

**MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY SPORT BOARD**

**MEETING 3/2010 – 22 July 2010**

The Minutes of meeting 3/2010 of the Melbourne University Sport Board held on Thursday, 22 July 2010 at 6.00pm in Conference Room 2, Old Physics.

**PRESENT:** Mr Geoff Rees (Chair)  
Mr James Sutherland  
Prof Mark Hargreaves  
Mr Mitch Anderson  
Ms Genevieve Grant

**IN ATTENDANCE:**  
Mr Tim Lee (Director)  
Mr Jean-Luc Garlick (Secretary)

**APOLOGIES:**  
Dr Lynne Williams  
Prof John Dewar (Provost)

**1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND INTRODUCTION**

**1.1. Welcome**

The Chair welcomed the members to the meeting.

**1.2 Apologies**

The Chair accepted the apologies.

**1.3 Minutes from previous meeting**

Previous minutes were passed as a true and accurate record.

**1.4 Confirmation of Circular Resolutions**

There were no circular motions.

**1.5 Business Arising/Action Item Updates**

**1.5.1 Ski Lodge**

The Director stated that the Ski Lodge review was still in progress and would be submitted for the next meeting and would cover utilization rates and financial data.

**1.5.2 Strategic Plan**

Covered under agenda item 2.2

**2. MATTERS FOR DECISION**

**2.1 June Quarterly Report**

The Director and Mr Garlick reported on the financial statements. Mr Sutherland requested an overview of the strategic plan for memberships which the Director agreed to provide by the next meeting.

**2.2 Strategic Plan**

The Director stated that the plan had been well received within the University community, MUSA and Colleges. MUSA were keen to see a greater focus on clubs within the plan. The plan would be printed in an A5 format the distributed to stakeholders The Chair suggested a paragraph on clubs be included to show a stronger commitment to the club structure. The Chair also requested that the board be provided with the sporting logos for the Group of Eight Universities.

**3. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

**3.1 Director's Report**

The Director spoke to the report.

**3.1.1 Elite Athletes and Performance Program**

The Director highlighted the issue of high performance athletes leaving the University of Melbourne for Sydney and overseas. The Director informed the board that he had discussed this issue with Prof Sue Elliot and was currently putting together a proposal to fund a high performance program. To look at data on why elite athletes are leaving Melbourne University. The Director agreed to provide the submission at the next meeting.

Mr Sutherland departed the meeting.

**3.2 Sports Foundation**

The Director spoke to the attached strategy and informed the board that there was significant support from senior staff at the University and clubs. The University CFO had raised concerns about sourcing the matching funding so the Provost was to meet with him to discuss further. The Director stated that MUS would probably have to contribute to the fund in the initial phase along with the clubs. Ms Grant expressed her concern that this might make the gulf widen between the clubs.

**3.3 Board Appointment**

The Director reported that he had received five internal applicants for the position. None had seemed appropriate so he recommended an approach be made to Prof Maggie Abernathy, the Dean of Business and Economics. The Board supported the recommendation. The Chair stated that Prof Abernathy would be very busy but would be a great addition to the board. The Director and Chair to approach Professor Abernathy.

**4. MATTERS FOR NOTING**

**4.1 Presentation**

The Director gave a presentation on the senior management tour of sport facilities at Sydney University, UNSW, Macquarie University and University of Queensland. The Director presented information and images of the Universities visited and their sporting and fitness facilities. The level of investment and quality of many of the facilities was considered superior to the University of Melbourne.

The presentation would be distributed to members of the board not in attendance.

The presentation concluded with consideration of the appropriate criteria for a national benchmarking program. It was agreed that the Director would continue to develop the criteria and report back to the board.

**5. MEETING FINALISATION**

**5.1 Review Action Items**

See attached action sheet.

**5.2 Meeting Evaluation**

Time did not allow for this item to be considered

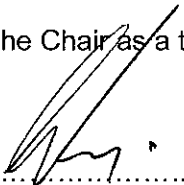
**5.3 Next meeting**

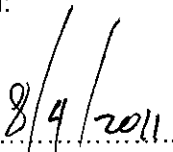
14 October 2010, 6:00pm.

**5.4 Meeting closed**

8.35pm

Signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record:

  
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**Mr Geoff Rees**

  
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Date

**MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY SPORT BOARD****ACTION SHEET 3/2010 – 22 July 2010**

<b>Minute no.</b>	<b>Item Title</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Person/s Responsible</b>	<b>To be Completed by</b>
1.5.1	Ski Lodge Review	Examine different options to maximize return on Ski Lodge	Director	Next Meeting
2.1	Membership Strategy	Report on the strategic plan for memberships	Director	Next meeting
2.2	Strategic Plan	A more specific reference to clubs to be included in the introduction	Director	Next meeting
2.2	Logos	Provide Group of Eight sports logos to board	Director	Next meeting
3.1.1	Elite Athletes	Look at data on why elite athletes are leaving Melbourne University	Director	Next Meeting
3.1.1	Submission on High Performance	Present submission for high performance athlete support	Director	Next Meeting
3.3	Board Appointment	The Director and Chair to approach Professor Abernathy	Director	Next Meeting