

HORNSBY KU-RING-GAI and HILLS DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION Inc
Minutes of Council Meeting held on January 19, 2009 at Asquith Bowling Club

Present

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

Delegates

Josh Brown (Asquith RL), Geoff Findlay (Beecroft), Nathan Thompson and Phil Reid (Berowra), Phil Pearce and Michael Burgin (CHRSL), Bernie Triebe (Galston Glenorie), Martin Watts (Glenhaven), Clint Johnson (Hornsby), Col Griffin, Richard Arnott and David Lea (Kenthurst), Sean Sweeney (Kissing Pt), Brian Gibson and Bruce Kimberley (Mt Colah), John McQuillan (Umpires), Barry McDonald (WPHC)

Life Members

Alfred James, Barry McDonald, Andy Bayles, David Toose

Also Present – Ben Gussey Executive Officer

Apologies

Murray Macdonald, Bruce Kimberley, Mitchell Burger, Bob Dewstow, John Ferguson, Nick MacIntosh

Motion to accept apologies. Seconded and Carried

Previous Minutes

Motion to adopt as true and fair. Seconded and carried

Correspondence

Incoming (external)

- 16/12/08: Roger Faulkner (KMC) “Bannockburn Oval”
- 5/01/09: Carolyn Love: “St Ives Showground Forum”
- 9/01/09: Cr Elaine Malicki “Patron HK&HDCA
- 12/01/09: Ku-ring-gai Council Invoice for Rep Cricket; \$186.70

Incoming (internal)

- 11/01/09: Martin Grosvenor: “Protest of docking of competition points”
- 12/01/09: Nathan Tilbury: “C3 Appeal V Castle Hill”

Outgoing (external)

- 30/11/08: Mark Rushton to Simon Trowell “NDCC Sponsorship”
- 19/12/08: Mark Rushton “reference: Chris Gardiner
- 23/12/08: Ben Gussey to Mr. Larry Bolitho “re. Invitation to Mayor’s function”
- 23/12/08: Ben Gussey to Mr. Larry Bolitho “Patron invitation”
- 23/12/08: Ben Gussey to Ms. Elaine Malicki “Patron invitation”
- 14/01/09: Mark Rushton to Simon Trowell: “NDCC Green Shield”
- 14/01/09: Mark Rushton to Mr Rod Drummond: “Sports Club Registrations”

Outgoing (internal)

- 28/12/08: Ben Gussey to David Toose “Timesheet Payment week ending: 28/12/08”; \$125
- 04/01/09: Ben Gussey to David Toose “Timesheet Payment week ending: 04/01/09”; \$0
- 11/01/09: Ben Gussey to David Toose “Timesheet Payment week ending: 11/01/09”; \$288

Query about the KMC bill. The Executive noted that it is for Reps as the ground was not previously booked. Mr Watts added the Glenhaven registrations.

Late Correspondences

St Ives matter to be referred to General Business

REPORTS

Treasurer

Mr Toose noted that the accounts are available. He added that the invoices are available tonight. He also noted that the umpires lists will be send out tomorrow via the Executive Officer.

Mr Toose added the following incoming to the Correspondence List

1. \$1,722.11 from Beecroft being their bill paid
2. \$2,364.00 from Reps (Durham and Martin Shield fees)

Mr Toose also added the following invoices to be paid

1. \$6,190.00 being Umpires fees
2. \$99.31 being for Telstra Internet
3. \$801.00 being the Executive Officer's costs
4. \$140.00 being for All Seasons Trophies (Council Cup)

Motion to approve all payments. Seconded and carried

Mr Toose also reported that we will soon have Internet access to our accounts. The chair noted that the process involves a "two-person pin code"

Mr Toose noted that our term deposit matures soon and that the intention is to roll it over including the interest.

Umpires

Mr Wood noted that umpires have been allocated to A Grade, Colts, Reps and to the majority of A2 games.

He added that he is still chasing a number of captain's reports. He noted that these are important in terms of allocating umpires for the semis and finals.

He noted that the NSWCUA course starts on Feb 26 and runs for 5 weeks. He added that should candidates pass that course HKHDCA will reimburse the \$50 cost, but that those persons must make themselves available for matches in the Association.

Juniors

No Report

Representative Cricket

Mr Johnson reported that the senior reps finished yesterday for Durham, Martin and Telegraph shields. He noted that Martin Shield lost their q/f, whilst Durham also lost their last pool match but have a chance of a semi spot depending on another result. He reported that the Telegraph Shield also lost yesterday. He thanked Martin Watts for his efforts in getting the Telegraph Shield team together at very short notice.

