

**General Council Meeting**  
**Monday 20 September 2010**

**Meeting commenced:**

7.40 pm

**Attendees:**

M Rushton, D Toose, J Brown (ARL), D Bennett, S Wilson, G Hasler, B Gussey (Executive Officer), S Moore, C Ball (Thornleigh), J McQuillan (Umpires), C Griffin, D Lea (Kenthurst Upper Hills), S Sweeney (Kissing Point), B Wood, M Burgin (Coaches Assn), D Clarke (Mt Colah), B Harper (Mt Colah), N Tilbury, J Klingberg (Kissing Point), T Gastineau-Hills (Kissing Point), G Findlay (Beecroft), J Barker (Galston-Glenorie), K Triebe (Galston-Glenorie), B Kimberley, C Riddett, B Dewstow B McDonald (Life Member), W Jackson and A Rauf (Wahroonga Blade Runners) and M Griffin (Normanhurst-Warrawee).

**Apologies:**

J Epthorp, J Chenu, S Arthur and B Gibson.

**Welcome:**

Mark Rushton welcomed all Life Members, ladies, Club Presidents and Delegates to the meeting.

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

**Geoff Findlay moved that the minutes of 6 September 2010 be accepted, seconded by David Lea. Motion carried.**

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

- Ben Gussey confirmed that a note to clubs regarding the importance of leaving dressing sheds clean had been issued.
- Issue of marking of school grounds for the T20 competition had been resolved.
- A request to Cricket NSW as to whether outdated MCC law books could be exchanged has been declined.
- Nominations for Sunday One day competition close tonight.
- Cricket balls will be available tonight except for incrediballs which will be available tomorrow.

**Correspondence:**

**Outgoing:**

17/9/010: Ben Gussey to Clubs; Keys to Grounds

17/9/2010: Northern Knights to Nishantha Weerasooriya: Gee Shield Selection

14/9/2010: Ben Gussey to Clubs; HK&HDCA Council Minutes 6/9/10

13/9/2010: Ben Gussey to Ku-ring-gai Council: Turf wicket draws

8/9/2010: Ben Gussey to Clubs: Maintaining Grounds

**Invoices received for payment:**

19/9/2010: Ben Gussey to HK&HDCA. \$400.00 invoice

17/9/2010: Ben Gussey to HK&HDCA: Scorebooks (\$902.00)

12/9/2010: Ben Gussey to HK&HDCA. \$437.50 invoice



**Incoming:**

20/9/2010: Mt Colah requesting their B Grade team be moved to B Reserve Grade.  
20/9/2010: NSROC invitations to meetings on 9/9 and 23/9.  
20/9/2010: Nick Berman accepting Patron role.  
20/9/2010: Ian Cross accepting Patron role  
20/9/2010: John Barker (Galston-Glenorie) to HK&HDCA: Luke Montgomery re-rating  
17/9/2010: Carl Spears (Castle Hill RSL) to HK&HDCA: D2 Team Withdrawal  
15/9/2010: Nishantha Weerasooriya to HK&HDCA: Gee Shield Selection  
14/9/2010: Steve Mulally (CNSW) to HK&HDCA: Current Sports Education Courses  
13/9/2010: WPH-C to HK&HDCA; Holland Road Sprinklers  
13/9/2010; Craig Henson (Kenthurst Upper Hills) to HK&HDCA: New Registrations  
10/9/2010; Bruce Wood to HK&HDCA: Barker Request Two Grounds  
10/9/2010; Nathan Sullivan (CNSW) to HK&HDCA: Weetbix T20 Nomination Form  
9/9/2010; Eric Myatt (NSWDCA) to HK&HDCA: NSWCA By-Law 11.6 (Defaulters)  
6/9/2010; Craig Henson (Kenthurst Upper Hills) to HK&HDCA: Dispensation for David Lea

**Treasurers Report:**

Details of current bank account balances are:

- Cash management account \$23,748.42
- Old operating account \$18,877.87
- Maintenance fund \$78,582.08
- Current operating account \$23,234.78

Bills for payment:

- Telstra \$198.96.
- Warren Jackson \$557.20 (reimbursement for representative equipment).
- Ben Gussey \$902.00 (reimbursement for Greg Chappell Sports \$342.00 and Kingsgrove Sports \$560.00)

