

HORNSBY KU-RING-GAI and HILLS DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION Inc.
Minutes of Council Meeting held at Asquith Bowling Club on March 23, 2009

Present

Executive:- Mark Rushton, Geoff Hasler, Nathan Tilbury, David Toose, Andy Bayles, Bruce Kimberley, Steve Wilson, Bruce Wood, Clint Johnson, Bob Dewstow, Josh Brown, Murray Macdonald, Brian Gibson

Delegates

Josh Brown (ARL), Geoff Findlay (Beecroft), Nathan Tilbury (Berowra), Michael Burgin (CHRSL), Martin Watts (Glenhaven), Clint Johnson and Murray Macdonald (Hornsby), Chris Roden-Smith (Kissing Pt), Chris Wheeler and David Marsh (Kuringai Chase), Brian Gibson and Bruce Kimberley (Mt Colah), John Corish (Normanurst-Warrawee), Mat Fabian (Pymble), Bob Dewstow (St Ives), Carolyn Ball (Thornleigh), John McQuillan and Simon Moore (Umpires), Barry McDonald (WPHC)

Life Members

Alfred James, Barry McDonald, David Toose, Andy Bayles, Bruce Kimberley

Also Present

Ben Gussey (Executive Officer)

Apologies

Bernie Triebe, Mitchell Burger, Scott Reid, Tracey Johnson, Nick McIntosh, Melinda Brown

Motion to accept apologies – seconded and carried

The chairman welcomed all to the meeting in particular the Life Members, women and club presidents. He also noted that Mr James played in the C3 ABM James Cup Final on the weekend, which also coincided with his birthday. He also congratulated Josh and Mel Brown on the birth of their baby.

Previous Minutes

It was noted that the grounds were not finalised as recorded in the minutes. Mr Dewstow also noted that the St Ives ball royalties are not listed.

Motion to adopt minutes as true and fair with above corrections. Seconded and carried.

Correspondence

Payments: Kenthurst CC (\$200)- Forfeit fee.

Invoice: Kenthurst CC to HKHDCA (\$400) – Contribution of wicket preparation 2008/2009

Ben Gussey to HKHDCA; \$488, \$513, \$475, \$475.

Executive Officer's Report

Mr Gussey thanked Messrs Rushton, Kimberley and Johnson for their assistance in rounding up trophies. He added that all trophies need to be returned for engraving. He added that we lost Turramurra Oval for the finals. He suggested that we need to review our bookings procedures for finals in the future.

Mr Wood asked the D&D matters. The chairman noted that they will be dealt with in General Business.

President's Report

The chairman thanked all volunteers, both at club and Executive levels for their efforts throughout the season. He noted that unfortunately there have been a few D&D issues and a couple more tonight. He congratulated ARL on their 4th successive A Grade premiership. He also congratulated Berowra on winning three senior competitions.

Representative Report

Mr Johnson announced that the Juniors and Representative Cricket Presentation Night will be held at Asquith Boys HS on May 1 commencing at 7.30pm. He thanked Mr Wilson for the co-operation over grounds throughout the season. He also thanked Mr Wood for the Barker grounds and for the provision of umpires for rep matches and for the maintenance of the website during the season. He added that he has spoken to Warren Jackson about the situation for next season. He also thanked the Executive for their support throughout the season.

The chairman congratulated Mr Johnson on his efforts not just this season, but throughout his reign as Representative Secretary. He added that it is a tough job.

Juniors Report

Mr Kimberley reminded all clubs that the trophies must be returned prior to the Presentation Night. He suggested that clubs who don't return trophies should be named on the website. He added that ALL trophies were presented at the last presentation that included the seniors. He added that he is nearly at the point where he believes that the trophies should not be handed out. Mr Rushton noted that clubs may need secure locations if trophies are to be handed out. Mr Hasler suggested that clubs should be billed for lost trophies. Mr Rushton noted that a firm decision will be made when we have worked out which trophies have been lost.

Mr Kimberley noted that he has tried to find the missing trophies. He also thanked all club people and the divisional secretaries for their efforts during the season.

Mr Barry McDonald reported that he has advised Mr Gussey that WPHC were presented with the u15 trophy, and that the club decided that the trophy is beyond its "use-by" date. He announced that the club has decided to replace the trophy. The chairman thanked the WPHC CC for their generosity. Mr Wood noted that the original trophy was a little embarrassing.

Treasurer's Report

Mr Toose announced the following incomings:-

- Bushfire Money of \$1,168.80
- Donation to Bushfire Money from Ross and Denise Anderson of \$150.00
- Kenthurst forfeit fine of \$200.00

He also announced the following additional outgoings:-

To	For	Amount
HKHDCUA	Umpiring	\$15,887.00
Satori Imaging	Trolleys for covers	\$1,056.00
Hornsby CC	JH Cup	\$500.00
Andy Bayles	Phone	\$35.98
All Season Trophies	Engraving	\$25.20
Peter Thorburn	RT Cup expense	\$130.00
Mark Rushton	Gas for RT and GH Cup BBQ's	\$36.00
NSWCUA	Umpiring Junior and C1 matches	\$300.00
Kenthurst CC	Pitch preparation	\$400.00
Telstra	BJK Phone	\$267.47
Hornsby Council	Ground Hire	\$43,044.00
Kuringai Council	Ground Hire (The Glade)	\$289.70

Mr Corish noted that WPHC and Normanhurst-Warrawee would share the umpires bill for the junior match

Mr Toose noted that he had checked the grounds bill. Mr Hasler asked whether it included the Sunday and turf bills for the finals. Mr Toose noted that the Sunday bill is yet to be received.

