

HORNSBY KU-RING-GAI and HILLS DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION Inc.
Minutes of Council Meeting held on March 2, 2009 at Asquith Bowling Club

Present

Executive

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

Delegates

Josh Brown (Asquith RL), Geoff Findlay (Beecroft), Nathan Tilbury (Berowra), Michael Burgin and Phil Pearce (CHRSL), Bernie Triebe (Galston Glenorie), Martin Watts (Glenhaven), Clint Johnson (Hornsby), Colin Griffin, David Lea and Richard Arnott (Kenthurst), Chris Roden-Smith (Kissing Pt), Brian Gibson (Mt Colah), John Corish (Normanhurst-Warrawee), Gordon Nagle (Pennant Hills), Bob Dewstow (St Ives), Carolyn Ball (Thornleigh), John McQuillan (Umpires), Ben Frawley, Andrew Fiedler and Rowan Keating (WPHC)

Life Members

Andy Bayles, David Toose

Also Present

Ben Gussey (Executive Officer)

Apologies

Bruce Kimberley, Barry McDonald, Murray Macdonald, Tracey Johnson

Motion to accept apologies. Seconded and carried

The chairman opened the meeting and noted that we are the semis and Finals stage of the season. He welcomed all to the meeting particularly noting the ladies, life members, and club presidents present.

Previous Minutes

Amendment to the apologies. Bernie Triebe noted that he had sent in his apologies but that his name isn't on that list.

Motion to accept amendment. Seconded and carried

Motion to adopt the previous minutes as a true and fair record with the above amendment (Mr Lea). Seconded by Mr Watts. Carried unanimously.

Matters Arising

The chairman asked Mr Johnson if the outstanding rep fees had been collected. Mr Johnson noted that he is still chasing the person involved.

Mr Hasler noted the Kenthurst appeal over the B1 match against WPHC. The chairman noted that it will be dealt with in General Business.

Correspondence

Incoming (external)

22/02/09: Northern Districts T20 Grand Final Invitation

24/02/09: Beecroft Rugby to Mark Rushton: Beecroft V NZ Barbarians

25/02/09: Ku-ring-gai Council: Education & Training from NSW Sports Federation

Incoming (internal)

Invoices received: Normanhurst, Mt Colah, Kenthurst, Pymble, Castle Hill RSL.

Outgoing (external)

19/02/09: Mark Rushton to Annette Trieste: Wholesale Trophies

Outgoing (internal)

25/02/09: Bushfire Appeal

27/02/09: D&D: Glenorie & Berowra

Late correspondence

Letters from Kenthurst, Mt Colah and Glenhaven all regarding the B1 match between WPHC and Kenthurst (the forfeit issue)

REPORTS

Treasurer

Mr Toose announced that two clubs, Thornleigh and Kenthurst, have not yet paid their bills. Mrs Ball noted that Thornleigh's cheque was posted on Friday. Mr Lea noted that Kenthurst's bill would be paid tomorrow. He added that Upper Hills have paid their bill, but that Kenthurst's would have been paid tonight, but that Mr Arnott forgot the cheque. Mr Hasler suggested that Kenthurst be given until Wednesday night 7pm to pay their bill. Mr Toose asked to whom would the cheque be given. He reminded Kenthurst that it cannot be paid electronically. The chairman asked what are the consequences if Kenthurst don't pay. Mr Toose noted that they cant play in the semis or finals.

Mr Hasler moved the following motion:-

"If Kenthurst have not paid their bill by Wednesday March 4 at 7pm they will be disqualified from all senior semis and finals"

Mr Toose seconded the motion and suggested that the cheque be delivered to Mr Gussey's house.

Motion carried.

