject to FGG report to be provided by GR as separate agenda item. There was a variety of opinions on the matter of four members required for agenda items as brought up with DR by Ian Wilby; is only one member fairer to those without access to others? Agreed to propose changes this year if further email discussion was in support but issue to be further discussed (not supported in communications after the meeting). Agreed FGG report to be provided by GR as he has most knowledge; FGG report to be separate and not part of board report.	
7.2	Availability of directors at meeting, suggestions for chair - DR	
	Geoffrey Tripp to be approached for role of chair. Tony Filippi also. GL to handle. Or elect Co-	

	pres at meeting before AGM as last resort to ensure meeting proceeds smoothly.	
7.3	Date for Sports Council to advise its directors to be appointed - All	
	Date for advice of SC directors will be after next SC meeting (planned for first week in October). AGM agenda will not show director nominations from SC or the actual number of vacancies available. GR to advise secretary of appointed directors' names.	
8	GLCS Community Expo	
	We should support but GL suggests we have one combined stall for sports clubs. GR to ensure matter is raised at SC meeting.	
9	Fundraising - DR	Paper
	<p>DR stated that at our current rate of expenditure TS would be out of funds before the end of the 2007/2008 financial year. Discussion held on use of raffle or art union for fund raising. DR suggested three options: outside help in arranging; share project and profits with a larger organisation such as ACON. GL opined that we could probably get the tickets sold but need to consider our ability to get the right prizes at the right price. DR was concerned about our ability to conceptualise such a project properly, to connect with our target market and to choose prizes of sufficient size to be attractive but still provide a profit. Considered too late for major project to be undertaken for drawing at 2007 Fair Day but less ambitious raffle to be used as a practice run with larger project for 2008 (GJL: for April or May board meeting). DR stated budget should allow for 40% of sales to be returned as profit. Agreed major prize for this year should be a plasma or LCD large screen TV and several other prizes to be considered. Task force required. GL suggested large projects have potential for greatest losses but we need to do more than raise money in very small increments. GJL stated we need more people than the current directors. GL suggested we must approach the best operators in our member clubs.</p> <p>Motion: Purchase a \$2000 LCD TV for raffle. Proposed by GJL, seconded by GL. Passed unanimously. DR to arrange. Agreed we are committed to a raffle for this Fair Day to be delivered within resources directly available to TS, DR to prepare preliminary paper with outlines for project pending establishment of a Task Force.</p>	
10	Position with FGG - GR	Paper
11	FGG Renewal Options - DR	Paper
	<p>Agreed both papers accepted. GR opined that we should make a final decision on membership. GR paper shows recent activities and DR paper shows some history and makes recommendations. Great care has been taken to ensure the papers are factually correct. GR: we must consider suggestions from outside that there may be a rival organisation with a major objective of sending delegates to FGG meetings. Majority opinion was that TS could survive this. GL opined that, especially since our last Sports Village at Fair Day showed that we can do things in a non-political manner, we might lose up to three clubs but many others would support us. DR said he would prefer NSW didn't have to go through what Victoria has recently gone through. Agreed TS would not be a relevant organisation if was run only by FGG supporters.</p> <p>DR opined that the new structure, if it goes ahead, is likely to give less cause for the non committal answers and prevarications we receive to questions that could be answered with a simple 'yes' or 'no'. Examples are suggestions that we appoint delegates we can trust as an answer to a question about whether the FGG will allow a confidentiality agreement with our board. GR said that there seems to be more support for reformers in the FGG than there has been in the past and TS has received more information from the FGG about its affairs recently than we have ever had before; also it appears that not everything passed to our delegates in the past was covered by confidentiality agreements; they were only on specific papers. DR: We needed to consider the prospects inherent in future membership; can we get our ideas and opinions up to the directors, is there an avenue available for our opinions to be expressed? Currently, if our delegates didn't feel like promoting an idea it wasn't done. There won't be the number of committees or votes for delegates as there have been in the past so the number of issues will be less. I would like to think issues are first sent to our board which then decides</p>	

	<p>which ones will be passed on to our delegates and how they should be dealt with and we should push this change in the future. GJL asked why we had to decide now under threat of reduced future voting rights, what advantages are there for our members apart from paying out their money and suffering trauma at board meetings? DR said he thought that the main thanks we got for running TS was to be hounded and abused at every AGM. GR stated we do not have to have representation at Lyon to maintain or renew our membership. GJL asked if our vote would be worth more but general opinion was that it would be worth less in the future; one delegate will be able to cast two votes. GJL said that her friends from all over the world had plenty of fun at Gay Games without any knowledge of member organisations. DR said if everyone thought that way there wouldn't be an FGG, if we are going to have major events as focus points there has to be some structure to make them happen but our members will be no worse off if we are not a member organisation. General agreement that TS board could get more done for its members if it did not have to spend hours discussing FGG issues. DR stated we do not have to join every sporting organisation that exists and we should consider each on its merits, cost and value to the TS members. GL said FGG needs to change and we should be a member if the changes are of benefit. DR said one consideration was denial of voting rights for Gay Games IX but meeting was not concerned. DR said he was sure that RH and Des Sullivan have resolutions intending to direct TS in matters concerning the FGG regardless of what we decide this evening; it would be more appropriate for a motion of no confidence in the TS board to be put forward, why do the members have an elected board? DR said it would be good to have some alternative support of clubs knowing that SFR is likely to quote its numbers to promote their motions at the AGM. Email from RH received this evening indicated several motions were to be sent before deadline for inclusion in AGM agenda. TD asked for Category One and Two memberships of FGG to be defined. Renewal now will make us a Cat One member. Three options from the papers considered were.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do not renew our membership. 2. Renew our membership without appointing delegates, write to the FGG to explain why and offer to terminate our membership if the FGG cannot comply with our request for a change in confidentiality agreement arrangements. 3. Renew our membership and communicate to the FGG that the matter of delegates will be considered in the future. <p>DR and GR supported option 2, GJL and GL suggested we should not consider rejoining until after the FGG AM changes are known. GR offered, subject to work commitments, to attend Lyon as an observer. Board agreed that renewing with conditions is not practical and renewal of Team Sydney's membership will be deferred but that it will be pleased to support rejoining of the FGG if the proposed changes are actually made at the annual meeting and are in accordance with our requirements, particularly regarding the issue concerning communication directly with our board. DR opined that if we have to make such considerable efforts to be a member of the FGG we should be sure whether we can make a contribution or not. These minutes are not to be divulged until the board has been able to confirm that the statements in this item are absolutely correct. Agreed that, given the history, it would be a shame not to renew our membership of the FGG.</p>	
<p>12</p>	<p>Other Business</p>	
	<p>Agreed quorum at future board meetings must be five directors. GL will not be standing again for a directorship. GR and DR to ensure chairs, paperwork and voting slips are available for AGM, membership registry to be up to date by the Saturday morning. General request for the AGM to be recorded – may be technically difficult with only one voice recorder. DR: relationship with MG, need to have TD cement arrangements, email has already been sent indicating our intention to be involved with both Fair Day and Festival. Meeting on 10 October to be mainly concerned with Mardi Gras season. Email received from WM apologising for non attendance at meeting. DR agreed to scan and distribute SFR letter if necessary. DR to answer.</p>	
<p>13</p>	<p>Meeting close: 9:30pm. Next meetings: Tues. 10 October 7:30pm and Sat. 14 October 3:00pm.</p>	