Previous invoices being paid which were approved at the 6/9/10 Council meeting:

- Ben Gussey \$1,267.50.
- Cricket NSW \$400.00

Receipts:

- Mt Colah \$3,801.60 (scorebooks and balls)
- Normanhurst-Warrawee \$210.00 (scorebooks)
- North Sydney Girls Cricket Association \$925.87 (2009/2010 ground hire)

**Geoff Findlay moved a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by Bob Dewstow. Motion carried.**

The budget is currently being worked on and will be firstly presented to the Executive and then the full Council for approval.



### Juniors Report:

- Decision to start bowlers in U9's at a mark 15 metres from the stumps and then move them back if they are found to be good enough.
- A reminder that results are required to be notified at the end of every Saturday not just the end of the round.
- Anyone wishing to umpire in juniors must complete and pass the umpires quiz before the end of round 3. A penalty will be imposed on any team if individuals umpire after round 3 without passing the quiz. So far everyone who has attempted the quiz has passed although it has quite often taken 2 attempts.
- There have been some good batting results in the current round.
- The Sydney Lions junior team has now decided to wait until next year before joining our competition.

### Coaches Association Report:

- Still working towards the first Coaching Clinic which is being run next week. Cost is only \$145.00 for the three days and places are still available.
- A big thank you to all the clubs for promoting the Clinic.

### Representative Report:

- All junior team selections have been finalised and the teams are now on the website.
- The Shield competition commences on 24 October 2010.
- On Sunday 19 September 2010 12 representative teams played trials against Manly. HK&HDCA won 9 of the 12 games. It showed us that we are a bit weak in the U10 and U11 age groups with losses in both games.

It was advised that Mark Rushton will be coordinating the senior representative teams separately from the juniors. A note will be placed on the web site shortly.

### Seniors Report:

Well we are off and running with our first ever T/20 competitions across 5 grades and from most reports I have received, an overwhelming majority of players who have participated have enjoyed the experience with many close games across all grades. I'd like to congratulate the following teams who will have their little piece of history in HK&HDCA by being our first-ever T/20 semi-finalists next Sunday. Quotient was needed to sort out various places in all competitions and to finalise the 4<sup>th</sup> position in 3 competitions with 6 teams recording a win and a loss. We also had a tie on the last ball of a match to determine the last 2 spots in the D-Grades competition. The semi-finalists are:

**A Grades** - Castle Hill RSL (1), ARL (2), Normanhurst-Warrawee (3), Kenthurst Upper Hills (4)

**B Grades** - Hornsby District (1), Ku-Ring-Gai Chase (2), Kissing Point (3), Sydney Lions (4)

**C/Colts Grades** - Berowra (1), WPH-C Colts (2), Berowra Maroon Colts (3), Kenthurst Upper Hills (4)

**C2/C3 Grades** - WPH-C Red (1), Castle Hill RSL (2), Berowra White Colts (3), Kissing Point (4)

**D Grades** - Kissing Point (1), Berowra (2), St Ives (3), WPH-C Blue (4)

Berowra, West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook and Kissing Point have been the stand-out clubs with several teams making the semi-finals whilst special mention must go to our newest club, the Sydney Lions who have qualified for their first semi-final in HK&HDCA in the B Grades competition. Well done and good luck to all teams as they strive to become Finalists on the 10<sup>th</sup> October and become our first ever HK&HDCA T/20 champions in their respective grades.



The draws for the semi-finals are as follows:

**A Grades:** Castle Hill RSL v Kenthurst at Dural; ARL v Normanhurst-Warrawee at Headen

**B Grades:** Hornsby v Sydney Lions at Thornleigh; Ku-Ring-gai Chase v Kissing Point at Normanhurst

**C/Colts Grades:** Berowra v Kenthurst at Mt Ku-Ring-gai; WPH-C Colts v Berowra Maroon Colts at Auluba

**C2/C3 Grades:** WPH-C Red v Kissing Point at Cheltenham; Castle Hill RSL v Berowra White Colts at Greenway

**D Grades:** Kissing Point v WPH-C Blue at Montview East; Berowra v St Ives at Montview West

Since the last council meeting we have had a withdrawal from the D2 grade competition which unfortunately means we will have a Bye in the 7 team competition. This means we have ended up with 73 Saturday afternoon teams for the 2010/11 season.

