

**General Council Meeting**  
**Monday 6 September 2010**

**Meeting commenced:**

7.35 pm

**Attendees:**

J Brown (ARL), D Bennett, S Wilson, G Hasler, B Gussey (Executive Officer), S Moore (HKHDCUA Inc.), C Ball (Thornleigh), S Burrows (Hornsby District), J McQuillan (Umpires), Simon Arthur (ARL), C Griffin, D Lea (Kenthurst Upper Hills), S Sweeney (Kissing point), P Pearce (Castle Hill RSL), M Burgin (Coaches Assn), B Gibson (Mt Colah), D Clarke (Mt Colah), P Chensee (WPHC), Nathan Tilbury (Berowra), J Klingberg (Kissing Point), T Gastineau-Hills (Kissing Point), G Findlay (Beecroft), J Barker (Galston-Glenorie), K Triebe (Galston-Glenorie), J Epthorp (Galston-Glenorie), B Kimberley, M Burger (Kissing Point), Ross Anderson (WPHC), C Riddett (Normanhurst- Warrawee) and M Griffin (Normanhurst-Warrawee).

**Apologies:**

M Rushton, B Dewstow B McDonald (Life Member), W Jackson and A Rauf.

**Welcome:**

Geoff Hasler welcomed all Life Members, ladies, Club Presidents and Delegates to the meeting. Geoff Hasler advised all present that the rules for all senior competitions would be posted on the website by the end of the week. In addition hard copies of the local rules documents will be forwarded to clubs.

**Minutes of previous HK&HDCA General Council Meeting:**

**Col Griffin moved that the minutes of 16 August 2010 be accepted, seconded by John Barker. Motion carried.**

**Business arising from previous HK&HDCA General Council Meeting:**

- David Bennett confirmed that details of fines imposed for the previous season had been passed to David Toose so that invoices could be issued.
- The Council was advised that John Klingberg had joined the senior competition committee.
- Ben Gussey is still to issue a note to clubs regarding the importance of leaving dressing sheds clean. It was suggested that if any clubs found issues with dressing sheds on arriving at the ground that they should consider taking photos of the issue which could be used in any dealings with Councils.
- Create data base of rep coaches including qualifications. This outstanding item has been transferred to the Coaches Association for attention.
- Advise details of Level 1, 2 and 3 coaches to the Coaches Association. This item has been transferred to the Coaches Association to follow through on.
- A question was raised with respect to the marking of school grounds for the T20 competition. Ben Gussey will clarify if there is an issue and advise clubs.



### Correspondence:

#### **Incoming**

- 30/8/2010 – NSWDCCA advising Presidents Cup draw.
- 1/9/10 – JLT Insurance providing certificate of currency.
- 2/9/10 – Justin Epthorp from Galston Glenorie requesting a review of player ratings. It was confirmed that the suggested ratings had been approved and that this would be formally confirmed by the Senior Competition committee on Tuesday 7/9/10.
- 6/9/10 – Kenthurst Upper Hills shirt design for senior grades. Phil Pearce **moved a motion that the shirt design be approved, seconded by Josh Brown. Motion carried.**

#### **Outgoing - None**

#### **Invoices received for payment**

- 5/9/10 - Ben Gussey “Weeks ending 22 August, 29 August, 5 September” (\$1237.50) plus \$30 for internet.
- Simon Moore requested approval for payment of \$400 to Cricket NSW for the purchase of 40 MCC law books from last year which had never been previously invoiced. Simon was requested to ring CNSW as see if we could exchange books not used last year for new updated copies.

**Geoff Findlay moved that the payments be approved. The motion was seconded by Col Griffin. Motion carried.**

#### **Treasurers Report:** no report.

Steve Wilson advised the meeting that Wahroonga Bladerunners had requested an invoice for last years umpires fees and also requested to be invoiced for this coming season’s fees as soon as possible. Request to be passed to David Toose.

#### **Juniors Report:**

- A number of versions of the draw have been done but changes continue to occur with team changes. Watch your emails for advice of further changes.
- Exam for junior umpires and managers has been prepared. There is also a practical component on issues such as the LBW law. Still need to determine how the exam will be delivered.
- Confirmed that the parents and coaches code of conduct is in the junior rules.
- The MyCricket site is available for entering details.

#### **Coaches Association Report:**

The Council was advised that Rod Hokin had been appointed as the Coaching coordinator for the Coaches Association and that Ross Turner had become a patron for the Coaches Association.

#### **Representative Report:** No report

The meeting was advised by the Executive officer that on 19/9/10 there would be home trials for U12, U14 and U16’s against Manly. The Executive Officer would confirm venues in due course but advised all trials would be on synthetic pitches as turf grounds would not yet be available.



