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**HK&HDCA Council Meeting**  
**Monday 19 October 2009**

Meeting commenced 7.40 pm

**Attendees:** M Rushton, D Bennett, P Pearce, B Gussey (Executive Officer), D Toose, N Tilbury, G Hasler, B Wood, J Corish, J McQuillan, S Moore, M Watts, J Brown, S Sweeney, S Wilson, W Jackson, C Ball, C Roden-Smith, G Findlay, D Lea, R Arnott, A Rauf and V Bhan.

**Apologies:** B Gibson, S Burrows, B Dewstow and M Dolly

Mark Rushton welcomed the Life Members, Club Presidents, Club Delegates and others, including a special mention of the women taking on key club roles. Mark Rushton then noted some significant A Grade performances from the last round. They were:

- Kenthurst A grade scored 249 runs in 36.4 overs. L Woods scored 86 and followed this up with 4 for 27.
- For Hornsby T Dudley took 9 for 21 and then 4 for 10 in the second innings.

***Minutes of last Council meeting***

**W Jackson moved that the minutes of 24 September 2009 be accepted subject to the above, seconded by S Moore. Motion carried.**

***Business arising from last meeting***

- Working with children forms are completed for the Executive. About one third completed for the representative officials. W Jackson is chasing the remainder.
- Ben Gussey advised that the advertisement in the North Shore Times was re run again the week after being originally run incorrectly. ARL advised that they had picked up 5 players for the Sunday competition from the media advertising.
- Ben Gussey has issued an email requesting details regarding unfinancial players. No feedback has been received to date.
- The creation of a database of representative coaches, including qualifications, is underway.
- Grounds fees for Hornsby Classics for 2008/09 have been paid.
- A list of grounds used by Berowra Masters for 2008/09 has been received.
- Mark Rushton to pass a bag of ground keys to Ben Gussey.
- Resolution of ground clash with Michael Clarke T20 game still to be resolved.

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### **Incoming:**

- B Gussey to HK&HDCA – Invoices from 10/8/09 to 19/10/09 (\$2850)
- NDCC to HK&HDCA – Representative Coaching invoice (\$1500)
- Player registrations from St Ives, West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook, Galston-Glenorie, Kenthurst, Glenhaven Gunners, Berowra, Mount Colah, Normanhurst-Warrawee, Beecroft, ARL and Kissing Point.
- Kissing Point regarding a dispensation
- Peter McCann (Life Member) – thanks for a copy of the annual report.
- NDCC attaching invitation to annual sports lunch.
- St Ives cricket club attaching a re rating request.

### **Outgoing:**

- 23/9/09 – HK&HDCA to HSC regarding Hornsby Quarry Site.
- 4/10/09 – Bruce Wood to HK&HDCA regarding Captains ticket/Umpires course.
- 6/10/09 – Mark Rushton to CBP - additional information re grant application for James Park

## **Treasurers report**

### **Payments for Approval**

\$22,192.50	Kuring-gai Council seasonal hire Saturday & Sunday
\$4,205.00	Scott A Bugg for junior representative caps
\$7,494.40	Vergate P/L for junior representative shirts
\$27,566.80	Greg Chappell Cricket Centre for ball purchases for clubs

### **Payments Received**

\$580.00	Galston-Glenorie CC invoice payment
\$2,004.00	Kissing Point CC – Kookaburra balls
\$560.10	Hornsby Classics (Alf James) 2008 / 09 invoice payment (grounds)
\$1,465.80	Thornleigh Sports Club - Kookaburra balls
\$24.00	Thornleigh Sports Club invoice payment
\$1,569.00	Asquith Rugby League invoice payment
\$83.50	Glenhaven Gunners invoice payment

### **General**

We have now paid our largest group of expenses for the season, being ground hire charges for Hornsby, Kuring-gai and Baulkham Hills. This leaves us short of cash, but I anticipate that the Executive will approve the budget for the season before the next meeting in November. If that meeting approves the budget invoices will be issued that night. Prompt payment is requested.