Mr Toose also noted the following incoming

- \$150.00 from WPHC for the Bushfire Appeal

Mr Toose also noted the following outgoing

- \$2,376.00 to Advance Life for Rep Photos

Motion to accept and pay the above (Mr Bayles). Seconded and carried

Mr Lea noted that Kenthurst were forced to forfeit the Colts match last week and that the club was very disappointed that it had to forfeit. He added that Kenthurst accepts the \$200 fine. Mr Hasler seconded. Carried.

Mr Griffin apologised to the Normanhurst-Warrawee CC for the forfeit.

Mr Toose also noted that Hornsby Council have not yet supplied us with the grounds bill for the season. He added that he will chase the Council for the bill.

Rep Report

Mr Johnson noted that \$2,376.00 has been paid by Rep teams for the Rep Photos. He also reported that The Glenn Hourigan and Ross Turner Cup matches were played yesterday. He added that he was too busy to attend either but believed that East won the GH Cup. The chairman noted that he will address both matches in his President's Report. Mr Hasler (umpire in RT Cup) reported that there is a problem at Parklands Oval. He noted that the pitch had been rolled prior to the RT Cup not had the creases been re-marked. He added that the pitch needs more rolling as it keeps lower throughout the day.

Mr Toose asked about the Umpires Bill for DCA matches. Mr Wood noted that he will attend to it prior to the deadline. The chairman reminded all present that there have been a few parents with concerns over nominations for the Emerging Blues. He noted that the criteria are statistics-based.

Juniors

No Report

Umpires

Bruce Wood commended the *My Cricket* database, pointing out that most Captains had found it very easy to lodge their Umpire Grading Reports on-line. He advised that the submission of reports from captains who had an official umpire had risen from about 25% last season to over 85% in 2008-09. This additional feedback had provided a detailed database of information, which helped the Umpires' Secretary determine the important end-of-season finals appointments, as well as identify any areas for improvement.

An analysis of the statistics revealed that the top 5 umpires were separated by just 0.2 points over the full season, covering on average 25 reports per umpire. This is a positive result and indicates that several umpires are still in serious contention for appointment to the A Grade Final.

Bruce further advised that he had contacted half a dozen A Grade captains over the weekend and was pleased to hear that they were generally very satisfied with the standard of umpiring this season, noting that it was higher and more consistent than in previous years.

Bruce announced the following umpire appointments for the Senior semi-finals on 7 & 14 March 2009:

- A Grade – Steve Wilson & Simon Moore
- Colts – Geoff Hasler & Bruce Wood
- A2 Grade – Ian Paterson & Barry McDonald
- B Grade – Alex Terry & Stuart Wood
- B2 Grade – Tim Davidson & Anthony Maxworthy

The Umpires' Secretary advised that the appointments for the lower grades (C, C2, C3, D & D2) were yet to be determined and he called on the clubs to nominate qualified umpires or experienced players who hold a current HK&HDCA Captain's Ticket so that each semi-final has an independent umpire.

Bruce suggested that the clubs keep an eye on the HKHDCUA website www.cricketsw.com.au/hkhcua/, as the umpire appointments will be progressively updated as developments occur.

There was some debate as to whether the Junior Finals on Sunday, 8 March 2009 should have one official umpire or two. It was agreed that if sufficient umpires are available, all matches should have two black & whites. Bruce Wood arranged the following umpire appointments for the 2008-09 Junior Finals:

U/16 – Simon Moore & Steve Wilson
U/15 – Bruce Wood & Barry McDonald
U/14 – Tim Creamer & David Cooper
U/13 – Stuart Wood & Scott Reid
U/12 – Ian Paterson & Brad Cole
U/11 – Alex Terry & Graeme Terry

Mr Toose noted that he saw an email from a club requesting an independent umpire. Mr Wood noted that both clubs in the match had requested Mr Kimberley to appoint an umpire. Mr Toose noted that both clubs will be billed. Mr Wood noted that both clubs volunteered to pay for the umpire.

Seniors

Mr Wilson announced that he will endeavour to send out a report later, but is waiting on the resolution of the Kenthurst matter. The chairman suggested that we should deal with it now.

