



**Merredin Sports Council
General Meeting
MINUTES
Tuesday 8th November 2016**

Meeting declared open by Vice Chairperson, Marshall Crook, at 7.02pm

1.0 Present: As per attached attendance sheet

Apologies: Lisa O'Neill, Ben Jardine, Chesney Maloney, Jaydon Crook, Kate Dixon, Martin Morris

Marshall welcomed Rohan Gunton from Belgravia Leisure

Rohan gave an overview of Belgravia Leisure and how they work with local governments. Currently manage around 120 sites in Australia and New Zealand. In WA 5 Metro sites and 1 regional site (Merredin).

They have a 2 year contract with an option of a 5 year renewal.

They aim to make a difference and gradually improve the running of the Rec Centre. They acknowledge there are down times during the day and they are looking at new programs and are keen to work with the sports.

***Rohan answered the questions received from Sports –
Allan Walker – Civic Bowls***

1. Will there be any additional costs / charges to sports than what were paid the previous year?
2. What will be the standard bar hours / days?
3. The month of October the bar has hardly been open, the beer taps haven't worked so sporting clubs are now going to the Tavern, how do you intend to get sports back to the Rec Centre after such a poor start to your contract?

Answers

1. Fees and charges are locked in for 5 years.
2. Bar will be open from Thursday to Sunday, with Monday to Wednesday subject to demand.
3. There was some trouble with some of the bar equipment which happened not long after they took over which needed repairing.

Allan said that the bowling club had an away game and arrived back to the Rec Centre bar at 6.45pm and the venue was all locked up.

Rohan questioned if the staff knew of the fixtures and arrangements, which Allan advised they were.

Allan also mentioned that Burracoppin Football Club train on a Wednesday night (in winter) and would generally have around 8-10 players come into the bar for a drink following the training.

Rohan advised that the current policies (conditions/agreements) are being reviewed and these will go out to the Sports Council for feedback within the next couple of weeks.

Recreation Centre Manager – Marilyn Sayers (Report)

Basketball courts have been re-surfaced.

Outdoor playground has had covers put on for summer. People need to be respectful of equipment.

Comment from a sports representative – the children on the play equipment are not always associated with the sports.

There have been a number of security breaches eg doors being left unlocked. A new system is being introduced which will see each group having an access code, so it can be identified who was last in the building.

The area between the Centre and the Bowls greens will be defined as the Smokers area and will be tidied up and currently getting quotes for some furniture for this area.

Rohan concluded –

He understands that they won't keep everyone happy, but they aim to improve things for everyone. There will be better communication through facebook and the new Merredin Regional & Community Leisure Centre website www.merredinleisurecentre.com.au

Marilyn's email address is msayers@belgravialeisure.com.au (Mobile 0466512322)

Rohan's email address is rgunton@belgravialeisure.com.au (Mobile 0466324236)

Belgravia will do Friday night meals if any sports can't do it.

Marshall thanked Rohan and Marilyn for attending.

Rohan and Marilyn left the meeting at 7.25pm

2.0 Disclosure of Interest – Nil

3.0 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous General Meeting dated 13 September 2016

Moved Kristy Cooper

Seconded Phil Van der Merwe

That the Minutes of the Merredin Sports Council 13 September 2016 be deemed a true and correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED

4.0 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

4.1 Accreditations database

Still awaiting information from numerous sports.

Current Accreditations held

- Burracoppin Football – First Aid, Coaching
- Civic Bowls – First Aid, Umpiring, Coaching
- Little Athletics – Coaching
- Netball – Coaching, Umpiring
- Nukarni Football – Coaching

4.2 MRC&LC –Kitchen Roster

Emailed out in October 2016.

4.3 Constitution Changes

Changes to Constitution need to be completed between 1 July 2016 and 1 July 2019.

Chairperson is in the process of registering the Sports Council's details on the Associations Online website.

Merredin Sports Council Executive have asked the Merredin CRC to look at Constitution changes.

4.4 Friday Night Meals – Summer Season

All Sports to discuss and come to the meeting with their Club's response.

