

HK&HDCA Council Meeting
Monday 3 August 2009

Meeting commenced 7.30 pm

Attendees: M Rushton, B Gussey, B Dewstow, B Gibson, C Roden-Smith, B Wood, G Hasler, S Arthur, S Moore, J Chenu, S Burrows, M Sheedy, J Mitchell, J Patton, G Findlay, A Watts, S Wilson, C Ball, P Chedsee, B McDonald, C Riddett, B Kimberley, N Tilburn, D Bennett.

Apologies: A James, M Macdonald, T Johnson, D Toose, J Corish.

Welcome: Mark Rushton welcomed everybody including life members B McDonald and B Kimberley. He also noted that this was the first meeting for sometime when A Bayles was not present.

Presentation by Good Sports

We had some alcohol related issues last year so this presentation is in response to those issues. Good Sports is an initiative of the Australian Drug Foundation and the presentation provided a high level overview of the Good Sports program. Main points from the representation:

- Good Sports program has been in existence for about 10 years and started in Victoria.
- Program is all about the responsible service and consumption of alcohol.
- 2700 clubs involved in the program nationally with about 300 clubs in NSW. Just commencing the roll out in the Sydney metro area.
- Free program and also provides subsidised RSA training for committee members.
- Core of the program is an accreditation process which can take 3 to 5 years to complete and the main elements are:
 - Understanding that running a club comes with a “Duty of Care”
 - Understanding both Legal and Council obligations apply
- Three levels in program:
 - Level 1 focuses on basic compliance
 - Level 2 looks at how a club may want to change how alcohol is managed within a club
 - Level 3 occurs after a club has gone through the full accreditation process and looks to establish safe transport and alcohol management policies.
- Allows clubs to promote themselves in the community as being responsible entities.
- There is twice yearly advertising paid for by the program which names the clubs involved in the program.
- Program only works at club level.

Next steps if clubs interested.

- **Register interest in program by completing the final page of the flyer that was handed out.**
- **Once form received the club will be contacted directly by the program and meeting arranged with the executive of that club to discuss participation.**
- **Can also register via the website www.goodsports.com.au**

Minutes of last Council meeting

B Kimberley moved that the minutes be taken as read. This was seconded and agreed by all present.

There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

Correspondence

Incoming and outgoing correspondence between 6 May 2009 and 31 July 2009 was listed on the agenda.

Late correspondence received not listed on the agenda:

- 3/8/09 – Affiliations for ARL, Ku-ring-gai Chase and Pennant Hills received at the meeting
- 3/8/09 – Greg Chappell Cricket Centre providing reviewed cricket ball prices for 2009/2010 season (prices slightly cheaper than Kingsgrove and royalties still available in balls engraved with HK&HDCA)
- 3/8/09 – SunBlock Australia fund raising committee
- 30/7/09 – Hornsby Shire Council 2009/2010 competition and training allocations
- 22/7/09 – Fullpoint Graphics Pty Limited tax invoice for printing 83rd Annual Report
- 24/7/09 – The Hills Shire Council regarding volunteer thank you event
- 23/7/09 – Telstra bill
- 21/7/09 – Hornsby Shire Council Sports council minutes
- 21/7/09 – Hornsby Shire Council Summer Allocations meeting minutes
- 16/7/09 – The Hills Shire council allocation of sporting facilities for 2009/2010 season
- 15/7/09 – Ku-ring-gai Council St Ives Showground precinct second stage consultation.

Geoff Hasler queried if two cheques returned by Bob Somerville from 2007 had been replaced. Mark Rushton confirmed that they had and Geoff requested that this be noted.

Affiliations

Meeting adjourned so the Executive could consider the affiliations received. **After due consideration the Executive returned to the meeting and confirmed all affiliations received accepted.**

Only outstanding affiliation was for Redfield College, which will be considered on receipt.

Blowfly cricket was also discussed by the executive and it was agreed that it would be promoted as a project in association with St Ives FC.

In the meeting after the confirmation of affiliations Northern Sydney girls advised that they would be requesting a meeting at some point in the future with the Association regarding possible affiliation.

Treasurers report

Not available

Juniors report

No formal report but the following issues were confirmed at the meeting.