Mr Johnson also reported that more rep fees have been paid tonight.

He noted the following results from the Country Carnival tours:-

1. u12 to Lismore won 3 of 4 and came third
2. u13 to Ballina came 5th
3. u14 to Newcastle won 2 of 4

He noted that there were no bad reports from the trips this year.

He further noted that the IDCA/Pres Cup resume on Feb 1, 8 and 15. He added that there is a concern over one of the u15 grounds in that Parklands is yet to be confirmed.

Mr Johnson also noted that the Ross Turner and Glenn Hourigan Cup matches are scheduled for March 1 at Parklands and Bannockburn, respectively.

The chairman asked if the \$599.00 in rep fees received is a part payment. Mr Watts noted that he is still chasing a few players. The chairman thanked Mr Watts for his efforts.

Executive Officer's Report

Mr Gussey reported that there have been a series of ground inspections by a group of members as well as staff from HSC and KMC. He noted that the following work is anticipated (HSC):-

1. work at Galston Rec Reserve
2. new surface at Greenway to be laid in the off-season. To be funded by us and HS Council
3. new pitch at Edward Bennett to be funded by and HS Council
4. Pitch height at Cedar wood to be repaired by HS Council
5. Headon Park to have the burn marks patched by Council during the off season
6. James Park – the pitch to be re-positioned
7. Montview East – uneven and drainage works to be done. The chair noted that clubs should be aware that immediate surrounds of the pitch need some turf and soil

KMC Area

1. Turramurra Oval. Need to lessen early season use to allow recovery of ground
2. Samuel King needs a new pitch
3. George Christie – pitch needs replacing
4. Auluba – being rebuilt and will be unavailable in 2010
5. Cliff 2 – removable pitch needs replacing
6. Mimosa Oval – pitch needs to be widened, requires part funding by us
7. Fencing concerns to be followed up

Mr Griffin noted that the pitch at Headen Park needs replacing. He noted the uneven bounce on that pitch. The EO noted that he will continue communicating with Councils

The chair asked about the “part funding”

The EO noted that historically we have gone 50/50. Mr Toose noted that we have been prepared to partially fund but that we need guarantees as to sole usage rights. The chairman noted that we will need to know what the costs are and expect the Councils to provide that information. Mr Hasler noted that one of the difficulties is that we will be communicating with different departments of Councils depending on what work is to be carried out. He added that the site inspections strengthened our relationship with both Councils. Mr Hasler asked if we would be meeting with BHSC. Mr Tribe noted that in the BHSC district grounds have 355 committees and that we have to communicate with those bodies. Mr Pearce noted that CHRSL communicate with Don Higginbotham at BHSC.

Mr Lea queried the use of Kenthurst 2. He noted that \$65,000 had been spent re-turfing the field and we are not using the ground as much as we should be.

Mr McQuillan reported that the door at Turramurra for the sheds for covers appears broken. The EO agreed and that he had communicated this to Council.

Mr Hasler reported that the pitch at Parklands “broke up” at the southern end. He added that the rest of the square is not ready for play and that we should limit usage to 1 match per week. He noted that the outfield is in excellent condition.

Mr Wilson queried why Kenthurst 1 is not available on Sundays. Mr Lea noted that it is used by Kenthurst Masters, Kenthurst Golden Oldies, and that in general the ground is booked out.

Mr McQuillan reported that Turramurra played well on Saturday.

Mr Gussey noted that KMC would prefer us to use The Glade more often at the beginning of the season and reduce the use of Turramurra at the same time.

Mr Toose asked if the Councils have agreed to do this maintenance work during the off-season. Mr Hasler noted that it will take time to get this work into their budgets.

The chairman also noted that he and Mr Bayles have done a “key check” which is still ongoing.

Seniors

Mr Wilson thanked Mr Gibson for his efforts whilst Mr Wilson was away on holidays.

He noted that the PM Comp Committee met last week to discuss the CHRSL C3 team and determined that they have forfeited the matches against Hornsby and Glenhaven as they failed to seek approval for all players. Hornsby and Glenhaven will receive 6 points whilst CHRSL will receive 0 pts. He added that the CHRSL C3 team have now received ratings of P7 for the remainder of the season.

Mr Wilson that there are two deferred games (due to Rep Commitments) and that those clubs must arrange to have those matches played on Feb 1 or 8.

He thanked Scott Burrows and Josh Brown for their efforts transporting the covers. He moved that each receive \$50 for their costs. Mr Toose requested that something be put in writing. Motion to pay seconded and carried.

