

HK&HDCA Council Meeting
Monday 17 August 2009

Meeting commenced 7.40 pm

Attendees: M Rushton, D Bennett, D Toose, B Gibson, W Jackson, B Dewstow, S Wilson, J Brown, B Wood, G Hasler, B Kimberley, N Tilbury, B McDonald, J Mitchell, C Roden-Smith, S Moore, R Arnott, C Griffin, D Lea, S Arthur, L Reynolds, C Ball, T Johnson, S Burrows, J Porter, C Riddett, J Corish, N McIntosh, B Gussey, M Burgin, J McQuillan, J Chenu, M Watts.

Guests from NSW Cricket: S Mulally, T Purtell and A Harris.

Apologies: C Wheeler, M Burger, G Findlay and M Macdonald.

Welcome: Mark Rushton welcomed everybody including our guests from NSW Cricket. Mark then gave the floor to our guests from NSW Cricket to present on both Milo in2Cricket and Girls cricket.

Presentation on Milo in2Cricket and Girls cricket

The presentation was excellent in providing an overview of current activities for both subjects. A complete package covering both presentations was available to clubs on the night.

For more information on in2Cricket clubs should contact Theresa Purtell on 02 8302 6027. Alternatively Theresa can be contacted via Theresa.purtell@cricketnsw.com.au

One of the main attractions of the in2Cricket program is that there is a chance of players being able to participate in activities during the lunchtime sessions at major games. Historically the opportunity for each Centre arises about once every three years.

For more information on girls cricket clubs should contact Aimee Harris on 02 8302 6028 or 0425 226 845. Alternatively Aimee can be contacted via Aimee.harris@cricketnsw.com.au

Minutes of last Council meeting

B Dewstow moved that the minutes of 3 August 2009 be accepted, seconded by J Mitchell. Motion was passed.

Business arising from last meeting

- It was confirmed that Bob Brown had accepted the nomination to chair the D&D committee
- A motion was moved by G Hasler that all club presidents be elected as committee members of the D&D committee as this would provide an appropriate pool of resources. Motion was seconded by N Tilbury. Motion passed.
- Display of junior stats on MyCricket website. There was significant discussion regarding the subject particularly in respect of potential bullying.

Best current option is for clubs to only input the game result rather than a complete scorecard. This would be accepted by the system and would allow us to run as one Association.

To further progress the issue the following motion was put forward by G Hasler.

- “Junior coordinators discuss with their own management committees and parents the issues of the display of junior stats on the site for the 2009/2010 season and report back to the next Council meeting.”

Motion seconded by B McDonald and carried by Council.

- Any clubs wishing to purchase Kookaburra balls via the Association need to place their orders with Mark Rushton by Thursday 20 August 2009.

Correspondence

Incoming and outgoing correspondence since the last Council meeting was listed on the agenda.

One correction to the outgoing correspondence dated 14 August 2009 was noted by Mark Rushton. The only grant request that has been made is for James Park for \$12,000. No requests have been made for either Edward Bennett or Mimosa Oval.

Treasurers report

Payments made as per the minutes of 3 August 2009 meeting.

Between meetings we have made the following payments:

All Seasons Trophies	\$880.80 for senior trophies
Telstra	\$24.18
Fullpoint Graphics	\$2,398 for annual report
Ben Gussey	\$3289
NSW CUSA	\$50 affiliation of umpires association
Hornsby Advocate	\$5016.36 for pre season advertisement

Only additional payment to note is one to M Rushton for postage for the annual report of \$45.10. Motion to approve payment moved by N Tilbury, seconded by B Dewstow. Motion carried.

I will be issuing invoices in the next few weeks for umpiring fees for the 2008/09 season.

Report from NSW DCA

Cricket NSW has reduced funding to the DCA for the forthcoming season. They have indicated that no further funding will be made available. As such, it cannot be guaranteed that a full refund of umpires fees will be made this season. It is hoped that this will not be case, as measures have been taken to reduce outgoings in other areas.

Motion to approve Treasurers report moved by B McDonald, seconded by W Jackson. Motion carried.

Juniors report

Still waiting on some clubs to nominate team numbers but at this stage have 97 teams. Outstanding clubs to send in team nominations within next couple of days

Additional teams for U8, 9 and 10 still taken for some time, probably up until November.

Request to remember that under 12 's will be using a 142 gram ball.

Seniors report

- Any correspondence to Steve should be via designated club representative. Each enquiry will be allocated a reference number. Any subsequent correspondence on the issue should quote the reference number.
- First Afternoon Committee (AC) meeting of the new season is 18 August 2009.
- Due to ground issues it is more than likely that Sunday cricket will have to be played as occurred last year.
- Thanks to clubs who have already submitted team nominations and team lists. Any clubs who have yet to submit are requested to do so by 18 August so the AC can start forming the competition tomorrow night.

Steve requested clubs to confirm the number of teams by grade for this year. The total teams nominated for each club was:

ARL – 4	Galston Glenorie – 2	Kissing Point – 7 +?colts	Pymble – 0
Beecroft – 1	Glenhaven – 3	Kuringai Chase – 1	St Ives – 7
Berowra – 8	Hornsby – 7	Mount Colah – 4	Thornleigh – 0
Castle Hill – 4	Kenthurst – 7	Normanhurst Warrawee – 7	West Pennant Hills – 11

Representative report

General approach

Reps will be strategically split into three age categories:

- Under 10's to 13's - Skills development How to field, throw etc.
- Under 14's to 16's pathway to grade.
- Seniors - Team plans

Our strategy is to build bridges with both Cricket NSW and Northern Districts (NDs)

To date we have been working on building bridges to NDs. NDs have supplied selectors for under 14, 15's and 16's. These selectors were senior ND officials including the head coach, head selector and Green shield coach.