- Registrations will be via My Cricket this year
- There will definitely be an U8 competition this year if teams entered. Teams will consist of 6 players Will be a basic game format played on a pitch with portable stumps.
- U10's will be a slightly shorter format this year with 36 overs per side. Still played over 2 weeks.
- Still looking for a couple of divisional secretaries. Please advise Bruce of any interested parties.
- **Need team nominations by 17 August 2009.**

Seniors report

- Steve Wilson expressed thanks to all clubs re the special general meeting. All ideas, which had been generated from the President's night, were passed basically unanimously.
- Really want to push the concept of the one day Sunday competition to be played every second Sunday. Please push at your registrations if you haven't had them otherwise please ensure that the concept is pushed within the clubs. Will start later than the normal comp in October and wrap up late January or early February. It will be played on synthetic wickets on good grounds already obtained. **Team nominations are open and will close 21 September 2009.** A new Council meeting will be set for 21 September 2009 which is not currently on the calendar.
- **Team nominations for senior competition are required with team lists by 17 August 2009.**
- Team gradings will be confirmed at a later date when the afternoon committee receives details of actual players with ratings in each team.
- Steve has finalised the drafting of new senior competition rules which moves information out of the constitution into the rules. The new rules are currently being review and will be circulated to clubs shortly.
- Amendments are also being drafted to the Constitution.
- The afternoon committee this year will be run in accordance with the constitution as requested at the President's meeting. The top 4 grades, excluding Colts, will definitely be 8 team competitions this year.

B Kimberly questioned who was running the Sunday one day competition. It was confirmed that it was being run by a working sub committee of three.

Representative report

No report available.

The website currently has details of dates for U10's to U14's.

A observation was raised that in two teams, U14's, last year the coach's son had received the coach's award for the year. It was noted that this might be an issue but was not confined to the junior grades.

HK&HDCUA (Umpires) Report

Office bearers

HKHDCUA held its AGM on 13 July 2009 and elected the following office bearers for 2009-10:

- Secretary – Bruce Wood
- President – Geoff Hasler
- Patrons – Barry McDonald and Mark Rushton
- Treasurer – Tim Davidson
- Vice-President – Alex Terry
- Assistant Secretary – Simon Moore
- Training Officer – Simon Moore
- Examination Committee – Barry McDonald, John McQuillan & Alex Terry
- Delegates to HK&HDCA – John McQuillan & Simon Moore
- Membership Protection Information Officer (*Working with Children Checks*) – Bruce Wood

Recruitment of umpires

Bruce advised that he has placed an advertisement on the HK&HDCA MyCricket website, inviting people to contact him if they are interested in umpiring on a regular or part-time basis. One of our experienced

umpires, who had officiated in about 20 matches each season, has decided to umpire Sydney Grade Cricket in 2009-10, so HKHDCUA is looking for a few more umpires to join the ranks, especially some younger umpires. Appropriate training will be arranged.

The current rates of payment for umpires were approved by HK&HDCA in 2007 and are in line with the majority of other Associations, being \$19 per hour when one official umpire is appointed (ie. \$95 per afternoon for an A Grade or Colts match), and \$16 per hour (each) when there are two official umpires in operation.

Bruce advised that he had received a few phone calls or e-mail messages from prospective umpires, however he would welcome some further enquiries.

Mark Rushton asked Bruce to confirm the umpires' rates of payment for the Sunday representative matches. Bruce advised that the hourly rates are the same as for HK&HDCA club matches. Geoff Hasler advised that an additional \$25 is payable to offset petrol and tolls for 'away' representative matches in non-neighbouring Associations.

Captain's Ticket course and official Umpire's Badge Courses

HKHDCUA plans to conduct another Captain's Ticket course in September 2009 (dates and venue to be determined). All Senior Captains are required to have passed this basic umpiring course, which includes the local rules (playing conditions). A list of graduates from 2000-2008 is on the HK&HDCA website in the Umpires' Library. Bruce strongly encouraged all Captains to attend this course at least every 5 years as a refresher. Steve Wilson supported this proposal, noting that the HK&HDCA Senior Competition Rules had changed significantly over the past 4 years.

Bruce also advised that an official Umpire's Badge Course will be conducted during the 2009-10 season, depending on demand.

Simon Moore (HKHDCUA Training Officer) and his Examination Committee will meet shortly to plan these activities.

Affiliation with NSWCUSA

In line with normal practice, HKHDCUA intends to re-affiliate with NSWCUSA and requests a cheque for \$50 from HK&HDCA to cover the relevant fees. **The payment was approved by the Council and the Treasurer will arrange a cheque shortly.**

Executive Officers report

General business

- Working with children forms are up on the website. **They need completion by the executive and individuals involved in the representative competition prior to the commencement on the season.**
- There are still places available for the level 1 coaching course being run at Montview oval on 13 September 2009. Time is from 9 to 5. **Anyone interested to contact Ben.**

Publicity:

There has been consultation with Cumberland Newspapers regarding advertisement for the upcoming season, which would include club details and information about competitions.

