



**HK&HDCA Council Meeting**  
**Monday 16 November 2009**

Meeting commenced 7.40 pm

**Attendees:** M Rushton, D Bennett, 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 Roden-Smith, G Findlay, R Arnott, B Dewstow, J Chenu, C Riddett, M Fabian, R Boyle, A James, C Griffin, S Arthur, J Mitchell, M Griffiin, B Kimberley, S Burrow, P Chensee and T Johnson.

Mark Rushton welcomed the Life Members, Club Presidents, Club Delegates and umpires, including a special welcome to Tracey Johnson.

**Minutes of last Council meeting**

**J McQuillan moved that the minutes of 19 October 2009 be accepted subject to the above, seconded by N Tilbury. Motion carried.**

**Business arising from last meeting**

- Working with children forms for the representative officials. Only the U13 and 2 others outstanding.
- Ben Gussey confirmed that correspondence had been issued to Ku-ring-gai Council regarding Sunday usage.
- Mark Rushton has spoken to HSC regarding pest control in storage sheds. HSC will be attending to this.
- The creation of a database of representative coaches, including qualifications, is underway.
- Steve Wilson confirmed that extra games had been allocated to Kenthurst 2.
- Information regarding JLT has been forwarded to clubs and also placed on the website.
- Resolution of ground clash with Michael Clarke T20 game has been resolved.
- Turramurra Oval shed repairs. Mark Rushton and Geoff Hasler to meet Ku-ring-gai Council at ground.

**Correspondence**

**Financial**

- Ben Gussey invoices - \$1,613.
- Tax invoice from Brett's re covers - \$781.
- Payment from Normanhurst CC - \$1945.
- Account statements
  - 48-0803 - \$23,513.64
  - 48-0810 - \$32,189.28
  - 54-6725 - \$4,817.71
  - 28-3378 - \$6,357.45.
- Tax invoice from Greg Chappell Cricket Centre - \$1,644.
- Tax invoice from Greg Chappell Cricket Centre - \$643.20.
- Tax invoice from Snap Printing - \$643.20.
- Donation from John Hayne AM - \$1,000.
- Ku-ring-gai Council invoice (Mimosa Oval Dec 6 and 13 2009 - \$287.50).
- Mark Rushton MyCricket reimbursement - \$174.07.
- Telstra credit - \$31.82.

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**Incoming:**

- Registrations – St Ives CC, WPH-C CC, KPCC, Beecroft, Kenthurst, Mount Colah and Normanhurst Warrawee.
- 4/11/09 – HSC (Citizen of the year awards).
- 9/11/09 – Northern Districts newsletter (Blackmail)
- 10/11/09 – Cricket NSW (Guessing competition).
  
- 10/11/09 - Volunteers register. Please complete and return to get our volunteers acknowledged.
- 10/11/09 – Galston Glenorie (Shirt design). **Motion to approve the shirt design moved by G Hasler, seconded by N Tilbury. Motion carried. Executive officer to advise Galston Glenorie CC of approval in writing.**
- 11/11/09 – Cricket NSW (Girls gala night). Anyone wanting details to email Ben Gussey for information.
- 13/11/09 – Cricket NSW (Participation & DSAP guidelines plus sample application form and media release)
- 13/11/09 – Cricket NSW (Heat guidelines)
- 16/11/09 – Citing from Steve Wilson (HKHDCUA).
- 16/11/09 – Citing from Tim Davidson (HKHDCUA).
- 17/11/09 – Letter from president of Hornsby CC complementing Beecroft B2 players on their behaviour during the recent match.

**Outgoing:**

- 16/10/09 – Representative newsletter Ed. 1.
- 23/10/09 – Representative newsletter Ed. 2.
- 26/10/09 – HK&HDCA to Ku-ring-gai Council booking Mimosa oval.
- 27/10/09 – HK&HDCA to Sean Clarence (Coaching Durham Shield team)
- 30/10/09 – Representative newsletter Ed. 3.
- 6/11/09 – Representative newsletter Ed. 4.
- 13/11/09 – Representative newsletter Ed. 5.
- 13/11/09 – HK&HDCA to Patrons (Welcoming)

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### **Treasurers report**

#### **Payments for Approval**

\$9,328.00	Umpires fees
\$151.00	G Hasler for reimbursement of payments made for umpires affiliation fees
\$102.00	Snap printing for printing costs for 2 <sup>nd</sup> umpires course

All other payments as listed in the financial correspondence list.

