

HORNSBY KU-RING-GAI and HILLS DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION Inc.
Minutes of Council Meeting held at Montview Clubhouse on August 25, 2008

Present

Executive:- Mark Rushton, Geoff Hasler, David Toose, Andy Bayles, Clint Johnson, Josh Brown, Bruce Wood, Nathan Tilbury, Brian Gibson

Delegates:-

Mel and Josh Brown (ARL), Scott Reid and Geoff Findlay (Beecroft), Nathan Tilbury (Berowra), Phil Pearce and Michael Burgin (CHRSL), Bernie Triebe (Galston-Glenorie), Martin Watts and Nick MacIntosh (Glenhaven), Clint Johnson (Hornsby), Richard Arnott and Dave Donnison (Kenthurst), Chris Roden-Smith (Kissing Pt), John Corish and Cameron Riddett (Normanhurst-Warrawee), Gordon Nagle and Jon Loveday (Pennant Hills), Carolyn Ball (Thornleigh), Ben Frawley and Deepak Narsai (WPHC)
Also Present: Graeme Kurtz (Exec Officer)

Apologies

Steve Wilson, Barry McDonald, Elizabeth Crouch, James Whealing, Michael Dolly, Bruce Kimberley, Bob Dewstow, Murray MacDonald, Alfred James, Evan Hutchings, Paul Hyam
Motion to accept apologies, seconded and Carried

The chair opened the meeting and welcomed all the delegates. The chairman also requested that chatter amongst the delegates will not be tolerated.

Previous Minutes

Corrections

1. Mr Tribe noted that Bendigo Bank are offering 8.4% not 8.9%
2. Late Correspondence should include team entries from Berowra

Motion to approve corrections. Seconded and carried

Business Arising

Mr Hasler asked if there has been a response from Barker College regarding grounds. The chairman noted that we have not heard officially, but that Mr Wood is not present at the moment

Correspondence

Incoming (General)

1. from NSWDCA re Playing Dates, Team Nomination form

Incoming (Internal)

1. Dispensations (Ratings reviews) from St Ives, CHRSL, Mt Colah, Beecroft – all forwarded to PM Comp Committee
2. Team Entries from Kissing Pt – forwarded to PM Comp Committee
3. Registrations from St Ives, Kissing Pt, CHRSL, Glenhaven, Hornsby, Normanhurst-Warrawee, Kuringai Chase – all forwarded to PM Comp Committee
4. Kookaburra Ball Information (from Mr Rushton) – to be sent to all clubs etc

Financial

Bill to Pay

Amount	To	For
\$59.95	Telstra	Sec Internet

The chairman asked Mr Johnson about senior rep managers. Mr Johnson noted that Mr Michael Eggenhuizen is happy to manage a team.

Late Correspondence

1. Registrations from Beecroft, Glenhaven, Normanhurst-Warrawee and Asquith RL

REPORTS

Financial (Mr Toose)

Mr Toose noted that Mr Wood will want to purchase copies of the Law Books for the Captains/Umpires course

Mr Toose noted that the account balances are as follows:-

Current Account - \$11,875.00

Cash - \$66,000

Ground Maintenance - \$127,000

He added that he is waiting for the Council Bills to arrive, due in a month or so and will total approximately \$80,000

He noted that the scorebooks are available and that the budget should be out soon

Mr Watts asked about the balls. He asked if payment is expected upfront. The chairman responded in the affirmative. Mr Tilbury noted that it is noted on the order form.

Representative (Mr Johnson)

Mr Johnson noted that there is nothing to report. The chairman asked about senior team managers. Mr Johnson noted that Michael Eggenhuizen is keen to go around again, and that Mr Griffin may be available.

Juniors (read by Mr Bayles)

There are still a couple of ½ teams in some age groups. Those clubs are urged to contact each other.

Mrs Ball asked about junior playing dates. Mr Bayles responded noting that he does not have that info available.

Mr Riddett queried the 12 noon start for some senior matches suggesting that it may clash with some junior matches. Mr Nagle noted that that isn't necessarily the case as the draws don't align. Mr Brown noted that the 12 noon start is for some matches over the Xmas/New Year period when the juniors aren't playing.