We have now started incurring reasonably significant representative expenses, and I am expecting payment from these players within the next 10 days.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report moved by G Hasler, seconded by D Lea. Motion carried.

**Juniors report** – none available

### **Seniors report**

The AC met to determine the protest in C1 grade Kissing Pt vs. St Ives. It was determined that the St Ives Club or players directly, deliberately played 1 player ineligible to play in that match and 1 player who could have reasonably have been expected to play in a much higher grade and both players had a significant bearing on the result of the match. On this basis the protest has been UPHELD – Kissing Pt to receive 6 points and St. Ives nil.

There were several other instances where players “dominated” matches to some extent without a rating or played in the wrong grade by error. Teams that have lost their points for these breaches are: Kenthurst C3s, CHRSL D2s and Hornsby D2s. All teams have been stripped of their 6 points for Round 1 matches.

Clubs are once again reminded that players must play in a grade relating to the players ability. If they are not sure, they must contact me (or the new ratings AC member when announced) immediately and get a clearance, or not play the player until that player has received a provisional rating from the AC and the club advised.

The AC has reviewed all grades and wishes to announce the following changes to 6 teams only:

Hornsby B1s down to B2 grade – Ku-ring-gai Chase B2s promoted to B1 grade;

Glenhaven C3s down to D1 grade – WPHC Blue D1s promoted to C3 grade;

CHRSL C1s down to C2 grade – CHRSL C2s promoted to C1 grade.

Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai Chase, Glenhaven and WPHC Blue will carry their points with them to their new grades. The 2 CHRSL teams will swap their points in their new grades i.e. the former CHRSL C1 team will start on 14 points in the C2 competition and the former C2 team will start on 4 points in the C1 competition.

There will be no other team changes this season. The new Round 4 draws and venues for these 6 grades and matches affected, effective from this weekend are:

B1 grade	Ku-ring-gai Chase v Berowra is now at	<b>Howson</b>
B2 grade	Hornsby District v WPH-C is now at	<b>Montview East</b>
C1 & C2 grades - No change to venues for both grades – only the CHRSL teams change		
C3 grade	WPH-C Blue v Normanhurst–Warrawee is now at	<b>Glenhaven</b>
D1 grade	Berowra v Glenhaven is now at	<b>Foxglove South</b>

Please note the former WPH-C Blue D1 team now becomes the WPH-C Blue C3 team and the former WPH-C team in C3 grade now becomes WPH-C White team in C3s. The WPH-C Red team in the D1 grade stays as WPH-C Red (subject to MyCricket requirements for these arrangements).

The MyCricket draws will be updated as soon as possible, but the above matches and venues shown in this report are correct – My Cricket should not be used for these teams and matches for this weekend (Round 4). Please note C grade are playing their first round of Sunday games this weekend.

All regular players in the teams going down may play in this grade for Round 4. However, could all clubs affected by teams going down, please resubmit their rating forms for these players so we can update the register as soon as possible before Round 5.

Due to a double booking, both matches scheduled for Montview Ovals on Sunday, will have to be moved. We will confirm the new venue for both games when confirmed by council ASAP. I will try and get both games onto both Foxglove Ovals and apologise for my mistake which was caused by a triple whammy – the launch of girls cricket, along with the Sunday One-Day comp and also rep cricket causing a reshuffle of grounds for the seniors. The matches affected are in C1 grade – WPH-C v Berowra (Foxglove South) and Hornsby v Kissing Point (Foxglove North) if we can secure these grounds on Sunday and the following Sunday.

The Sunday One Day comp is up and running with Round 2 scheduled for Sunday as mentioned. It's pleasing to report that we now have a 6 team competition which is great news. This takes the total senior teams playing cricket this season to 82 teams! ARL White has joined the competition a little late and will have to play a catch

up game with Berowra White at a later stage. By all reports Round 1 went off really well and all players enjoyed themselves immensely which is great to hear.

