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**HK&HDCA Council Meeting**  
**Monday 14 December 2009**

Meeting commenced 7.05 pm

**Attendees:** M Rushton, D Bennett, B Gussey (Executive Officer), D Toose, N Tilbury, G Hasler, B Wood, J Corish (Normanhurst Warrawee), J McQuillan (Umpires), S Moore (Umpires), J Brown, S Sweeney (Kissing Point), G Findlay (Beecroft), B Dewstow, C Riddett, A James (Life member), C Griffin, B Kimberley, P Chensee (WPHC), J Patten (Hornsby), B McDonald (WPHC/Life member), A Bayles (Life member), R Anderson (WPHC), D Anderson (WPHC), W Miller (Mt Colah), S Miller (Mt Colah) and C Ball (Thornleigh).

**Apologies:** S Wilson, M Dolly, W Jackson, G Hourigan, J Mitchell, S Arthur and J Chenu.

Mark Rushton welcomed the Life Members, Club Presidents and Club Delegates.

***Minutes of last Council meeting***

Clarification of the fines regarding the Parklands issue was requested. Both clubs involved in the game were fined in respect of the state that the dressing sheds were left in. No fines or point penalties were imposed in respect of the damage to the square as no MCC laws or local playing regulations had been breached.

**Cam Riddett moved that the minutes of 14 November 2009 be accepted subject to the above, seconded by Bob Dewstow. Motion carried.**

***Business arising from last meeting***

- Working with children forms completed.
- Ben Gussey to chase up Ku-ring-gai Council regarding shed repairs at Turramurra.
- Galston Glenorie have been advised of approval of shirt design.
- The creation of a database of representative coaches, including qualifications, is underway.
- No interest had been expressed regarding the end of season trip to Fraser Coast. Ben Gussey to issue a letter advising that we would not be sending any teams.
- Discussions with HSC have taken place regarding moving scheduled Sunday games on Parklands to Somerville or Storey.
- Still need to follow up Baulkham Hills Shire Council regarding issues at Fred Caterson 2. Ben Gussey to action.
- Letter of thanks has been issued to John Hayne.
- Report from sub committee for junior development still to be presented.
- Association asset register to be presented at next Council meeting. David Toose to organise.

***Correspondence***

**Financial**

- Ben Gussey invoices (22/11 - \$438, 29/11 - \$450, 6/12 - \$400, 13/12 - \$400) total \$1,688.
- Tax invoice from NDCC for coaching services - \$750.
- Payment from Mark Rushton (NDCC luncheon for N Tilbury, B Gussey and A Bayles) - \$300
- Payment from Castle Hill RSL CC - \$984.00.
- Account statements
  - 48-0803 - \$3,519.30
  - 48-0810 - \$22,210.78
  - 54-6725 - \$5,965.94
  - 28-3378 - \$32,930.85.

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**Incoming:**

- 19/11/09 - Hills Shire Council advising of playing field allocations for winter season 2010. (Ben Gussey to follow up)
- 23/11/09 - HSC providing HSC Sports Council meeting agenda, July 2009 meeting minutes and AGM minutes.
- 26/11/09 - NSW Sport & Recreation regarding working with children check registration. (Note our employer identification is 23419 and Ben Gussey is our Working With Children Officer)
- Dec 2009 - HSC for an invitation to the Mayor's Christmas reception on 17/12/09.
- 4/12/09 - St Ives CC protest over 6 point deduction.
- 8/12/09 - Cricket NSW regarding school holiday camps.
- 10/12/09 - The Hills Shire LEMG regarding bush fire procedures (Ben Gussey to consider placing procedures on website)
- 11/12/09 - Cricket NSW regarding free T20 tickets
- 14/12/09 - Wholesale trophies asking when medal orders might be placed. (Ben Gussey to advise early March 2010)

**Outgoing:**

- 23/11/09 - Arthur Watson, Cameron Eve and Wendy Raynor providing annual report and letter.
- 23/11/09 - Email to member clubs and executive extending invite to Xmas bash.
- 30/11/09 - Email to Patrons and Life members extending invite to Xmas bash.
- 1/12/09 - Robert Partridge regarding D&D finding.
- 1/12/09 - St Ives CC regarding D&D finding.
- 1/12/09 - Wahroonga Bladerunners CC regarding D&D finding.
- 1/12/09 - Cricket NSW regarding Ford Volunteers program.
- 4/12/09 - Barker College regarding ground hire.
- 6/12/09 - HSC regarding Citizen of the Year awards.
- 7/12/09 - Cricket NSW regarding senior and junior census.