The Hornsby Advocate, The Hills Shire and North Shore Times are \$1318.40, \$1217.52 and \$2033 respectively for half a page. And \$793, \$735 and \$1162 respectively for a quarter page. The Newspaper will work in consultation to put together the advertisement, to advertise for next Wednesdays edition, we would need to submit by this Thursday. Additionally, there is a sports supplement that will be published on 20th August that could be utilised.

Advertising was considered and Geoff Hasler put forward the following motion.

One half page ad to be run twice in the Advocate. One half page ad to be run once in the Hills Shire Times. One quarter page ad to be run once in the North Shore Times. Only affiliated clubs to be covered.

Motion seconded by Patrick Chensee. Motion was accepted by the Council.

Grounds:

All ground allocations have been submitted. There is still ongoing consultation regarding various grounds. Turramurra Oval will be used by Gordon Cricket club, whilst Dural park may be used by Hornsby Softball for a few weeks at the start of the season. We have secured Mills Park for use, which should help alleviate any ground pressures.

I have also met with Warren Southwell at Hornsby Council and he has allowed for a few uses of Sommerville if we are short of grounds or possibly to alleviate turf grounds if finals are played in rep cricket. We also had promising discussions regarding use of Waitara Oval for our Senior Grand finals – though this is subject to Northern Districts usage, as usual.

President's report

General welcome and a reminder for individuals presenting reports to send them to David Bennett at dbennet2@bigpond.net.au for inclusion in the minutes.

Financial report

Balances of account at 30 June 2009

- Business flexi a/c 48-0810 \$76,794.42
- Business flexi a/c 48-0802 \$43,456.91
- Classic Plus a/c 54-6725 \$30,747.22
- Term deposit 27-9360 \$52,076.31 (coming up for renewal and will be rolled over for the best rate we can get at the time)

Bills for payment to be approved

- Fullpoint graphics \$2,398.00
- Telstra \$110.18 already paid
- Telstra \$6.19
- A Plus Plastics \$420.02
- GCCC \$2,499.00 already paid
- Telstra \$59.95 already paid
- SCG Indoor net hire \$735.00 already paid
- Telstra \$101.85
- Hornsby Shire council \$21,894.00 already paid
- NSWCUSA \$50.00

All bills approved.

Election of website administrator

Brian Gibson nominated by Steve Wilson and seconded by Cameron Ridett. Carried unanimously.

Web site administrator report (Brian Gibson - webadmin@hkhdca.com.au)

- All HK&HDCA Junior, Senior and Representative Teams will be using MyCricket this season.
- Additional and new club player registrations must be uploaded to MyCricket using the Excel uploaded template circulated by Cricket NSW. A Bulk Person Import instruction manual was also circulated to all clubs that explains how to use the Upload facility. Please contact me if you need further assistance.
- Principal Users should login ASAP and ensure all club details are updated and accurate and confirm any roles as requested on the first page after the login screen.
- Due to Cricket Australia not allowing Seniors and Juniors within a single association/entity to have different policies on publishing players statistics, we will have to create a separate association entity to deal this. This will increase the amount of work to administer the two systems. Are we 100% sure that this is the way we want to proceed before I ask Cricket Australia to perform the switch over? **Decision regarding the non display of stats deferred to next meeting after further research.**
- Tuesday 8th September is the tentative date for MyCricket Training night. Will confirm date and location.
- Kenthurst CC has raised concerns over the privacy of player data stored in the MyCricket database. I have extracted the following privacy section from the MyCricket Terms and Conditions.

4. PRIVACY

(a) The personal information which Cricket Australia collects through MyCricket is used for the purpose of providing you with access as a MyCricket Security User. Cricket Australia may also use your personal information in the manner set out in Cricket Australia's privacy policy which can be viewed at the Cricket Australia Website.

(b) The personal information which Cricket Australia collects from all Australian Cricket Organisations and their MyCricket Security Users will be disclosed to the State Associations and Territory Associations in accordance with Cricket Australia's privacy policy.

(c) All information which you or your Organisation collects through access to and entered into MyCricket will be disclosed to Cricket Australia, State Associations and Territory Associations. You and your Organisation must have obtained the necessary consents to lawfully enable Cricket Australia, State Associations and Territory Associations to use the information in accordance with each of their respective privacy policies.