Mr Wilson noted that there will be a club president’s meeting with the PM Comp Committee on Feb 2 starting at 7pm here at Asquith Bowling Club. He noted that the meeting will discuss issues that have arisen this season.

Mr Wilson further noted that the restrictions on Messrs Turnbull (Glenhaven) and Hayman (Hornsby) and Wijayasundara (Mt Colah) have been lifted.

President’s Report

Council Cup Twenty20 Match:

The inaugural Council Cup (HSC vs. KC) will be held at Montview Oval on Friday 13 February. HK&HDCA have ordered a complimentary cup to thank the respective Councils for their ongoing support & efforts. HKHDCUA will be providing the two Umpires.

Cricket NSW:

1. Ford Volunteer Program 2008/09 – Clubs are asked to complete the Volunteer Register and return to Cricket NSW by Friday 14 November 2008.
2. Want to become an Umpire - A training course for prospective umpires will be held at Cricket NSW starting at 6.30pm on Thursday 26 February. The five session program will see Accredited Trainers presenting the Laws of Cricket to course participants on the following dates:
 - 26 February
 - 5 March
 - 12 March
 - 19 March
 - 26 March

At the completion of the course, participants can choose to attempt an Examination (on 2 April), the successful completion of which will certify the participant as an Accredited Cricket Umpire. It will also enable successful candidates to apply to join the NSW Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association, the largest of its type in the world. There are still places available in the course for anyone wishing to register. YOU would be most welcome. To register simply contact darren.goodger@cricketnsw.com.au and a registration form will be forwarded to you in January 2009. The link is:

http://www.cricketnsw.com.au/nswdev/htstart.cl?PT=ni&D=*&nd=13-01-09&newsID=nswca&newsClub=AA&seq=1

3. Michael Clarke Twenty20 Cups – Junior quarter-finals time. Good luck to the Berowra CC U14 team who are due to play Kings Langley in an away game before the 31st January. The senior competition sees Kissing Point CC pitted against Bradbury CC in a semi-final on the 15th February – our sincere best wishes are extended to the team.
4. Cricket NSW 2008/09 Volunteer of the Year – Sydney North: Barry McDonald (Life Member HK&HDCA / President WPH-C CC) is to be congratulated for being announced as the recipient of this coveted prize. Barry modestly states the award is about an acknowledgement of the contribution of many people within not just WPH-C CC but also all volunteers associated with HK&HDCA. The award is also very much a well deserved personal acknowledgement. The award is chosen from the ,000's of volunteers across Sydney North - a very large area. Ross Anderson (Life Member HK&HDCA) from WPH-C also won the Award last year, so in the 2 years this Award has been running the club has had a person win both. Congratulations to Barry for this special Award but to emphasise Barry's point, there wouldn't be any acknowledgement if the contribution of our fantastic volunteers, were not so good.

Mr Barry McDonald noted that the trophy comes in a box. He added that the dinner was held at the ANZ Stadium at the 20/20 Bash, and included an invitation to the Steve Waugh Dinner. He added that there were 6 Country winners and that in comparison to the work that they do in the bush, we do nothing.

Wholesale Trophy Supplies:

I will be meeting with this company on Wednesday 21 January 2009 to establish a “trade” arrangement for future Association trophy / medal orders. The savings on retail prices will be significant. If there are any interested clubs, please contact me directly via email: mwrushston@optusnet.com.au Similar to the Kookaburra ball arrangement I am happy to source such on behalf of our affiliated clubs.

General Business

Protests

1. St Ives B2 website infringements – move to pass to PM Comp Committee – seconded and carried
2. Hornsby v CHRSL C3 – PM Comp Committee have already dealt with this matter
3. Normanhurst Colts website infringement – move to pass to PM Comp Committee – seconded and carried
4. St Ives A1 website infringement – move to pass to PM Comp Committee – seconded and carried

Mr Gibson noted that clubs should approach the PM Comp Committee before if they have issues to do with the website. Mr Wilson noted that the PM Comp Committee has already dealt with these matters and that they should be treated as appeals.

Mr Hasler noted that the Committee knew that 2 of these protests/appeals were coming tonight.

Mr Brown suggested that these are already appeals

Mr Toose agreed, but noted that the correspondence should be signed by the club secretary or president

Mr Hasler noted that Mr Gibson does check the “audit trail”. He suggested deferring these matters to the next meeting to give Mr Gibson an opportunity to check the details.

Mr Findlay noted that clubs should follow the rules and that penalties should be imposed if they don't. He added that we need to administer the rules.

Mr Griffin suggested that all clubs had delegates at the MyCricket training nights and that the rules were stressed. He added that we must accept the rules and the penalties.