NDs have started an academy (Young Rangers) and we have had 8 boys placed in the 13 - 14 group (of 14 positions) and 8 boys in the 15 -16 squad which comprises 17 positions. NDs coaches have been appointed to the under 14,15, and16 shield sides. The coaches are Chris Thorburn, Clayton Waters and Jon Whealing

Team selections

Under 11 to13's will be held at SCG nets. The under 14 to16 selections have been held at nets with approximately 27% of all Association eligible players attending. The under 14,15 and16 teams are selected

Trial dates are on the MyCricket website

The budget will be forwarded to the Association Executive by 19th August

Currently Working on:

- Code of conduct for players, parent's coaches and Managers
- Grievance procedure
- Dress code- Note Rep gear will not be able to be worn by players at Club matches. Breaches of this will result in a warning for the first offence with suspension for subsequent offences.

Dress code will include a baggy cap (this year) and we will be pushing to change to coloured gear (not this year)

List of applicants for age conveners and coaches/ Managers will be tabled at the next meeting for approval

Due to the difficulty in finding Rep Selectors it is proposed that each club will supply three selectors names that can be called upon to help with selections. Ben Gussey will circulate a request to clubs.

Coaches and managers details to be presented at next meeting for ratification by Council.

HK&HDCUA (Umpires) Report

Captain's Ticket course – Bruce Wood advised that it is a requirement of the HK&HDCA Senior Competition Rules that all captains must hold a HK&HDCA Captain's Ticket by passing the Association's umpiring course. Penalties apply to teams captained by someone without a Ticket after Round 3. A historical list of the ticket holders since 2000-01 can be found on the HK&HDCA MyCricket website www.hkhdca.com.au/ in the Library under the Umpires' folder.

Bruce confirmed that the HK&HDCA Senior Captain's Ticket Course for 2009-10 will be held on Tuesdays, 22 & 29 September 2009 at Montview clubhouse, Hornsby Heights, commencing at 7:30pm sharp and going through until no later than 9:30pm.

Thanks to Murray Macdonald and Tracey Johnson from the Hornsby Heights Sports Club for the use of their facilities.

Each participant will be given a MCC Laws of Cricket (blue) booklet and a copy of the HK&HDCA Senior Competition Rules for 2009-10, incorporating the recent amendments. Barry McDonald will briefly cover the MCC laws on the first night (22/9), and Simon Moore will run through the local rules on the second night (29/9) for about half an hour, prior to the open-book exam, which will have a 90 minute time limit. It will be imperative that the candidates read the MCC laws and local HK&HDCA Senior Rules between weeks 1 and 2.

Advertisements for this course will be circulated by e-mail to the clubs, as well as placed on the HK&HDCA MyCricket website.

The cost of the course will be in the vicinity of \$10 per person, covering the MCC Law book and photocopies of the HK&HDCA Senior Competition Rules and Captain's Ticket Exam paper. It is planned to bill the clubs for the attendance of their players, subject to this proposal being ratified at the next HK&HDCA meeting.

Those who obtained their HK&HDCA Captain's Ticket several years ago are strongly encouraged to attend this course at least every 5 years as a refresher, especially as some of the local rules change each year. We usually get approximately 75 attendees at this course each year, as most teams recognise the importance of having at least two players accredited.

Nominations to attend this course should be e-mailed to Simon Moore, HKHDCUA Training Officer – simonmoore74@gmail.com, including the person's name, club, e-mail address and phone number(s). All information received will be stored confidentially for use by Bruce Wood and Simon Moore only. If you have any queries regarding this course, please call Simon Moore on Ph. 0413 611 294.

Executive Officers report

Publicity Report

We ran three advertisements; ¼ page for the North Shore Times, 2 runs of ½ page for the Hornsby Advocate, ½ page for The Hills Shire Time, amounting to \$5016.36.

Unfortunately the North Shore Times omitted St Ives from the advertisement. The Executive Officer was requested to pursue the issue with a view to having the paper rerun the ad including St Ives. Mark Rushton to be copied on the communication to be sent to the North Shore Times.

Grounds Report

We are awaiting confirmation from Ku-ring-gai Council for grounds and the Hills Shire grounds allocation meeting is the coming Wednesday night.

President's report

Nothing to report.

General Business

- Still looking for a club representative to the afternoon committee to represent D grade.
- Clubs advised the number of score books required
- Issue regarding requirement to input personal details into MyCricket to register players was raised by Kenthurst. Issue has apparently been resolved. If further issues matter to be discussed directly with Brian Gibson.
- Kenthurst also formally thanked Geoff Hasler for umpiring at a trial game.

Meeting closed 9.00 pm.

Next meeting 24 August 2009 at Asquith Bowling Club 7.15 pm.

Action Items

Action	By whom	Due
Outstanding junior team nominations	Clubs	19/8/09
Sunday one day comp team nominations	Interested clubs	21/9/09
Senior team nominations with team lists	Clubs	18/8/09
Completion or working with children forms for executive and representative officials	Specified individuals	Before season commencement
Decision on display of stats on website following feedback from club meetings by junior coordinators	Council	24/8/09
Murray Macdonald to confirm acceptance of nomination as floor member on the executive	Murray Macdonald	24/8/09
Submission of nominations for D grade afternoon committee representative	Interested clubs	24/8/09
Purchase of kookaburra balls via Association	Interested clubs	20/8/09
Submit correspondence regarding junior stats in annual report	Barry McDonald	17/8/09
Submission of rep Budget to executive	Warren Jackson	19/8/09
Present list of coaches and managers for rep teams for approval to next Council meeting	Warren Jackson	24/8/09
Follow up North Shore Times regarding re run of ad	Ben Gussey	24/8/09