Player ratings have fallen behind due to my personal work and cricket pressures. I apologise for this and will try and get them out this week. The AC are meeting next week to restructure itself and distribute various tasks to different members. Once decided on, a new email address will be set up for senior registrations only and for a club to get a quick and temporary decision if required by the delegated person or myself if required on an urgent basis. I'll advise full details shortly.

Congratulations to all players who have scored tons, double-tons and taken bags of wickets. There have been many outstanding achievements. The AC will be reviewing all players' performances at our next meeting and I would expect several players might find themselves being re-graded based on their outstanding performances. Clubs are welcome to take the initiative and move players up to more realistic grades before we do. Players' ratings will be redone and sent out after our next AC meeting next week ASAP.

On a very disappointing note, we have lost Parklands for a minimum of 3 weeks after two A Grade teams played on a wicket and square which was far too wet and unfit for play. Both teams created a lot of damage a bill will be forthcoming to HK&HDCA from Hornsby Council. Whilst it's disappointing to lose a couple of weeks' cricket at times, this behaviour and decision making by all concerned, is completely unacceptable. The matter has been spoken about at the Executive level and further action may be taken against both clubs.

In the case of a wet wicket and/or (especially square for turf games), absolutely no matches are to be played on turf wickets. If in doubt – don't play!

Finally, as advised last week, I can no longer accept emails at my work address. Please remove it immediately from your computers.

All senior cricket matters should be sent to [wilson.steve@bigpond.com](mailto:wilson.steve@bigpond.com) or call me. I will respond ASAP to your emails.

Storey Park covers were damaged by rats during the off season. They have been sent to the manufacturer for repair. Cost expected to be between \$700 and \$1000. HSC have undertaken to repair sheds. Mark Rushton will talk to HSC regarding ongoing pest control.

Storey Park ropes were not put up after a St Ives and West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook. **All clubs are reminded that the ropes must go up around the square at the completion of the game.**

During the report there was discussion regarding ground usage, in particular Kenthurst 2 which has had \$65,000 of ground renovations. MyCricket has been used to allocate grounds for this season. Steve Wilson is happy to look at grounds allocation issues. Anyone who has issues should forward emails to Steve.

Significant discussion on the Parklands Oval issue resulted in the following motions.

**Motion to fine each club, ARL and Kissing Point, \$200 each for playing on a wicket unsuitable for play until HSC send us the final bill. Motion moved by D Lea, seconded by R Arnott. Motion withdrawn after discussion.**

**Motion to have both captains and the umpire involved in the match summoned to an Executive meeting to determine the actual facts of the issue and make a determination. Moved S Wilson, seconded M Watts. Motion carried.**

## **Representative report**

*Trial against North Shore last weekend with some good results.*

- U16's bowled out North Shore for 187 and then chased down the runs in 27 overs only 2 wickets down. As it was a trial they continued to bat and scored 310.
- U15's only just lost in the last over.
- U14's won.
- U13's beat the North Shore U14 IDCA side having beaten the U13 Shield side the previous week.
- U12's no result to hand
- U11's are struggling a bit and need some assistance.
- With the U10's we are concentrating on development.

Shield season kicks off next Sunday.

Fees have been followed up by email with an instruction that no player can play unless their fees have been paid.

Still waiting for the NSWDCA to load information to MyCricket.

## **HK&HDCUA (Umpires) Report**

Captain's Ticket course – A second Captain's Ticket umpiring course will be held at **Montview** Clubhouse, Hornsby Heights, on **Tuesdays 27 October** and **3 November** 2009 (**7.30pm to 9.30pm**).

There is plenty of room still available so clubs are invited to send further nominations to **Simon Moore** [simonmoore74@gmail.com](mailto:simonmoore74@gmail.com).