***Treasurers report*****Payments approved at last executive**

\$8699.00	Umpires fees
\$352.00	Full Point Graphics (Xmas cards)
\$972.00	KDSA for hire of Hills Park
\$980.00	HSC damage bill for Parklands
\$83.80	Mark Rushton (postage)

All other payments as listed in the financial correspondence list.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report moved by Col Griffin, seconded by Bob Dewstow. Motion carried.

***Juniors report - no report***

Issue raised during meeting regarding fines that have been imposed for results not being entered. Mark Rushton has requested Bruce Kimberley to revisit the situation as 2008 playing rules rather than 2009 ones had been issued. Bruce will be recontacting clubs regarding what fines will apply.

### **Seniors report**

The AC have had 2 meetings in the last 6 weeks where the following matters were determined:

- It was found that several players from various clubs still show/ed up as not being registered according to the players list sent out regularly by Scott Burrows (new Seniors Registrar). **ALL CLUBS ARE ADVISED TO CHECK OFF ALL PLAYERS AGAINST THE LIST OF REGISTERED PLAYERS IN THEIR CLUB BEFORE 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2009.** If a player is not registered, (shown in your clubs list of players) penalties may be applied in accordance with the senior competition rules, including loss of competition points for all matches players have played in. Every player should have a rating or provisional rating against their name.

Please check your list of registered players ASAP and advise Scott and myself of any problems. If a player is not showing up, please (re) / submit their details including playing experience immediately so we can attend to this matter.

- In accordance with Rule 6.3.11 as determined by all clubs at the last SGM, it was found that the St Ives club did **NOT** put covers down as advised by Geoff Hasler (AC) on Friday, 20 November, 2009 (when there was a 70% chance of rain). As a result of this non-action, the AC have determined that in accordance with this rule, the St Ives A grade team shall be deducted 6 competition points, effective immediately.
- It was decided to ask the Normanhurst-Warrawee club to swap their C3 and D1 teams due to the D1 team's outstanding performances. The club originally accepted this request but then declined. On this basis, to ensure the AC comply with the senior rules and constitution, both teams will remain where they are for the season. However, there might be several restrictions imposed on several players in these teams in the near future.
- The Sunday comp is going along well but several matches were washed out early in the season. Given this is a shortened competition, it has been decided to replay 4 matches between now and the start of the semi-finals. Details will be updated on MyCricket this week and captains and clubs are advised to check the Sunday One-Day Competition draw on MyCricket for new dates and grounds.
- Mr John Summerhays of Kenthurst CC has now been given a P7 rating, effective from Round 7. Several other "P" rated players in various clubs are being monitored and further announcements will be made in January.

Finally, I am an apology for the Christmas Bash meeting next Monday night as I'll be away in Brisbane (from 10/12 to 16/12). Scott Burrows (9477 2117) will be covering for me during my absence for any senior cricket matters in this time and also when I am on my annual holidays (from 2/1 to 14/1).

I would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year and I would like to thank all clubs for their efforts this year, it's been our best year for ages!

Issue raised requesting clarification of when a 2 day game could be made a 1 day game. Each situation would be assessed by the AC depending on circumstances but the underlying motive was to maximise the cricket being played.

### **Representative report.**

- Martin Shield just lost their game on 13/12 in a nail biter.
- Telegraph Shield had a convincing win. This side also contains the stronger players who are eligible to play in the Durham Shield age group (U19)
- The depleted Durham Shield side lost.
- U15 Gee Shield lost their semi 2 weeks ago.
- U16 Presidents Cup just lost their game yesterday.

No other results were to hand.

Concern was expressed in the meeting that the Durham Shield team had been seriously weakened by the better players from the age group being moved to the Telegraph Shield team. There is not much that can be done for this season but next season we need to ensure that players play in their correct age groups.

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

- Just passed peak time of season when 18 to 20 umpire appointments made every weekend.
- Reports being received on umpire's performance are generally good.
- Mark Rushton advised the meeting that feed back had been received from Central Coast on performances by both Bruce Wood and Simon Moore when they umpired the Weblin Shield semi final and final. Feedback was that the umpiring was some of the best seen by them in DCA for some seasons.

#### **Executive Officers report**

##### **Senior MyCricket Administration;**

1. Going through the process of confirming/re-opening matches to ensure all senior results are up to date – some remain unconfirmed.

##### **Website Updates/Additions;**

1. Coaching & Development Section added
2. Good Sports Section added.
3. Grants Register added.
4. D&D Register added.
5. Patrons section – Nick Berman profile up, to be further updated.
6. Weather & Safety updated
7. Representative Cricket – selections & newsletters updated

##### **Sponsorship;**

1. Sponsorship document updated, with meetings.
2. Photo of the month (\$100/month), Executive Officer role development (\$1000), School's Cup (\$1000), Coach development (\$1000), Senior Representative Shirts (donated), Notebook (value of \$1100 – donated).