**Motion to accept the treasurer's report moved by Bob Dewstow, seconded by Nathan Tilbury. Motion carried.**

### **Budget 2009/10**

The budget for the current season is presented for approval.

The main points to note are:

- We are budgeting for a \$4,800 loss. This is based on some conservative assumptions and I am confident we can do better;
- Our largest invoices for the year, ground hire, have now been substantially paid. We have paid Baulkham Hills, Ku-ring-gai and the Saturday account for Hornsby;
- This budget includes the representative budget that has already been approved by the council.

Team levies have been increased by 5%, and are proposed to be:

A Grade	\$1,890
Colts	\$1,470
Other Senior	\$998
Sunday comp	\$540
U/8	\$150
U/9 & U/10	\$315
U/11	\$399
U/13 to U/16	\$535

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Once approval is received, invoices will be promptly issued. Clubs are reminded that these are due for payment by the end of December. Prompt payment will avoid any unpleasantness at seasons end when clubs are keen to play in semi finals and finals!

Motion to accept the proposed budget moved by Bruce Wood, seconded by G Hasler. Motion carried.

**Mark Rushton advised the meeting that the senior vice president, Geoff Hasler, was now a signatory on the account for cheques.**

### Juniors report

The competition is rolling along. There is however a continuing issue with clubs not completing results sheets in MyCricket. A number of emails have already been issued on this issue reinforcing that non competition will result in a loss of 1 competition point and a \$10 fine.

These penalties and fines are now going to be enforced.

### Seniors report

- Any requests regarding registrations, ratings or associated issues are to be emailed to [seniors.ratings@hkhdca.com.au](mailto:seniors.ratings@hkhdca.com.au)
- All A grade teams are expected to field 11 players at all times. The afternoon committee will look at applying penalties to lower graded teams if A grade team are playing less than 11 players.
- The Colts competition has been completely revamped to ensure the players get as much cricket as possible. When playing on Sundays can the Colts players please give preference to representative commitments.
- The afternoon committee has started to review all P rated players. Clubs have been advised of re ratings which may result in some appeals. The exercise is an ongoing one up to the Christmas break.
- Parklands pitch is still substandard and the Colts game last Sunday was abandoned after one hour of play. We really need to look after this ground as much as possible throughout the season.
- Mark Rushton requested a copy of the ground report for the cancelled Colts game so he had it when discussing ground issues with Hornsby Shire Council. Bruce Wood will send the link to the form to Mark.
- All clubs should continue to check draws and ground allocations each week as changes are continuing to occur.
- Sunday competition is going great with everyone enjoying it.
- Overall the competition is going very well and Steve Wilson extended his thanks to all involved.

### Issues raised by meeting

- Geoff Hasler advised that there would be an attempt made to reschedule Sunday games subject to ground availability that had been washed out.
- Col Griffin asked when Dural would be available and it was confirmed it was available from 7 November.
- Mills Park is available on Sundays as long as we can give advanced notice.
- It was noted that the cost of turf grounds is uniform across the board yet Waitara gets significantly more attention than other grounds. Mark Rushton will raise this issue when discussing with Council the two pitch preparation for Saturdays and Sundays where we are paying extra fees for usage.

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### ***Representative report***

In fourth round of the junior shield matches and our teams are positioned as follows:

- U10's - middle of group even though we have a specific focus on development which is different to other associations.
- U11's, U12's and U13's - 1<sup>st</sup> in their groups.
- U14's - equal 1<sup>st</sup>.
- U15's - 3<sup>rd</sup> in their group but they have suffered due to 2 wash outs.
- U16's - have only lost one game but due to a wash out will not be able to progress beyond preliminary rounds.

IDCA/Presidents Cup competitions kick off next week.

We have had little trouble with MyCricket thanks to the efforts of Ross Anderson and Bruce Wood.

Have collected majority of fees and have approximately \$29,000 to hand to the treasurer tonight.

Meeting was advised that we have received correspondence regarding an end of season trip to the Fraser Coast for an open and U17 teams. It was confirmed that any teams would have the support of the Association but it was stressed that the cost of participation would need to be borne by the individuals attending.