Chairperson advised that 9 December is the last rostered Friday night meals. Clubs are welcome to do meals if they want after that however they will need to liaise with MRC&LC.

MRC&LC Manager requested the Clubs doing Friday Night meals send through their menus to the Rec Centre for promotion.

4.5 Secretary Position

Clubs to consider nominating someone to take on this position.

5.0 Treasurers Report

Circulated

Moved Donna Crook

Seconded Nicola Lane

That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

CARRIED

6.0 Correspondence In and Out

Attached

Moved Allan Walker

Seconded Phil Van der Merwe

That the Correspondence In be accepted and Correspondence Out be endorsed.

CARRIED

7.0 Reports/Project Updates

7.1 NAB Cup Committee (*Ben Jardine, Martin Morris, David O'Neill, Burracoppin Football Club representative and Nukarni Football Club representative*)

That the Merredin Sports Council authorise Martin Morris and Dave O'Neill to represent the Merredin Sports Council with negotiations with the Fremantle FC and Eagles FC in regard to attracting a NAB game to Merredin.

No further action.

7.2 Upgrade of Lights Committee (*James Morris, Scott Cooper and Marshall Crook*)

No further action from last meeting.

It was suggested that the sports that use the oval consider putting in some money to have a professional report prepared on the lighting.

8.0 General Business

8.1 Merredin Golf Club

Letter received from Merredin Golf Club seeking approval from the Sports Council to build a shed behind the Golf Club/Shire Shed (blue shed) at the Merredin Recreation Ground.

This will be to replace the old shed which is located at the old Merredin Golf Club site (near the rock) which stores the Merredin Golf Club equipment at present.

This shed has been broken into on numerous occasions with our equipment being stolen and damaged by vandals. This shed is at present located on the old site with no security around and making it an easy access for vandals to break into.

The shed will be built with the same blue colourbond material to match the existing shed. Size – W 10m x H 5m.

Moved Kristy Cooper

Seconded Kat White

That the Merredin Sports Council support the Merredin Golf Club's application to build a shed behind the Golf Club/Shire shed.

CARRIED

8.2 Friday Night Meals – Next Winter and Summer

Letter received from Civic Bowling Club asking for consideration for next season's Friday night meals. The letter states

"If a club takes the initiative to host a major event in town to promote their sport at their town and facility to make some money to keep their club financial, why should they lose money to another sporting club if it involves a Friday night's meal incorporating the guests they've got to the venue for the upcoming event on that weekend. They should be given the opportunity to host that Friday's roster."

When winter and summer sports fixtures are drawn up by clubs or a date set by the Sports Council is made. Give Clubs the chance to advise you if they have a special event happening, which will involve Friday night meals so they can be slotted into the meals roster beforehand. Clubs should know well in advance if they are having a special event happening."

Moved Tess Crook

Seconded Kat White

That an email is to go out to clubs prior to rostering of Friday Night Meals for the next Winter/Summer season so that clubs can request special dates that coincide with their events.

CARRIED

8.3 Proposal for Consideration – ATM

Correspondence has been received from the Shire of Merredin advising that Belgravia Leisure do not wish to take on the ATM service as they have set up an EFTPOS service with no transactions fees in the bar (with a limit). However, there may be value in retaining the ATM for when patrons need to withdraw larger amounts of cash or for occasions when patrons are wanting cash to pay for Friday Night Meals.

It is the Shire's preferred option to terminate the agreement with DC Payments and remove the ATM. There may be an option for Sports Council to take on the management of the ATM. There is a rebate per transaction, creating a possible small revenue stream for the Sports Council which the Sports Council may consider at the November meeting.

The correspondence lists some risks and the costs/charges with DC Payments.

Further correspondence advises that the Shire has commenced the process to terminate the agreement and have forwarded the Sports Council's contact details to DC Payments along with the notification that the Sports Council's meeting is 8 November.

Correspondence attached – ATM Correspondence.

Moved Phil Van der Merwe

Seconded Kat White

That the Merredin Sports Council do not take on the ATM service at the Merredin Regional and Community Leisure Centre.

CARRIED

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

Next meeting – due January, but this did not seem to be supported. No meeting date set.