### **Seniors Report:**

Since the last Council meeting we have had one team withdraw from their tentative nomination, another lower graded team be nominated and the Berowra club assist greatly by nominating an A-Reserve grade and second Colts team. This means we have ended up with 74 Saturday afternoon teams for the 2010/11 season (down 2 on last season).

More importantly, it means we will now have “even” competitions as far as numbers go with 7 grades having an 8-team competition and 3 grades having a 6-team competition – a much more desirable situation than what we facing just a few weeks back. My thanks go to the Berowra and Hornsby clubs in particular for their efforts in filling the voids left in 2 or 3 grades – particularly the Colts competition.

The Senior Competition Committee had to reconvene and adjust several teams to new grades as a result of all of this. Teams have been ranked in accordance with their rating as per the rules and I wish to advise the final gradings (subject to review during the season) for the 2010/11 season as follows:

A1: Asquith Rugby League, West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook, Kenthurst Upper Hills, Kissing Point, St Ives, Berowra, Hornsby District, Normanhurst-Warrawee.

A2: West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook, Castle Hill RSL, Normanhurst-Warrawee, Kenthurst Upper Hills, Galston-Glenorie, Berowra, Wahroonga.Bladerunners.

Colts: Berowra White, Berowra Maroon, Normanhurst-Warrawee, West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook, Hornsby District, Kenthurst Upper Hills.

B1: Castle Hill RSL, West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook, Berowra, St Ives, Galston-Glenorie, Kissing Point, Sydney Lions, Mount Colah.

B2: St Ives, West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook, Beecroft, Normanhurst-Warrawee, Hornsby District, Kenthurst Upper Hills.

C1: Castle Hill RSL, West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook, Kenthurst Upper Hills, Mount Colah, St Ives, Berowra, Normanhurst-Warrawee, Hornsby District.

C2: Castle Hill RSL, Normanhurst-Warrawee, Berowra, Kissing Point, Hornsby District, West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook.

C3: Asquith Rugby League, West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook Blue, Kissing Point, Kenthurst Upper Hills, Galston-Glenorie, West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook Red, Normanhurst-Warrawee, Mount Colah.

D1: St Ives, Berowra, Kissing Pt, Sydney Lions, Thornleigh, West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook, Galston-Glenorie, Hornsby District.

D2: Castle Hill RSL, West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook, Kenthurst Upper Hills, Kissing Point, Berowra, St Ives, Normanhurst-Warrawee, Hornsby District.

This also has impacted slightly on the T/20 competitions with Beecroft and St Ives (who are now both in the B-Reserve grade competition) leaving the C grade/Colts comp and joining the B Grades 20/20 competition. However, coupled with the unavailability of Normanhurst and Greenway Ovals today, several ground changes and matches have occurred in both grades. Please check your draw very carefully for all grades and grounds. Clubs are also reminded that to balance the grades up as evenly as possible and avoid byes as much as possible, some teams may be in a higher or lower grade than what they nominated. New revised draws were updated on the MyCricket site on 3 September. There is 1 unavoidable Bye.

Just a reminder, all first-mentioned teams are responsible for marking the 25m circle on the grounds on both weekends with a soluble based white marking paint (see final T/20 rules when issued).



Teams for the T20 competition are:

A Grades: Asquith Rugby League, West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook, Wahroonga Bladerunners, Galston-Glenorie 2, Castle Hill RSL 2, Berowra, Kissing Point, St Ives, Normanhurst-Warrawee, Hornsby District, Kenthurst Upper Hills.

B Grades: West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook Blue, Kissing Point, Mount Colah, Sydney Lions, Kuringai-Chase, Galston-Glenorie, Hornsby District 2, West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook Red B2, St Ives, Beecroft.

C/Colts: Castle Hill RSL, Kenthurst Upper Hills, West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook Colts, Kenthurst Upper Hills Colts, West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook, Mount Colah, Berowra (Maroon) Colts, Berowra (White) Colts, Hornsby District Colts, Normanhurst-Warrawee, Berowra C, Hornsby District C.

C2/C3: St Ives 3, Galston-Glenorie 3, Kenthurst Upper Hills 3, West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook Red 3, Kissing Point, Hornsby District, Normanhurst-Warrawee, Castle Hill RSL, West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook Blue C3, Berowra, West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook

D Grades: St Ives, Thornleigh, Castle Hill RSL, West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook Blue, Galston-Glenorie 2, Kenthurst Upper Hills 2, Normanhurst-Warrawee 2, Kissing Point 2, West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook Red 2, Berowra 2, Hornsby District, Sydney Lions.