Information will be issued by Ben Gussey requesting expressions of interest form anyone wishing to organise a team to compete.

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

Captain's Ticket course – A second Captain's Ticket umpiring course was held at Montview Clubhouse, Hornsby Heights, on 27 October and 3 November 2009, with another 25 successful graduates whose names have been added to the historical list on the website. Thanks again to Simon Moore, HKHDCUA Training Officer, for conducting this course.

Official umpire's badge course – In line with HKHDCUA's goal to increase the pool of qualified umpires within the Association, this is a reminder that we will be holding a local umpire's badge course on **17, 18 & 24 November 2009** at **Normanhurst-Warrawee** Clubhouse, Harris Road, Normanhurst, commencing at 7:00pm. We have 16 registrations so far. Although the course starts tomorrow night, it's not too late to register – send me an e-mail [umpsec@hkhdca.com.au](mailto:umpsec@hkhdca.com.au). The cost of the course is \$10 per person, covering the MCC law book, HK&HDCUA 2009-10 Senior Competition Rules booklet, and exam paper. We won't charge if people bring these law books with them to the course. It was agreed that this minor charge would be passed onto the respective clubs, as was done with the recent HK&HDCUA Captain's Ticket courses.

Captain's reports on MyCricket – I thank the clubs for submitting their umpire grading reports on MyCricket whenever they have an official umpire. I reminded all clubs at the last meeting in October that in accordance with Rule 26.5 of the Senior Competition Rules for 2009-10, an assessment report must be submitted on MyCricket

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within 5 days of the completion of the game. Rule 26.5 stipulates penalties for not adhering to this requirement, which are also included on the homepage of the HK&HDCA website. I sent a reminder to two clubs yesterday about outstanding reports and gave them until 4:00pm today to enter their reports (which were due by 5<sup>th</sup> November) or they would incur a \$25 first offence fine. I rang the Secretary of CHRSL at lunch time today to further remind him that the Captain's Report from the A Grade match in Round 4 (24 & 31 October) was still outstanding.

**This report has still not been entered, so I am moving a motion that CHRSL be fined \$25 in accordance with Rule 26.5. Motion seconded by Simon Arthur and carried unanimously. The HK&HDCA Executive Officer is to arrange for this fine to be paid.**

Player behaviour – Our umpires have seen fit to cite two players from matches in the last round for serious cases of dissent and generally bringing the game into disrepute. These matters will be dealt with through the correct channels (D & D Committee), however I wish to point out to the clubs that this abuse of umpires is one of the primary reasons why officials choose to retire from umpiring. Umpires do not need to cop disgraceful behaviour and lack of respect, and over the years several have decided to give it away. The behaviour of most of the players and teams is fine, however this is being spoilt by the outrageous antics of a minority. Captains need to realise that it is their responsibility to control the behaviour of their players. If this abuse continues, you won't have many umpires prepared to give up their weekends.

HKHDCUA Incorporated – I want to finish on a positive note to advise that our umpires' association become an incorporated body through NSW Fair Trading on 29 October 2009. I thank Geoff Hasler in particular for his efforts in processing this matter. Our new Constitution is on the HK&HDCA website. Mark Rushton congratulated HKHDCUA on its incorporation.

### **Executive Officers report**

#### Sponsorship

I have managed to secure Sean Clarence, a current Level 2 Coach for our Durham Shield team, who is a current 1<sup>st</sup> Grade player at Hawkesbury and would like to become involved with coaching in our area. I have had two meetings with Tri-force for sponsorship with the Association which would be an ongoing venture that would hopefully provide significant financial support. Through Tri-force we have also organised free playing shirts for our Durham, Telegraph and Martin Shield sides; with the hope of providing further gear for other representative sides.

#### Website

A number of changes have been made to the website including; menu changes, complete ground locations, weather and safety procedures, a new banner, support for Movember, new sections for blowfly and representative cricket and we have a number of significant additions coming soon. **Please note that Brian Gibson is no longer involved with the website so any issues are now to be forwarded to the Executive Officer.**

#### Ground Report

There have not been any significant issues since the previous meeting, with Parklands being reinstated for play. At this stage, we have primarily been working on juggling grounds, as we are running 11 different competitions

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concurrently and this is starting to present shortages on Sundays. We are also hoping some resolution will be made to cover issues both in the Hornsby District, and at Turramurra Oval.