I urge all clubs and teams (especially Captains) to check the MyCricket Draws regularly as grounds get withdrawn, sometimes at very late notice. Whilst I try to advise Club Officials immediately when I can find another ground and update MyCricket ASAP there can be delays so please check late in the week to ensure there have been no changes. Because the 7 team D2 competition has freed up an occasional better quality ground, changes have been made over the weekend. The Colts Draw has also been changed to ensure the number of Sunday games played is as even as possible and we capitalise on using Kenthurst 1 for the first time ever in this competition.

The new rules booklet will be available very shortly and it looks professional with a table of contents and page numbers in place for easy reference. It covers all 3 competition formats. The amount of work that has gone into this is unbelievable and I would like to record my sincere thanks to Geoff Hasler in particular who has devoted many hours putting it all together after the clubs overwhelming support for the changes that we made at a recent meeting. It's great that we all seem to be pulling together and on the same page. Scott Burrows, Ben Gussey and Mark Rushton have also all made significant contributions and it couldn't have been done without the support of one of our main sponsors, Fullpoint Graphics who also did a great job. Thanks Brian.

The Sunday One Day competition Draw will be finalised in the next week or so after final nominations are accepted tonight.

### **Covers**

Clubs required to place covers if advised from the SCC for the 2010/11 season are as follows:

Berowra: Berowra

Parklands: ARL

Storey: Hornsby (to Christmas) & Normanhurst-Warrawee (after Christmas)

Kenthurst: Kenthurst Upper Hills

The Glade: Kissing Point (to Christmas) & WPH-C (after Christmas)

Turrumurra: St Ives

Can all clubs listed for the covers please ensure they supply Geoff Hasler and myself two (2) contacts with their SMS, phone numbers and email addresses as a matter of urgency. Thanks.

I wish all clubs, teams, players, officials and supporters a very successful 2010/11 season.

### **Discussion following presentation of Seniors Report:**

- An Annangrove team (organised by TriForce) has been entered into the Sunday One Day Competition. It was pointed out that currently they are not affiliated with the Association and this needs to be organised before their nomination can be officially accepted. Ben Gussey to follow up.
- Discussion regarding regrading the Mt Colah team from B Grade to B Reserve Grade. It was advised that a number of clubs had been placed in different grades to the ones that they nominated for. The Senior Competition committee will be monitoring results in the early rounds and will make adjustments if necessary.
- A Mount Colah report on bad player behaviour was deferred to General Business.
- Steve Wilson thanked all clubs for giving the T20 competition a go and advised that there would be a full review of the competition at its conclusion. The review will be presented to a Council meeting for discussion.
- It was confirmed that the D2 team from Castle Hill RSL had been withdrawn after the release of the draw and therefore a fine of \$200 was to be applied.
- Every attempt is being made to play all games on Saturdays. With ground issues however there is likely to be 1 game per grade played on a Sunday.
- It was confirmed that Umpires are paid an hourly rate for the T20 games. There will definitely be umpires provided for the A Grade T20 semi finals, not sure about all other Grades.
- An issue was raised regarding the number of Colts games on Sundays and whether there was an even distribution of Sunday games across all clubs. The number of Sunday games has the potential to cause some teams to struggle to put teams on the field for certain games. Whilst understanding the concerns the number of turf grounds available means that Colts have always played a large proportion of Sunday games. It was confirmed that the current Draw saw all clubs now playing either 6 or 7 Sunday games. **A motion was moved by Josh Brown that no changes be made to the Colts Draw. Motion seconded by David Lea. Motion carried.**

### **HKHDCUA (Umpires) Report:**

The umpires held a meeting last Wednesday mainly to discuss the new laws and the changes to local rules in our senior competition. We had 9 umpires in attendance with 6 apologies.

Barry McDonald has advised that a total of 72 attendees have accepted for the Captain's Course to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October at West Pennant Hills Sports Club. This is the limit that the room booked can hold.