Mr Barry McDonald asked if Mr Toose had received the cheque from WPHC. Mr Toose replied in the affirmative.

Motion to approve payments (Mr Bayles). Seconded (Mr Dewstow). Carried

The chairman noted that the cheque to All Seasons should be made out to him.

Umpires Report

Mr Wood congratulated all 10 senior competition premiers. He noted that there were 20 appointments for the finals but one umpire withdrew through illness, leaving the C1 final with just one umpire. He also reported that under Law 42.18 two players have been reported from the finals, one from Glenhaven B1 and one from Berowra D1.

Mr Wood noted that there has been 255 appointments during the season, 179 for club matches and 76 for rep matches. He thanked all umpires for their commitments during the season. He added that the feedback received is that the clubs are happy with the umpires. He thanked the Executive and the clubs for their support during the season.

Mr Rushton congratulated Mr Wood on a job well done. Mr Toose thanked Mr Wood for the cheque's information. Mr Kimberley congratulated Mr Wood on his endeavours. Mr Barry McDonald endorsed Mr Kimberley's remarks, noting that the umpires are well informed throughout the season.

Seniors Report

Mr Wilson announced that this has been the hardest year so far. He noted that he was disappointed to hear of poor behaviour by some people at matches that their clubs were not involved in. He added that the general behaviour of players this season has regressed. He also noted that he overlooked the fact that Normanhurst-Warrawee C1 forfeited a match around Xmas and should be fined \$200.00. Mr Corish noted that they have already received the fine and paid it.

Mr Wilson thanked all members of the AC for their efforts in a hard season. In particular he noted the following:-

- Mr Gibson's work on MyCricket has been phenomenal
- Mr Macdonald's efforts with the trolleys and covers
- Mr Hasler's level headed approach to problem solving
- Mr Donnison's input
- Mr Brown's significant contribution

He added that the AC has made a few mistakes this year. He added that he anticipates an SGM in May to adopt recommendations from the Presidents Night.

He then read out the results from each of the finals.

Mr Wilson then moved that the following clubs be formally announced as the respective grade's premiers:-

Asquith RL (A1), Kissing Pt (Colts), WPHC (A2), Glenhaven (B1), Pymble (B2), Kuringai Chase (C1), WPHC (C2), Berowra (C3), Berowra (D1), Berowra (D2)

Motion seconded by Mr Bayles. Carried

The chairman noted that the premierships were spread across 7 clubs.

Mr Wilson thanked the Executive for their support.

General Business

Player Report No.1

The chairman read the letter submitted by an umpire citing a Glenhaven B1 player for showing dissent by word and action, including "f---ing cheat". The comment was also heard by the other umpire. Both umpires met with the Glenhaven captain and informed him that the player was on report.

Motion to pass to the D&D Committee (Mr Findlay). Seconded (Mr Hasler). Carried

Player Report No.2

The chairman noted that there are two reports (from opposing club and from an umpire) reporting a Berowra D1 player for showing dissent towards an umpire.

Motion to pass to D&D Committee (Mr Findlay) Seconded (Mr Toose). Carried

Other Matters

Mr Findlay pointed out an error in the rules whereby a player in a team that is downgraded has fewer matches from which to qualify for the finals. He added that a player in the C1 final only played 3.5 matches. Mr Toose noted that we changed the rule a few years ago. Mr McQuillan noted that there is nothing in the rules. Mr Wheeler noted that he thought the matter was resolved. Mr Findlay noted that Beecroft are not disputing the result, adding that there is no allowance for downgraded players in the rules. Mr McQuillan added that Beecroft played the C1 final in the right spirit. Mr McQuillan also noted that the C1 trophy was not at the final. Mr Bayles noted that the C1 trophy disappeared a few years ago.

Mr McQuillan asked about the covers at Turramurra, as we do not have the ground at the beginning of the season. Mr Hasler noted that that may not be the case in the future. He added that he met with KMC earlier in the season. He added that Gordon's arrangement may not happen next season.

The chairman suggested that we book the ground from the beginning of the season. Mr Hasler pointed out that rugby and soccer destroy Turramurra during the football season. Mr McQuillan suggested that we speak with the Mayor of KMC about bookings until the end of March.

MyCricket

Mr Gibson reported that CNSW have invited to submit feedback on MyCricket. He noted that clubs should make suggestions for improvements or changes. He suggested that they email him. Mr Hasler asked if player ratings could be attached to the player profiles. Mr Gibson thought that it could be looked at.

The chairman asked if we could get our websites under one banner. Mr Gibson replied in the affirmative. Mr Toose noted that we should give CNSW positive feedback rather than none.

Mr Wilson requested that all clubs update MyCricket for semis and finals. He added that if clubs don't update then they must submit "D" sheets to the Executive Officer within the next week. He added that the information is needed for ratings.

The chairman requested that all Executive reports for the Annual Report are submitted by the end of March. Mr Toose noted that the Financial Report won't be ready as our financial year doesn't end until April 30.

The chairman asked when the next meeting will be. Mr Bayles suggested tba, but the Executive needs to meet to organise the SGM. Mr Toose noted that we normally have a council meeting for clubs to submit "D" sheets.

Meeting closed

Next Meeting – to be determined