Official umpire's badge course – HKHDCUA will be holding a local umpire's badge course to enable people to become qualified umpires and be appointed to HK&HDCUA club or rep. matches. The dates and venue are **17, 18 & 24 November** 2009 at **Normanhurst** Clubhouse, Harris Road, Normanhurst, commencing at 7:00pm. We have around 12 likely starters already and can accommodate several more, so send any nominations to **Bruce Wood** [umpsec@hkhdca.com.au](mailto:umpsec@hkhdca.com.au) (*note – new e-mail address*). The cost will be in the vicinity of \$10 per person, covering an MCC law book, a HK&HDCUA 2009-10 Senior Competition Rules booklet, and the examination paper.

Captain's reports on MyCricket – Clubs are reminded that the captains of all teams that have an official umpire must submit an assessment report on MyCricket within 5 days of the completion of the game. Rule 26.5 of the Senior Competition Rules for 2009-10 sets out the penalties for not adhering to this simple requirement (a 2 minute job) – \$25 first offence, \$50 second offence, third & subsequent offences \$100 and loss of one competition point for each subsequent breach.

If your match is washed out completely, there is no requirement to rate the umpire's performance, as he hasn't officiated the match. We had one recent instance where an umpire was marked down for 'dismissals' and 'wides / no balls' when the one-day match was washed out without a ball being bowled.

If you rate an umpire lowly with a 2 (Fair) or 1 (Poor), some explanatory comments are required in the relevant box on MyCricket to justify that assessment (this requirement is stated in the on-line captain's report form).

HKHDCUA General Meeting – Bruce advised that the umpires' association will be meeting tomorrow night (20 Oct.) to discuss a range of important issues, including our revised Constitution; progress towards incorporation through NSW Fair Trading; the 'Parklands Oval' turf pitch issue; and other relevant business.

Umpire appointments – The rep. season starts next Sunday, 25 October, which marks the beginning of the busiest period for our umpires' association, with 15 – 20 appointments required to be made each weekend. This will necessitate some umpires working both Saturday and Sunday of the same weekend. Bruce has almost finalised the club & rep. appointments up to the end of November and these will be placed on the HK&HDCUA website (subject to change).

Working with Children Checks – HKHDCUA recently had full background checks done on its team of 25 umpires and full clearances were obtained from the NSW Department of Sport & Recreation.

### ***Executive Officers report***

D & D report. St Ives found guilty of playing an unregistered A grade player from another association in a lower grade. The Captain received a 6 match suspension, 3 weeks of which was suspended. The Captain is not to captain a side for the rest of the season. In another matter referred to the D & D the player was cleared.

Reminded all regarding the JLT sports checklist which should be completed before all games. We are going to trial the new eform checklist on the web.

We will invite a JLT representative to the Council meeting in December to answer questions. Please get your questions together and forward them to Ben or Mark so we can let JLT know the questions in advance so we get full value from their attendance.

### ***Website Administrator report - no report available***

### ***President's report***

Blowfly cricket for children with special needs is commencing this weekend on Claude Cameron Grove (Westbrook).

### ***General Business***

St Ives has requested Council approval on a rerating appeal for David Vollmost. AC determined a P4 rating.

**Steve Wilson moved that the Council confirm the P4 rating, seconded by W Jackson. Motion carried.**

**Meeting closed 9.05 pm.**

**Next meeting 16 November 2009 at Asquith Bowling Club 7.30 pm.**

### **Action Items**

Action	By whom	Due
Completion or working with children forms for representative officials	Warren Jackson	ASAP
Issue letter to Ku-ring-gai Council to confirm Sunday usage	Ben Gussey	21/10/09
Talk to HSC regarding ongoing pest control of storage sheds	Mark Rushton	16/11/09
Create data base of rep coaches including qualifications	Mark Rushton/Warren Jackson	16/11/09
Issues regarding ground allocations – forward emails to S Wilson	Any club with issues	Ongoing
Questions for JLT to Ben Gussey or Mark Rushton	All clubs	ASAP
Email information regarding JLT to clubs	Ben Gussey	26/10/09
Venue clash with Michael Clarke T20 game. Contact with Cricket NSW required	Ben Gussey	26/10/09