Seniors (Mr Hasler)

Mr Hasler noted that there isn't much to report other than the draws have been issued and circulated. He added that the PM Competition Committee will be meeting again this Thursday. He advised all delegates to get their dispensation in before then. He also reported that it will be a 6 team Colts competition, which will start on Sept 13 on astro and then move to turf. He noted that D2 will play Rd 1 on Sundays 14 and 21. He also noted that we still need contact phone numbers for the KMC groundstaff from St Ives, Kissing Pt and Normanhurst-Warrawee. Mr Roden-Smith noted that he had given Kissing Pt contact details to Mr Wilson.

Mr Brown re-iterated the need for the club contact info for covers. He suggested that the options are home/away or ½ season structure. He added that there are a couple of typos in the draw that will be fixed. Mr Hasler noted that we don't want to muck around with the KMC operational staff. He said that he prefers the ½ season. Mr Frawley noted that WPHC prefer the home/away format, whilst Mr Burgin noted that CHRSL prefer the ½ season format.

Mr Gibson reported that there will be a Results Vault training night at Asquith Bowling Club on September 1 at 7pm. He added that he is waiting on a point of contact for Galston Glenorie. Mr Triebe noted that the Galston contact should be Rob Bartlett. Mr Gibson requested if someone has a PC projector could they bring it along.

Umpires (Mr Wood)

Captain's Ticket course – I wish to confirm that the annual HK&HDCA Senior Captain's Ticket Course will be held on **Tuesdays, 16 & 23 September** 2008 here at **Montview** clubhouse, commencing at **7.30pm**. I'd like to thank Murray McDonald and the Hornsby Heights Sports Club for the use of their facilities. MCC Laws of Cricket books will be on sale at the course. Advertisements for this course have been circulated by e-mail to the clubs, as well as placed on the main Association and Umpires' websites. Please get those nominations rolling in.

Incorporation of HKHDCUA – Our Umpires' Association is in the process of becoming an incorporated body, as recommended by NSWCUA. I wish to thank HK&HDCA for supporting us in this objective, including covering the initial and on-going costs. A sub-committee led by Geoff Hasler, plus John McQuillan & Tim Davidson has been formed to pursue this matter, including drafting a new Constitution, based on the templates available from NSWCUA and the NSW Office of Fair Trading.

My Cricket (Results Vault) database – As you know, the HK&HDCA Senior Competition will be using the new My Cricket database in 2008-09, which will have an impact on the way we allocate umpires to matches, as well as the reporting requirements. Brian Gibson will be training me on the umpiring aspects of the database this Wednesday evening, 27 August, and I'll be able to report to the next meeting on how it will work in terms of the umpiring appointments and on-line completion of Grading Reports on the umpires' performances.

Mr Brown asked if it was likely that the lower grades would get umpires this year. Mr Wood noted that there is little chance due to the amount of rep cricket.

Mr Toose asked if he could have a copy of last years' umpires appointments. Mr Wood noted that he will send it to Mr Toose.

President's Report

Local Council Elections:

- Correspondence and a Questionnaire are to be forwarded to all candidates re their views on sports development (primarily grounds) within the respective Shires.

Sponsorship:

Kookaburra:

I am pleased to advise our Member Clubs sponsorship has been secured for the coming 5 seasons (commencing 2008/09). Note the increased ball royalties & player of the match awards in the Ross Turner / Glenn Hourigan Cup games.