Mr Gussey noted that there are three letters. Mr Hasler requested that the \$50 deposit be submitted before the letters were read. (The deposit was lodged by Mr Lea). Mr Gussey read the three letters.

Mr Griffin noted that Kenthurst are still waiting on a decision from the AC regarding the original claim for forfeit. He added that the club was told it would be heard week ago.

Mr Wilson noted that the matter could not be resolved by the AC as there was insufficient evidence to reach a safe conclusion. He added that he, personally, wanted the match played on March 1 at Dural Park.

Mr Hasler noted that the letters are not dated, which makes things difficult.

Mr Griffin submitted that he was disappointed that WPHC did not try to make contact regarding the playing of this match. He added that Kenthurst had teams available to play on the original designated dates, but WPHC did not turn up. He added that WPHC did not show Kenthurst any respect and that Kenthurst communicated with the AC.

Mr Hasler asked whether there was any written confirmation between the two clubs regarding the Feb 8 date. Mr Griffin answered in the negative, but added that the date is on the website with the match "positioned" at February 8. He added that Mr Gibson will confirm the entry at round 10.

The chairman queried as to whether we have already dealt with this matter. Mr Hasler noted that there was no finality due to a lack of evidence.

Mr Arnott asked whether WPHC are denying any fault on their part.

Mr Keating noted that the comments in the Mt Colah are accurate. He added that the Feb 8 date was not suitable for WPHC due to Rep commitments. He added that he thought Mr McDowell (WPHC) had communicated with Kenthurst, adding that a date was not set.

Mr Griffin noted that he never saw an email from Mr McDowell, adding that Mr McDowell knew earlier of the change. He added that the Association moved the match to satisfy WPHC.

Mr Wilson apologised to the meeting for this matter. He suggested that he thought the two clubs could have arranged the match. He noted that the information supplied tonight is 100% correct. He confirmed that the AC moved the match at the request of WPHC. He also noted that he didn't realise that there would be a clash with the Telegraph Shield.

Mr Frawley asked whether there was communication between the clubs. Mr Griffin noted that there was communication between team captain (WPHC) and club president (Kenthurst)

Mr Wilson noted that there is no evidence of any written agreement. Mr Frawley suggested that there is no evidence that the match was to be played on that date. Mr Arnott countered, noting that there was recognition that WPHC knew of the date change. He added that Kenthurst turned up and WPHC didn't.

Mr Wood noted that there was knowledge that the game was due to be played. Mr Keating noted that the conversation at the Mt Colah match was very casual, adding that no one at WPHC was told to turn up.

Mr Brown noted that WPHC knew that the match was to be played, adding that there was no attempt by WPHC to communicate. He also noted that WPHC knew that the match was on if only with 24 hours knowledge.

Mr Hasler noted that WPHC needed to win the match, according to the competition table at the time. He also noted that having been told a day before should have triggered a response. He also noted that the AC has no written confirmation of agreement. He also noted that the AC did not know that it was the unavailability of only 2 players. He added that we now have new evidence from Mt Colah and Glenhaven showing sympathy towards Kenthurst. He added that we need to be careful in the resolution as the outcome affects the competition. He added that the match has been played and a result achieved.

Mr Corish queried whether the date on the website amounts to a confirmation or agreement. Mr Gibson noted that he received a confirmation date.

Mr Lea suggested that as WPHC only had two players out, the match should have been played on the original date.

Mr Triebe asked if WPHC agreed to the original changed date. Mr Keating responded noting that the team did not know that the match was on, adding that the captain did not have a confirmation of the date.

Mr Watts suggested that he had spoken to both teams, and was told by Mr McDowell that it was a “proposed date” not an agreement. He added that there is a lot of hearsay being contributed to the debate.

Mr Gibson proposed that Mr McDowell had indicated to him that there was an agreement.