In total we have 59 participating in the 5 grades which is very good for the first year of these competitions. I sincerely hope all players enjoy having a bit of fun playing this format of the game and don't forget, they are real comps with an appropriate trophy for the winners in all grades.

Just a reminder, if your team is drawn to play a HK&HDCA normal grade match on a competing Sunday, the normal competition match should proceed and the T20 match will be played the following weekend and if necessary, the competition rescheduled back.

The competition rules have been finalised following our meeting on 23/8/10 and are almost ready for publication. The rules for the normal competition, Sunday competition and T20 competition will all be available on the website shortly and hopefully, in booklet format also before the start of the season for all clubs.

Please note the T20 rules have been updated and changed.

My thanks go to all clubs for their support of the Senior Competition Committee in this matter and a special thanks to Geoff Hasler in particular who did countless hours of work putting it all together for us.

**Nominations for the Sunday – 1 day competition** are now open and will **close at the next council meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2010**. Please nominate your teams in writing to the Executive Officer and copy me in so I can commence work on this competition also. Just a reminder, all teams in the Sunday 1-Day competition will attract points towards the Club Championship for the 2010/11 season.

I'd like to remind all players that we are on the field to enjoy ourselves playing a game we love. There is no room for misbehaviour and any players found guilty of misconduct will be dealt with harshly. Please respect your opposition players at all times – even in difficult circumstances.

Grounds remain a huge problem for us, and I can't emphasise enough the importance to regularly check your matches in all grades as changes will be inevitable for a variety of reasons and have already led to many ground changes in the 20/20s. It is also most important that grounds are left in a tidy condition including change rooms where applicable.

Finally, I'd like to extend a very warm welcome to our newest club to join us, the Sydney Lions and wish you a long and enjoyable stay with us in HK&HDCA. Also, welcome back to the WahroongaBladrunners for your second season with us.

I wish all players, officials and supporters a very successful season and please don't hesitate to contact me at any time if you have any problems. I think this year will be fantastic and the best ever for senior cricket in HK&HDCA ..... I can't wait!

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**Additional Senior Competition issues raised during the meeting:**

- The T20 draw is being updated tonight and will be on the website.
- The paint to be used to mark the T20 grounds is surveyors paint available from Bunnings. Remember that people under 18 cannot buy spray paint.
- Ratings for all players will be updated 7/9/2010.
- Nomination date for the Sunday one day competition has been extended to 20/9/2010.
- **Motion moved by Geoff Findlay that the T20 rules as put forward by the senior competition committee be ratified in order for play to occur this weekend. Motion seconded by Bruce Kimberley. Motion carried.**
- **Motion moved by Josh Brown and seconded by Simon Arthur regarding two additional rules for the T20 be adopted. Rules are as below. Motion was carried.**
  - **A new Kookaburra ball is to be used at the commencement of each innings unless the captains agree to use other balls.**
  - **If more than the allowed number of players are outside the fielding circle then a no ball is to be called but there is no free hit.**
- It was clarified that in the event of a free hit being awarded then the field can only be changed if the batsman on strike is not the batsman who faced the previous delivery.
- Cricket attire for the T20 competition is standard cricket whites.

**HKHDCUA (Umpires) Report:**

It was discussed at the umpire's AGM that a small increase in umpiring fees of \$1 per hour be sought. Presently the umpires receive \$19 per hour for one umpire officiating and \$16 per hour for two umpires. It is proposed to have this increased to \$20 per hour for one umpire and \$17 per hour for two umpires. Umpires have received one net increase in the last 5 years (by a net increase, I mean that we actually reduced the umpires fees 4 years ago). Quite a few years ago, we were receiving a little more than Sydney grade cricket in umpiring fees. We are now a long way behind grade cricket. Sydney grade pay their umpires \$120 (\$24 per hour) in the top 2 grades and \$110 (\$22 per hour) in 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade for a 5 hour game and that is with two umpires. We are currently paid \$95 for one umpire for 5 hours and \$80 for two umpires. We are now \$30 per afternoon behind Sydney grade cricket for their lower grades. I propose to request approval from the council for an increase for one umpire to \$100 for a 5 hour game (\$20 per hour) and an increase for two umpires to \$85 (\$17 per hour).

**Following discussion regarding the proposed increase in fees which included comments regarding the flow on impact to clubs that needs to be taken into account when changing payments such as umpires fees a Motion moved by Col Griffin and seconded by Geoff Findlay to approve an increase of \$1 per hour I umpires fees for the coming season. Motion carried.**

Also at the HKHDCUA AGM, it was discussed that all senior umpires likely to do turf wicket matches that they all have keys to the respective sheds. I understand the cost is quite expensive but it's a one off cost. The keys required are as follows:

- Simon Moore - Berowra, Parklands, Storey,
- Barry McDonald - Berowra, Parklands, Storey,
- Geoff Hasler - Storey
- Steve Wilson - Parklands,
- Mark Rushton - Berowra, Parklands, Storey



Turrumurra and The Glade have a standard key which we can duplicate. The umpires should also have keys to the main Astro turf grounds.