- Monthly Rising Star Awards (U11-U16 inclusive – HK&HDCA affiliated club teams / representative teams): Up to \$100.00 retail value of Kookaburra products. September 08, October 08, November 08, December 08, February 09 & March 08 (to include performances in Finals series, etc). Nominations will be called for on a monthly basis, closing date being at 5pm the 22nd day of the following month.
- Annual Rising Star Award (U11-U16 inclusive - HK&HDCA affiliated club teams / representative teams): Up to \$500.00 retail value of Kookaburra products. Nominations close 5pm 22nd March 2009.
- Kookaburra playing shirts (15 per squad) to be provided for the HK&HDCA junior teams (U12, U13, U14, U15) entering the respective regional country carnivals.
- Kookaburra will supply a suitable prize including equipment each year for the player of the match in both the Ross Turner Cup and Glenn Hourigan Cup.
- Kookaburra Ball Royalties – \$4.00 per Regulation ball (156gm); \$2.50 per "Tuf Pitch" ball (156gm); \$2.50 per Special Test ball (156gm & 142gm); \$1.50 per "Red King" ball (156gm & 142gm). Ball royalties are paid to the clubs at the end of the season and / or upon receipt from Kookaburra Sports. Please ensure all receipts for "HKHDCUA" engraved balls are forwarded to my postal address (PO Box 339 Wahroonga NSW 2076).

Power Education:

Negotiations have been successful for the following agreement for five (5) seasons (2008/09 - 2012/13 inclusive), all funded by Power Education:

1. Annual HK&HDCA information booklet for all selected representative players.
2. Annual off-season coaching scholarships for 2 junior representative players who have shown sportsmanship, commitment, motivation and genuine potential as an elite player throughout the current representative season.
3. A series of 4 specialist coaching sessions for 9 players showing potential in the current representative season: batting (3), bowling (3) & wicket-keeping (3).

Playing Ball Orders:

Negotiations with the Greg Chappell Cricket Centre (GCCC) have resulted in the following prices for balls ordered through the HK&HDCA:

BALL	PRICE PER BALL
Regulation (4-pce) 156 grams	\$56.50
Tuf Pitch (2-pce) 156 grams	\$32.50
Special Test (2-pce) 142 / 156 grams	\$32.00
Red King (2-pce) 142 grams / 156 grams	\$25.50
Soft-a-Ball (plastic covered)	\$8.75
Supa Soft-a-Ball (plastic covered training ball)	\$7.50

Please ensure all ball orders are emailed to me: mwrushton@optusnet.com.au or alternatively mailed to my postal address: PO Box 339 Wahroonga NSW 2076.

Mr Tilbury asked about the “lead-time” for the balls. Mr Rushton noted that it is about 2 weeks

General Business

Mr Watts noted that the Grounds Committee needs info soon in order to collate a data base. He added that info can be sent either to Mr Macdonald or Mr Wilson.

Mr Reid reported that Booth Park has a 40cm burn hole in front of the crease. He added that he will send a report through.

Mr Toose reminded all that Councils have very tight budgets. Mr Brown noted that a lot of pitches are still covered. Mr Watts noted that last seasons knowledge would be helpful.

Mr Frawley raised the issue of grounds for dispensations. Mr Hasler noted that it depends on ratings. Mr Frawley asked if injury is grounds for dispensations. Mr Hasler noted that the PM Comp Committee keeps an open mind on these things.

Mr Watts suggested that the Sunday matches should start at noon. Mr Hasler suggested that it sounds reasonable, and that the suggestion be put in writing. He did add, however, that some people have religious commitments on a Sunday.

Mr Rushton suggested the ball orders need to be submitted by this Wednesday in order for them to be available by the start of the competition.

Mr Hasler raised the notion of the 10-tier rating system, and suggested that some Associations have a “one-below” rule. He suggested that should such a rule be introduced it would need an SGM. He noted that the PM Comp Committee is open to such an amendment, as long as it does not include 0 rated players. Mr Arnott asked how many players would be allowed to play “one-below”. Mr Hasler responded suggesting that that is a matter for the clubs. Mr Roden-Smith asked if dispensated players could play “one-below”. Mr Hasler replied in the negative.

Mr Brown requested the delegates to consider the suggestion and contact Mr Wilson with their thoughts.

Mr Corish asked if the “one-below” rule would apply to semis and Finals. Mr Hasler suggested that that is a matter for the clubs.

Mrs Brown asked when and to whom should the submissions be made. Mr Hasler suggested that they go to Mr Wilson, adding that this idea was raised at the AGM.

Meeting Closed

Next Meeting at Asquith Bowling Club, commencing at 7.30pm on September 22