**Motion to accept the sponsorship proposal moved by Bruce Kimberley, seconded by Bob Dewstow. Motion carried**

##### **D&D;**

1. Robert Partridge – warning, contravention of Rep Code of Conduct
2. Adam Learmonth – Suspended until January 11<sup>th</sup>
3. Robert Pagano – Suspended until January 11<sup>th</sup>

##### **By-laws;**

1. Consolidation of Junior/Senior/Representative laws and conduct, as well as policies for smoking, alcohol, sports rage etc.

##### **Representative Cricket**

1. Representative Cricket newsletters (available on website).

**Grounds**

1. Holland Road upgrades may take it out of use.
2. Turrumurra Sheds- KMC have agreed to fix ASAP.

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

### **CNSW Ford Volunteers Program.**

Well done to the various affiliates who submitted their list of volunteers onto CNSW, as this is a great way to thank your hard working club volunteers.

Those clubs that are to be congratulated for taking the opportunity to provide their list of volunteers are:

- Kissing Point CC – 28 volunteers
- Mt Colah CC – 13 volunteers
- Thornleigh CC – 12 volunteers
- WPH-C CC - 199 volunteers
- HK&HDCA (Juniors, Seniors, Reps, D & D Committee) – 65 volunteers

### **Emerging Blues Nominations**

The following junior players are to be congratulated on tremendous individual performances across the 2009/10 representative season, as they are to be nominated by our association for the 2010 Emerging Blues Program. We wish the players all the best in this CNSW High Performance Program:

- U13 (2009/10 Cawsey Shield)
  1. Matthew Chamberlain (Mt Colah)
  2. John Anderson (WPH-C)
  3. Ben Wallwood (Thornleigh)
  4. Taylor Davies
  5. Alexander Dolly (Redfield)
- U14 (2009/10 Gee Shield)
  1. George Blackwood (Berowra)
  2. Mansimar Singh (WPH-C)
  3. Aditya Ramakrishnan (WPH-C)
  4. Nicholas Miller (Mt Colah)
  5. Oliver Hing (Hornsby District)
- U15 (2009/10 Harold Moore Shield)
  1. James Partridge (WPH-C)
  2. Connor Jackson (WPH-C)
  3. Daniel Nicotra (Normanhurst-Warrawee)
  4. Harrison Middlebrook (Normanhurst-Warrawee)
- U16 (2009/10 Weblin Shield)

1. Daniel Anderson (WPH-C)
2. Nanda Bhavya
3. Guy Seymour (Normanhurst-Warrawee)
4. Ben Phillips (Normanhurst-Warrawee)

### Proposed Grounds Upgrade Program

The following synthetic grounds have been listed as requiring urgent renovations:

Ground	Proposed Works	Cost
Edward Bennett Oval	Replace existing damaged pitch / synthetic surface (50:50 with Hornsby Shire Council)	\$3,975.00
Bannockburn Oval	Replace the whole of the synthetic surface	\$3,800.00
Normanhurst Park	Replace the whole of the synthetic surface	\$3,800.00
Samuel King Oval	Replace the whole of the synthetic surface	\$2,900.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,475.00</b>

The Executive has discussed the ongoing grounds problem and accepts a major capital works program over a 5-year period is required. The following grounds need restoration works as follows within the next 1-3 seasons:

Ground	Proposed Works	Estimated Cost
George Christie Oval	Replace the whole of the synthetic surface	\$4,140.00
Cliff Oval No 2	Replace existing damaged pitch / synthetic surface	\$13,220.00
Mimosa Oval	Replace existing narrow pitch / synthetic surface	\$13,220.00
Greenway Park	Replace the whole of the synthetic surface	\$3,800.00
Headen Park	Replace the whole of the synthetic surface	\$3,800.00

The support of the Council is requested, initially to agree to the necessary repairs as listed in the first table above and secondly to support the notion of an ongoing capital works program as per the second table above. Other grounds can be added to the program upon written request.

**Motion to approve the repairs listed above costing \$14,475 moved by Bob Dewstow, seconded by Nathan Tilbury. Following discussion which included reference to the fact that we would need to replenish the ground maintenance fund over the coming seasons the motion was put to a vote and carried.**

### Outstanding A-Grade Performances.

- Ben Folkard (ARL CC) 6 wickets + a century – an outstanding individual performance.
- Kissing Point A-Grade an impressive first innings win, just failing to secure an outright victory. Sean Duffy scored a tremendous century (151) being the dominant partner in a last wicket 100+ runs partnership.

### Christmas Cards

104 cards have been mailed to volunteers, Life Members, Patrons, Local Council staff, Club Presidents, Junior & Senior Committee members, Representative volunteers, Office Bearers of the HKHDCUA (our umpires branch), sponsors and supporters.