I have the MCC laws books for distribution to the clubs to hand to each of the participants. Please see Barry McDonald before you leave to collect the books. Each participant will also receive a booklet with the new local laws when they have been printed.

I've appointed Umpires to 11 matches in the T20 competition for the first two rounds. Therefore, we should have 22 reports received on Umpire ratings.

To date we've received just 9 reports. I don't consider 40% very satisfactory and I will recommend action be taken to warn then fine clubs for not updating MyCricket.

Reports I'm waiting on are: A Grade; Kenthurst Upper Hills 2, ARL 1, WPH-C 1, Hornsby District 1, Colts; WPH-C 1, Berowra White 1, Hornsby District 1. B Grade; Hornsby District 1. C Grade; Hornsby District 1, WPH-C 1, Mount Colah 1, Kenthurst Upper Hills 1.

Please advise your Captains that if they are provided with Umpires, they must complete the assessment in MyCricket.

It was confirmed that in the main senior competition in A Grade there will be an official Umpire.

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

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

Sydney Lions Sports Club have been entered in to the system – there may have been issues with entering scores as Redfield College was re-labelled to help with Draws.

Junior Records are now up-to-date.

All Junior Representative Selections for Round 1 are now available on the Selections page, under the Northern Knights sub-menu.

Walter Wilson's Report and our first entrance to the Triforce Photo of the Month have been entered. These updates will be made on Tuesday each week.

#### **Publicity Report**

Nathan Tilbury is again working with Tom Richmond to ensure we have our great weekly coverage in the Advocate. Please ensure that all A Grade teams provide a contact to Nathan and Tom so that we can continue this endeavour.

We will be covered in the Wednesday issue of the North Shore Times for the A Grade match between Kissing Point and St Ives.

#### **Grounds Report**

Normanhurst and Greenway 2 pitch replacements and ground renovations have been slightly delayed due to rain – it is anticipated they will be available over the next week. Mark Rushton will follow up the supplier and let Steve Wilson know of the outcome.

Holland Road had a sprinkler issue, which flooded and cancelled a junior game. This issue has been brought up and resolved with The Hills Shire Council.

I attended the NSROC meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup>. A range of clubs and associations from a number of sports were in attendance and provided their input. The issues were too wide-ranging to cover in a report tonight but notes from the meeting will be uploaded to the Lane Cove Council website. A follow up meeting will be held this Thursday at 6.30pm at Lane Cove Council.

#### **Discussion following presentation of Executive Officer's report:**

- It was reported that there was damage to the Holland Road pitch at the southern end. Ben Gussey to report to The Hills Shire Council.
- All clubs were advised to get their players to take digital / mobile phone photographs of any pitch damage as these will assist with any discussions with the Councils.
- There have been some issues at Northolm Grammar which Ben Gussey will liaise with the school.

#### **President's Report:**

The Council meeting was advised that we still have some outstanding debtors from the Durham Shield team from last season.

**Mark Rushton moved a motion that the players involved be declared as unfinancial so they will be unable to play until such time as they have paid the outstanding fees. Motion seconded by Geoff Findlay.**

Following the motion being out to the meeting there was some discussion. Issues noted from the discussion:

- Are we comfortable that all appropriate due process has been followed in order to request payment of the fees?
- If the players are declared unfinancial will we need to inform the DCA.

After noting the comments and views put forward in the discussion a new motion was put to the Council. **The motion to issue a letter of demand to the players giving them 14 days to pay the outstanding fees otherwise they will not be able to play in the Associations competitions and will be listed as unfinancial. Motion moved by Nathan Tilbury, seconded by Geoff Hasler. Motion carried.**

Mark Rushton also advised Council that the Parks and Recreation Department at Hornsby Shire Council had contacted us advising that A Reserve Grade could not play on turf (only A Grade and Colts to play on turf). It was noted that our hiring agreement with HSC does not contain any clauses that allow HSC to impose this condition upon the Association.

It was agreed that Mark Rushton would write to HSC copying in all Councillors and General Manager appealing the imposition of the restriction.