Mr Wilson noted that the Committee hates to impose penalties but that the committee is consistent. He added that we need to “clean up” the Constitution and the Senior Rules. He endorsed Mr Findlay's comments.

Mr Toose noted that under the Constitution all appeals should be accompanied by 1 \$50 deposit. He added that as these appeals don't have the \$50 they are not valid.

Motion to declare the three appeals (My Cricket) out of order and dismissed. Seconded and carried.

5. Berowra v CHRSL C3 Round 7 match (Appeal of a dismissed protest)

Claim that B Thomas was ineligible as were P Savs and C Smith, the latter two rated P5's.

Mr Wilson noted that the committee was unaware of this info at the last Council meeting and had requested CHRSL to provide information. He moved that the appeal be upheld and the result overturned. Seconded.

Mr Toose asked if the info is correct. Mr Pearce responded that as to the original appeal, yes, regarding B Thomas.

Mr Findlay argued against the motion noting that the original appeal had already been dealt with. The two new players were not part of the original protest and shouldn't be part of this appeal. He added that the new information (the two new players) makes this appeal out of date.

Mr James spoke to the motion, noting that B Thomas was ineligible to play C3's and that that CHRSL captain was informed of this prior to the match.

Mr Burgin noted that CHRSL were not made aware of the change of B Thomas' rating prior to the match.

The chairman noted that the captain had been made aware.

Mr Hasler noted that it is possible that the info did not get to CHRSL prior to the match.

Mr Tilbury noted that the other players were on the latest list from the PM Committee.

Mr Findlay asked when was Mr Thomas regraded and do we have the contact list with CHRSL's details on it.

Mr Wilson noted that the register came out that week of the match, but that doesn't mean that CHRSL received it.

The chairman put the motion – to uphold the appeal.

For – 12

Against – 8

Motion carried

Motion to return \$50 deposit. Seconded and carried.

Mr Wilson requested a ruling regarding the points for the match. The chairman noted that they should be as per the other matches v Hornsby and Glenhaven.

6. Dispensation Request (D Waugh Kenthurst)

Request lifting of restriction.

Messrs McDonald, Wilson and Brown all spoke for the lifting of the restriction. Motion to uphold removal of restriction. Seconded and carried.

7. Bob Dewstow's letter claiming that restrictions are unconstitutional and not in the best interests of the Association.

Mr Hasler moved that Mr Dewstow be written to and request that he withdraw his letter and apologise. Seconded by Mr Findlay.

Mr Hasler then outlined the following sections of the Constitution:-

Section 2 (Objects), Section 3 (Powers)

He further outlined the following sections, 20 (Senior Competition), 18 (Duties and Powers of Executive), 33 (Senior Competition Registration), and 36 (Senior Competition Ratings and Gradings)

He proposed that that these sections give the Executive and the PM Committee the powers to impose restrictions.

He then read out the competition tables, and noted that most of the grades are very close with, in most cases, teams placed as low as seventh, can still make the semis.

Mr Tilbury noted that players can move about in the grades, and as such we promote cricket.

The chairman put the motion. Carried unanimously

D and D Matters.

Mr Gussey noted that there has been a delay in getting them heard but that it is anticipated that they will be heard over the next week.

St Ives Showground

The chairman noted that KMC are seeking submissions for the future of the showground complex.

Other matters

Mr Lea reported that the former secretary of the Association Mr Alan Mitchell has played his final game. He noted that Alan has been playing Masters for Kenthurst for the past few seasons, and at the age of 80 has called it quits.

Mr James noted that Mr Mitchell didn't start playing in the HKHDCA until he was in his 50's and took over 400 wickets in his career in the Association.

Mr James also noted that the scores don't appear to be published in the Advocate or the North Shore Times recently. He also noted that teams sometimes don't include their opponents performances. He also suggested that we don't have a lot a feature stories anymore. He noted that we have people who can be written about.

The chairman asked if anyone present knew someone, possibly a Media Studies student, who might be interested in writing articles.

Mr Hasler noted that there was a story about ARL and WPH in the Advocate last week. R Brown noted that the Advocate rang wanting to do a story on the A Grade competition.

Mr Rushton noted that Tom Richmond was going to talk to the Advocate. He also noted that scores are "on-line".

Mr Wilson suggested that he knows someone who may be interested in writing stories. The chairman suggested that they contact him or the EO.

Mr Wilson also noted that Messrs Murray Macdonald and Nick Berman do a short appearance on 100.1FM (local radio)

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

Next Meeting – February 16