Mr Findlay questioned the AC’s handling of the matter. Mr Hasler proposed that there was no decision as there was insufficient information at the time.

Mr Gibson noted that the AC gave the clubs two alternative dates on which the match could be played.

The chairman called for a motion.

Mr Lea moved that Kenthurst be awarded the forfeit against WPHC in the round 10 B1 match. Seconded by Mr Arnott.

In favour – 11. Against – 8

Motion carried by majority. The \$50 was returned to Mr Lea.

Mr Hasler noted that WPHC need to be aware of the appeal process to the NSWDCA.

Mr Toose noted that the NSWDCA will only be concerned with the constitutionality of the decision, not whether the decision is right or wrong.

President’s Report

Ross Turner Cup (Sunday 1st March – Parklands):

Won by the West team. The game was well attended with the local Member Judy Hopwood, Tom Richmond OAM (Patron) several representatives from NDCC (players & committee), Ross Turner (ICC delegate), HK&HDCA Executive Members & Life Members all showing their support. Player of the match (selected by a panel of 10 official guests & appointed umpires): Shaun Eaton (18), Daniel Anderson (15), and Utkarsh Somaiya (12). The game was also used to raise funds for the Victorian Bushfire Appeal - \$612.55 was raised on the day (out of pocket expenses yet to be deducted).

Thank you to everyone who helped out on the day, including parents & relatives who manned the BBQ & Canteen. Also, many thanks to Paul Belcastro (Wrigley’s) for a donation of several boxes of chewing gum for sale at the canteen. In closing Tom Richmond, Denise Annetts, Ross Anderson, Andy Bayles, Peter Thorburn & Bruce Wood need to be thanked for their tireless efforts in ensuring the success of this game, our show-piece U15 annual fixture.

Glenn Hourigan Cup (Sunday 1st March – Bannockburn):

Won by the East team. The game was well attended with Glenn Hourigan, HK&HDCA Executive Members & Life Members showing their support. The game was also used to raise funds for the Victorian Bushfire Appeal – approximately \$600.00 was raised on the day (out of pocket expenses yet to be deducted). Thank you to everyone who helped out on the day, including parents & relatives who manned the BBQ & Canteen. In closing Tom Richmond, Marisa Levitt, Ross Anderson, Denise Annetts, Andy Bayles & Glenn Hourigan need to be thanked for their tireless efforts in ensuring the success of this game, our show-piece U12 annual fixture.

2HHH Radio Programme:

The Hornsby Shire Mayor, Mr. Nick Berman (Patron) hosts a weekly radio show on 2HHH (100.1) from 8am-10am each Saturday morning with a combination of sport, current affairs, music and talk-back. Murray McDonald (President Hornsby District CC) also comes into the show at 9.00am to discuss all relevant local cricket matters involving HK&HDCA & NDCC – outstanding performances, ground closures, etc are the primary focus of discussion.

Summer Saturdays:

We have approximately 30 copies of this book left – a history of our Association (up to 2000), written by one of our former presidents Mr. Alf James OAM. All copies are autographed and available for sale from me - \$10.00 per copy, with all proceeds being donated to the Victorian Bushfire Appeal.

Junior Information:

It has been reported that there is insufficient information being made available through our Council Meetings. Please be aware, the junior competition reports are succinct yet comprehensive. Additional “junior related” information is always raised at Council Meetings,

For example, junior related matters at tonight's Meeting include the following:

- Junior semi-finals update
- Junior Finals – announcement of appointed Umpires. Also, the decision to appoint 2 umpires to all junior finals was supported
- Emerging Blues – a brief summation of the selected process was provided. If additional information is required, please contact either Mr. Clint Johnson (Representative Secretary) or me.
- Correspondence:
 1. 25/02/09: Ku-ring-gai Council: Education & Training from NSW Sports Federation
 2. 19/02/09: Mark Rushton to Annette Trieste: Wholesale Trophies
 3. 25/02/09: Bushfire Appeal
 4. 01/03/09: Gordon Nagle to Ben Gussey
- Treasurer's Report
- HK&HDCUA (Umpire's) Report
- Junior's Report
- Representative Report
- President's Report
- Executive Officer's Report
- General Business
 1. Normanhurst & Pennant Hills reports

In summing up, it is imperative that club delegates report all junior matters back to your respective clubs to ensure communication filters through.