#### **General Business:**

- David Lea advised the Council that the Annangrove Park committee are looking to install 2 practice nets. There will be some correspondence coming to the next meeting requesting some funding from the Association.
- Col Griffin advised that Kenthurst Upper Hills had hosted a match against an Indian touring team. The Indian team was of a very high quality.
- Correspondence from Mount Colah Issue regarding the consumption of alcohol by Galston-Glenorie at a T20 match against Mount Colah was tabled. **A motion was moved by Geoff Findlay to refer the matter to the D&D with all players being called as well as the Captain and if nominated the Vice-Captain. Motion seconded by David Lea.**

John Barker on behalf of the Galston-Glenorie club responded to the details in the correspondence and made the following points:

- In no way do Galston-Glenorie condone the consumption of alcohol at matches.
- This incident involved a new team who were unaware that alcohol should not be consumed. John has already spoken to the team regarding the issue to ensure that it never happens again.
- Also made the point that this is not an isolated incident in the Association and it is happening at a lot of matches.

**After discussion the motion was voted upon. There were 2 votes against the motion. Motion was carried.**

A D&D meeting is to be convened urgently by Ben Gussey. Aim is to have the meeting on Wednesday 29 September 2010.

- The Umpires branch is considering a new reporting format for code of behaviour breaches. A player's code of behaviour pro-forma is being developed by the Umpires branch and will be circulated to clubs for review and discussion at the next Council meeting.
- Josh Brown advised that an opinion published in The Advocate regarding the use of Storey Park was not the opinion of the ARL Cricket Club but rather the opinion of the ARL football club which is just one of the sub-clubs of ARL. Mark Rushton also advised he was waiting to be advised regarding a suitable time for him to organise photos to be taken of In2CRICKET players using Storey Park in the mornings to have more evidence of why it should not be converted to a synthetic wicket.
- Issue of a player rating for Galston-Glenorie was raised. The Senior Competition Committee has originally rated the player a P1. On appeal the Senior Competition Committee had proposed a revised rating of P2 but with a 30 run restriction. The matter is now being brought to Council on appeal.



A motion was put to the Council for an initial rating of P2 with no restriction for the first 3 rounds with a review at that time. Motion put **forward** by Nathan Tilbury seconded by Bob Dewstow. There were 6 votes in favour and 8 against. Motion was defeated.

A second motion was then moved to change the rating to P2 with a 50 run restriction. Motion moved by Geoff Findlay, seconded by Col Griffin. There were 13 votes in favour and 7 against. Motion carried.

**Meeting Closed:**

9.10 pm.

**Next HK&HDCA General Council Meeting: 7.30 pm on 18 October 2010 at Asquith Bowling Club**





**Action Items:**

<b>Action</b>	<b>By whom</b>	<b>Due</b>
Sub-committee for junior development to report to next Council meeting	Mark Rushton and Bruce Kimberley	Ongoing
Junior 12 <sup>th</sup> / 13 <sup>th</sup> man rule as it applies to finals	Bruce Kimberley	Ongoing
Club memberships to Asquith Bowling Club. Two per club. Advise Ben Gussey who will be receiving the membership	All	ASAP
Clubs to supply two contacts (phone, email and SMS details) to Steve Wilson and Geoff Hasler who should be contacted regarding the putting down of covers	All clubs with cover responsibilities	ASAP
Obtain affiliation request from TriForce regarding the Annangrove nomination for the Sunday One Day competition	Ben Gussey	ASAP
Review of T20 competition	Steve Wilson	After conclusion of comp
Issue invoice to Castle Hill RSL for \$200.00 fine for withdrawing team, D2, after the release of the draw.	David Toose	ASAP
Damage to Holland Road pitch. Report to The Hills Shire Council	Ben Gussey	ASAP
Confirmation when Greenway and Normanhurst will be available. Mark Rushton to advise Steve Wilson.	Mark Rushton	27/9/10
Issues at Northolm Gammer. Talk to school.	Ben Gussey	ASAP
Write to HSC appealing the notification that A2's cannot play on turf	Mark Rushton	ASAP
Convene D&D meeting	Ben Gussey	29/9/10
Players Code of Conduct for discussion	Umpires Association	18/10/10

**Signed:**

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

**Signed:**

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David Bennett  
Minutes Secretary  
HK&HDCA Inc.  
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