(d) You and your Organisation acknowledge that although Cricket Australia aims to restrict access to personal information held within MyCricket through the use of passwords, Cricket Australia cannot warrant the confidentiality or privacy of any information so submitted to, or stored in, MyCricket. In certain circumstances, the information will need to be disclosed or used. To the maximum extent permitted by law Cricket Australia excludes its liability in relation to any personal information which is disclosed or used

- If any clubs would like to take advantage of their free MyCricket Website please let me know if you need any assistance. Clubs currently doing this are:
 - o Mount Colah (www.mountcolahcc.com)
 - o Asquith Rugby League (<http://arlcc.nsw.cricket.com.au>)
 - o Galston Glenorie (<http://ggcc.nsw.cricket.com.au>)
 - o Normanhurst Warrawee (<http://nwcc.nsw.cricket.com.au>)
- If anyone has any suggestions for further features on the association website (www.hkhdca.com.au) please let me know.
- I'm forecasting between 10-15,000 hits per month on the association website throughout the forthcoming season, so there is obviously a lot of benefit to sponsoring HK&HDCA. If anyone knows interested parties, please get in contact with Ben Gussey, Mark Rushton or me. We are currently drafting some sponsorship packages to take advantage of this.

- If anyone needs logins to MyCricket, please contact your club's principal MyCricket user and request a login. Principal users can contact me if they need assistance.
- I'm looking for assistant webmasters to help me out this season filling the following positions. This involves uploading/writing news & event items and uploading important "library" documents and relevant photos. Please let me know if you have anyone that is interested.
 - o Senior Webmaster
 - o Rep Webmaster
 - o Junior Webmaster – already filled – Joshua Miller
 - o Umpires Webmaster – already filled – Bruce Wood

Election of floor members to the Executive

Nominations: Bob Dewstow, Josh Brown, Cameron Ridett. **Murray Macdonald subject to him confirming his nomination.**

All nominations accepted and approved.

Appointment of Delegates

NSWDCA: Warren Jackson and Bob Dewstow

Hornsby Sports Council: Mark Rushton and Bob Somerville

Northern Metropolitan Cricket Council: Mark Rushton and Bob Somerville

IDCA/President Cup: Warren Jackson

Chairman D&D: Bob Brown – **Mark Rushton to confirm. Election of D&D committee deferred to next meeting.**

NDCC liaison officer: James Whealing

Election of afternoon committee

A grade/A2 – Josh Brown (ARL)

Colts – Simon Moore (Umpire)

B grade – Scott Burrows (Hornsby)

C Grade – John Mitchell (WPHC)

D grade – Geoff Hasler (ex officio)

Nominations moved by S Wilson and seconded by C Ball. Carried unanimously.

General Business

- **Any clubs who may want to nominate a representative to the afternoon committee to represent D grade please advise at the next meeting. Only one delegate on AC per club.**
- Season commences on 12 September except turf which commences on 26 September.
- Day two of finals confirmed as will being 28 March 2010.
- Masters first round 11 October.
- Ross Turner and Glen Hourrigan cups 14 March 2010.
- Junior finals 7 March 2010
- **Anyone wishing to purchase kookaburra balls via the Association need to get in orders ASAP.**
- A query was raised by Barry McDonald regarding junior stats in the annual report only going back 19 years. It was advised that this issue would be rectified next year and **Barry was requested to send in a written request.**

Meeting closed 9.30 pm.

Next meeting 17 August 2009 at Asquith Bowling Club 7.30 pm.

Action Items

Action	By whom	Due
Register interest for Good Sports program	Any clubs interested	No date
Junior team nominations	Clubs	17/8/09
Sunday one day comp team nominations	Interested clubs	21/9/09
Senior team nominations with team lists	Clubs	17/8/09
Completion or working with children forms for executive and representative officials	Specified individuals	Before season commencement
Level 1 coaching course to be held on 13 September. Nominations to Ben Gussey	Interested individuals	ASAP
Decision on display of stats on website	Council	17/8/09
Murray Macdonald to confirm acceptance of nomination as floor member on the executive	Murray Macdonald	17/8/09
Confirm that Bob Brown accepts nomination as chairman of D&D	Mark Rushton	17/8/09
Election of D&D committee	Council	17/8/09
Submission of nominations for D grade afternoon committee representative	Interested clubs	17/8/09
Purchase of kookaburra balls via Association	Interested clubs	ASAP
Submit correspondence regarding junior stats in annual report	Barry McDonald	17/8/09