#### Events Report

Invitations have been sent to all Life Members regarding our upcoming Xmas bash which will be held after our next HK&HDCA Council meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> December. Finger food and a limited tab will be included.

#### Important information

Finally, please be aware that my office hours are primarily 10am-2pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; whilst I can often be accessed until 6pm on Wednesday. To call me please use the landline that is on all correspondence; 9943 1991.

#### Issues raised by meeting

- Warren Jackson requested that any issues involving representative teams be forwarded via the Representative Secretary.
- Col Griffin raised the **issue** of ground repair and mowing of Fred Caterson 2. Ben Gussey advised that he had informed the Hills Shire Council of the issue. **Mark Rushton requested that Ben send a follow up email to the Council.**
- It was noted that there was some confusion a couple of weeks ago regarding ground closures. Can we ensure that all issues are forwarded via the Executive Officer who will update the website. By doing this we will have one central source of information.
- Issue raised regarding use of Somerville or Storey for games previously scheduled for a Sunday on Parklands. Mark Rushton will contact Hornsby Shire council regarding the possibility of moving future scheduled games.

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

***President's report - nothing specific to report as all issues covered in the Executive Officer's report.***

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### General Business

- Pymble rating appeal for Marcus Foster. A request was received for the removal of the run restriction imposed and the reinstatement of the P3 rating. **Request for rerating moved by Matt Fabian, seconded by Nathan Tilbury.** Following discussion by Council the motion was put to a vote. **Result of vote was 7 in favour and the balance of attendees against. Motion defeated.**
- Normanhurst-Warrawee appeal for Navin Enjeti. A request was received against the revised rating received. **Request for revised rating to be overturned moved by John Corish, seconded by Matt Fabian.** Following discussion by Council the motion was put to a vote. **Result of vote was 3 in favour and the balance of attendees against. Motion defeated.**
- Citings received in respect of a St Ives A grade player and an A2 Wahroonga Bladerunners player were presented. **Motion for the citings to be sent to the D&D moved by B Kimberley, seconded by D Toose. Motion carried.**
- Letter of thanks to be issued to John Hayne for his generous donation to be out towards junior development. Sub committee to be formed and report to next Council meeting.
- It was reported that both clubs involved in the Parklands issue had been fined an amount of money for their involvement. No points penalties or other penalties were imposed on the teams involved as it was determined at the meeting that neither captains or clubs had broken any MCC or local rules during the game. A letter is being issued to all clubs regarding their responsibilities regarding potential damage to grounds. A rule change is being considered by the Afternoon Committee.
- Alf James questioned whether any consideration was being given to spending money on grounds other than turf grounds. Mark Rushton responded that at the last Executive that specific issue was raised and a number of grounds identified. Mark Rushton has obtained a number of quotations regarding repairs and this will be presented to the next Executive meeting for consideration and prioritisation of funds.
- Alf James requested that the assets register of the Association be presented at the next Council meeting.

**Meeting closed 9.10 pm.**

**Next meeting 14 December 2009 at Asquith Bowling Club 7.30 pm.**

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Action	By whom	Due
Completion or working with children forms for representative officials	Warren Jackson	ASAP
Meet Ku-ring-gai Council at Turramurra re shed repairs	Mark Rushton and Geoff Hasler	30/11/09
Advise Galston Glenorie of approval of shirt design	Ben Gussey	23/11/09
Create data base of rep coaches including qualifications	Mark Rushton/Warren Jackson	Ongoing
Girls gala night. Anyone wishing details to email Ben Gussey	Any club interested	23/11/09
Details regarding potential Fraser Coast end of season trip	Ben Gussey	23/11/09
Discuss with HSC having some games scheduled on Parklands on Sundays to be moved to Somerville of Storey	Mark Rushton	17/11/09
Follow up Baulkham Hills Shire council regarding issues at Fred Caterson 2	Ben Gussey	23/11/09
Letter of thanks to be issued to John Hayne for donation	Mark Rushton / Ben Gussey	17/11/09
Sub committee for junior development to report to next Council meeting	Mark Rushton, Bruce Kimberley and Nathan Tilbury	14/12/09
Present assets register to next Council meeting	David Toose	14/12/09

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