This is a total of 11 keys for the turf grounds. I would like to propose that the 11 keys be obtained and a key register be kept and the keys signed for by the respective umpires. The cost will be a deposit of \$100 per key for these grounds. After discussions with the President, it would also be a good idea for the respective representative managers and junior managers to have keys to the Astro turf grounds. This requires a little more discussion with Bruce Kimberley and Warren Jackson as to how we go about it.

**Following discussion the umpires secretary was requested to issue official correspondence from the Umpires Association to HK&HDCA requesting provision of keys to all turf grounds prior to the commencement of the senior competition.**

The captain's course will be conducted on 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at West Pennant Hills Sports Club. Our training officer, Barry McDonald has managed to book a large room at no cost for both nights. We intend on inviting prospective umpires along to the first week when the MCC laws will be discussed. The prospective umpires will have a second and possibly third night at a different time.

The umpires will be meeting on Wednesday week 15<sup>th</sup> September to discuss the new laws and their effect on our senior competition.

Barry McDonald has advised that the following clubs have provided names for the captain's course to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> October: ARL, CHRSL, Galston-Glenorie, St Ives, Sydney Lions, Thornleigh and WPHC. A total of 44 attendees. Barry has not heard from Berowra, Kissing Point, Wahroonga Bladerunners, Normanhurst-Warrawee, Kenthurst, Hornsby, Beecroft, Ku-ring-gai Chase or Mt Colah. Could these clubs urgently advise Barry, the names of their players who wish to attend.

#### **Executive Officer's Report:**

##### **Website/MyCricket**

- The formatting on the website has been significantly changed;
  - The front page will now have 1 or 2 News headlines, followed by a news summary, followed by the Walter Wilson Wrap and Triforce Photo of the Month. Feedback is welcomed on further changes to the news item section.
  - The menu items have also been significantly compacted for ease of use.
- Sydney Lions and Cheltenham Oval have been added to MyCricket.
- T20 and Sunday Competition Rules have been published for Senior's on the website.
- I would also like the Council to consider allowing a designated Senior contact phone number to be published for each club on the inside cover of the Rules document for quick reference and contact on Saturdays in case of last minute issues. **No issues raised at meeting.**

##### **Grounds**

The following grounds are out;

Normanhurst and Greenway 2 are in the process of being renovated and will be out for September 11. Improvements should be noticeable in both grounds thereafter.

##### **Other**

Scorebooks are now available from 23 Billyard Ave, Wahroonga.

Due to an issue with Kissing Point's B Grade premiership caps we have had them replaced.

Two club delegates are to receive membership to Asquith Bowling & Recreation for weekly meetings. Please indicate whether they are President/Secretary/Delegates or others.



**President's Report:** No report

**General Business:**

Advice provided that the Fred Caterson ovals were not available for the first week of the competition. Bruce Kimberley and Steve Wilson to discuss to resolve issues with scheduled games.

**Meeting Closed:**

8.45 pm.

**Next HK&HDCA General Council Meeting: 7.30 pm on 20 September 2010 at Asquith Bowling Club**

**Action Items:**

Action	By whom	Due
Subcommittee for junior development to report to next Council meeting	Mark Rushton, Bruce Kimberley and Nathan Tilbury	Ongoing
Junior 12 <sup>th</sup> / 13 <sup>th</sup> man rule as it applies to finals	Bruce Kimberley	Ongoing
Issue note to clubs regarding the importance of leaving dressing sheds clean	Ben Gussey	Before commencement of season
Marking of school grounds for T20 competition. Confirm if any issue and advise clubs.	Ben Gussey	10/9/10
Club memberships to Asquith Bowling Club. Two per club. Advise Ben Gussey who will be receiving the membership	All	ASAP
Nominations for Sunday one day competition to Steve Wilson	All	20/9/2010
Availability of cricket balls from Mark Rushton. Advice to clubs	Ben Gussey	ASAP
Can we exchange old copies of MCC Law books for current ones. Contact Cricket NSW	Simon Moore	20/9/10
Advise David Toose of request from Bladerunners for invoicing of umpires fees for last season and this seasons fees to be done ASAP.	David Bennett	20/9/10

**Signed:**

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Mark Rushton  
President  
HK&HDCA Inc.  
Date: ...../...../ 2010

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David Bennett  
Minutes Secretary  
HK&HDCA Inc.  
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