## General Business

- Discussion regarding efforts by Tom Richmond getting us coverage in the Advocate. Hampered by some clubs in A Grade not getting their scores in not allowing Tom to complete the articles. Clubs need to be made aware of the efforts and support Tom in providing information. **Ben Gussey to issue note requesting clubs to support Tom.**

St Ives appeal against 6 point deduction for not putting down covers.

- \$50 fee for hearing of the protest lodged by Bob Dewstow.
- Motion put forward that appeal not be heard as rule was introduced following a meeting of club presidents. **Motion moved by Col Griffin, seconded by Geoff Hasler. After discussion the motion was put to a vote. 4 in favour and 5 against. Motion not carried.**
- Motion to dismiss appeal. **Motion moved by Geoff Findlay, seconded by Col Griffin. After discussion the motion was put to a vote. 6 in favour and 7 against. Motion not carried.**
- Motion to refer the issue back to a meeting of club presidents for adjudication. **Motion moved by Col Griffin, seconded by Cam Riddett. After discussion the motion was put to a vote. 2 votes against. Motion carried.**
- Motion to refund the \$50 appeal fee. **Motion moved by Barry McDonald, seconded by Josh Brown. Motion carried.**

Meeting closed 8.10 pm.

Next meeting 15 February 2010 at Asquith Bowling Club 7.30 pm.

## Action Items

Action	By whom	Due
Chase up Ku-ring-gai Council re shed repairs at at Turramurra	Ben Gussey	15/2/10
Create data base of rep coaches including qualifications	Mark Rushton/Warren Jackson	Ongoing
Issue letter advising that we will not be sending a team to Fraser Coast at end of season	Ben Gussey	14/1/10
Follow up Baulkham Hills Shire council regarding issues at Fred Caterson 2	Ben Gussey	14/1/10
Sub committee for junior development to report to next Council meeting	Mark Rushton, Bruce Kimberley and Nathan Tilbury	15/2/10
Present assets register to next Council meeting	David Toose	15/2/10
Follow up correspondence received from Hills Shire Council advising of playing field allocations for winter season 2010	Ben Gussey	15/2/10
Consider placing procedures received from The Hills Shire LEMG regarding bush fire procedures on web site.	Ben Gussey	15/2/10
Write to Wholesale trophies advising medal orders will be placed early March 2010	Ben Gussey	14/1/10
Ben Gussey to issue note requesting clubs to support Tom Richmond in his production of articles for the Advocate.	Ben Gussey	14/1/10
Club presidents to meet re St Ives appeal of 6 point deduction	Mark Rushton	15/2/10

#### Summary of JLT presentation provided by Brent and Justin from JLT

- JLT role is to represent Cricket Australia and affiliated bodies to Insurance companies.
- It is JLT's job to obtain the best price and conditions from the insurance companies for Cricket Australia. Currently Cricket NSW absorbs the cost of insurance premiums
- Since 2002/03 \$4.5 M has been paid out in insurance claims and \$500K in public liability claims.
- JLT also provides a club management liability insurance which recognises volunteers as employees.
- There is also an employee theft provision (only had 1 claim in NSW for cricket)
- JLT are also introducing an asset protection program for which a club can get a quote on line from the JLT web site. Storage of kits at private homes can be covered.

#### Match Day checklists

- There is nothing in Cricket NSW policy which states that the checklist must be completed even though it is highly recommended. A claim would not necessarily be denied just because a checklist had not been completed.
- A concern was raised in that as an Association we did not comply with all of Cricket NSW guidelines throughout all of our different competitions. In the end result if a claim for negligence was brought it would quite likely come down to common sense position of whether in the circumstances at the time the game should have commenced.
- The completion of the check list provides some protection in these circumstances.
- We have a duty of care to participants in our competitions and this duty of care issue would be central to any claim. The completion of the checklist provides some evidence of us applying our duty of care.
- A judge would also probably apply a reasonableness test in assessing any claim. In this respect the judge may ask what would any normal person have done in similar circumstances?
- No set rules when check lists should be completed. If we deemed it reasonable in our competition to only complete them every 2 months then that may well be acceptable from a reasonable person view.
- Some concern about untrained volunteers filling out the forms and then becoming liable. It was confirmed that volunteers are protected under Federal and State legislation if acting in good faith.
- Another reason for competing the check lists are that they provide a permanent historical record which can be useful in defending any claims especially in a volunteer situation when people move on.
- Another issue is that if there are no checklists then insurers may choose not to defend claims as the chances of success are not great. In these circumstances payments are then made and it is more than likely that premiums will rise. If the premiums rise then Cricket NSW may not always cover the cost of the insurance.