Victorian Bushfire Appeal:

Ben Gussey (Executive Officer) needs to be thanked for his efforts to date in getting this appeal off and running.

Donations received to date:

- St Ives CC - \$100.00 (gold coins)
- WPH-C CC - \$150.00 (gold coins)
- Kissing Point CC - \$20.00 (2 x "Summer Saturdays")
- St Ives CC - \$10.00 (1 x "Summer Saturdays")
- Kenthurst CC - \$10.00 (1 x "Summer Saturdays")
- Clint Johnson, Hornsby District CC - \$10.00 (1 x "Summer Saturdays")
- Integrity Consultants Pty Ltd - \$500.00 (donation)
- HK&HDCA - \$1,000.00 (donation)

Cricket NSW:

The senior competition saw Kissing Point CC pitted against Bradbury CC in a semi-final on the 15th February which KP won a thriller. Good luck to this team in the coming Final.

Kissing Point (HK&HDCA) 6/123 (19.5 Overs; A Parker 28, C Drummond 37) defeated Bradbury (Camden DCA) 8/122 (20 Overs; N Warner 28 N Hind 3/20 T Love 3/22)

Exec Officer's Report

Secretarial Matters

*All perpetual trophies must be returned as a matter of urgency. So far West Pennant Hills, Glenhaven, Pymble and St Ives have acknowledged requests but no trophies have been returned.

Publicity Officer

*The Association is currently running a bushfire appeal campaign with the aim of donating cricket gear to affected regions in Victoria. There have been a number of pledges and any further donations would be greatly appreciated. A leaflet for this appeal can be found on the website and has been distributed to clubs via email.

Grounds Officer

*The only matter to report was a drainage issue at Warrina St, which Hornsby Shire Council has acknowledged and fixed.

Competitions Report

*The following sides have submitted entries to the John Hayne Cup:

Kissing Pt C1

Kissing Pt D2

Hornsby A1

Hornsby C1

Mt Colah B1

Mt Colah C2

Berowra B1 & C1 (combined)

Galston Glenorie A2

Normanhurst-Warrawee B1

Any further entries should be made tonight.

Mr Wood asked whether the junior trophies could be arranged for presentation at the grounds as the Finals will be played this Sunday. Mr Brown asked what should happen with the A Grade trophy. It was suggested that the trophy can be delivered or picked up if ARL are not in the Final. Mr Griffin noted that A2 trophy will get to the appropriate ground. Mr Wilson noted that he will send out the Senior Club Championship details tomorrow. He added that he will transmit the Senior Semi Finals tomorrow as well. He also asked if there are any other nominations for the JHCup. There were none forthcoming.

Mr Toose asked whether the penalties invoked at the Special Executive Meeting have been imposed. He also queried whether the points penalties are on MyCricket. He added that these could have an impact on the semis. Mr Wilson responded, noting that the situation will be clarified. The read out the relevant breaches and noted the two point penalty imposed upon the St Ives C2 team. He added that the penalties are consistent. Mr Wilson noted that the AC will double-check the situation.

Other General Business

The chairman noted that letters have been received regarding an u16 match between Pennant Hills and Normanhurst-Warrawee. The chairman read the letter from Pennant Hills. Motion to pass to the D&D Committee. Seconded and Carried. Mr Hasler asked if players are involved in the matter. The chairman responded in the negative. Mr Toose suggested that both letters be passed to the D&D Committee.

Motion to send both letters to the D&D Committee. Seconded and carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

Next Meeting in two weeks (March 16)