

**General Council Meeting
Monday 15 November 2010**

Meeting commenced: 7.35 pm

Attendees:

G Hasler, D Toose, D Bennett, S Arthur (ARL), S Wilson, B Gussey (Executive Officer), B Wood, M Burgin (Coaches Assn), D Clarke (Mt Colah), N Tilbury (Berowra), J Klingberg, (Kissing Point), G Findlay (Beecroft), C Riddett, J Barker (Galston-Glenorie), J Epthorp (Galston-Glenorie), S Sweeney (Kissing Point), J McQuillan (Umpires), S Moore, B McDonald (Life Member), B Hartland (Hornsby), S Burrows, C Johnson (Hornsby), P Reid (Berowra), D Steptoe (Berowra), D Kean (Berowra), W Fiedler (Berowra), J Sleeman (Berowra), K Jeffreys (Berowra), A Boyce (Berowra), M Kean (Berowra), T Neilson (Berowra), J Mitchell (WPHC), M Delgado (Castle Hill), D Marsh (Berowra), P Gilmour (Berowra) and N Weerasuriya (Sydney lions)

Apologies:

M Rushton, J Brown (ARL), W Jackson and M Jones. **Motion moved to accept apologies by Simon Moore. Seconded by Scott Burrows. Motion carried.**

Welcome:

Geoff Hasler welcomed all to the meeting.

Minutes of previous HK&HDCA General Council Meeting:

Motion: Bruce Wood moved that the minutes of 18 October 2010 be accepted, Seconded by Scott Burrows. Motion carried.

Business arising from previous HK&HDCA General Council Meeting:

- Northholm Grammar School – Quotations for the repair of the wicket have been obtained. Mark Rushton to organize work to be carried out.
- Northholm Grammar School – Geoff Hasler to negotiate with the school for an extension of tenure for either 5 of 10 years.
- Senior Competition Code of Conduct – Carried forward to next meeting.

Correspondence:

Outgoing

1. 27/10/10 - Ben Gussey to Galston-Glenorie; D&D finding
2. 27/10/10 - Ben Gussey to Bladerunners; D&D finding
3. 8/11/10 - Ben Gussey to Oliver Hing: Congratulations on Northern Districts performance
4. 15/11/10 - Ben Gussey to Hills Shire clubs: Volunteer night



Incoming

1. 25/10/10 – J Barker: Northolm Grammar pitch.
2. 10/11/10 –Volunteering Australia: International volunteering day December 5.
3. 15/11/10 – N Tilbury: Protest Berowra Colts vs Hornsby Colts.
4. 15/11/10 – J Barker: Incident report.
5. 15/11/10 – J Chenu: Appeal against D grade regrading.
6. 15/11/10 – R Anderson: Appeal against B2 and C1 regrading
7. 15/11/10 – S Burrows: Person report
8. 15/11/10 – S Wilson: person report

Note: Items 3 to 6 are dealt with in General business.

Financial correspondence

1. 15/11/10 – Ben Gussey to David Toose re internet & Asquith Bowling & Recreation Club booking fee (\$85)
2. Ben Gussey to David Toose re payments for weeks ending 24/10, 31/10, 7/11 and 14/11/10. (\$400, \$400, \$400 and \$600 respectively.

Treasurers Report:

The budget for the current season was presented by David Toose. No major changes to previous years. Fees to increase by 7% for all grades except U8's which will remain the same.

Motion to accept the budget as presented moved by David Toose. Seconded by Nathan Tilbury. Motion carried.

There was some discussion concerning the payment of invoices by the clubs. The due date under the constitution is actually 31 December but earlier payment would be preferred.

Motion that is fees are not paid by 31 December clubs will not accrue points after 31 December until fees are paid unless contact is made with the Association and an extension of time to pay is agreed. Motion moved by Geoff Findlay. Seconded by Nathan Tilbury. Motion carried.

It was agreed that Ben Gussey would issue a communication to all club secretaries and presidents within 7 days of the meeting to advise of the above and that the communication would include invoices. Communication would be by way of email and normal mail.

Invoices for approval for payment:

- Reimbursement to S Wilson for Storey Park pegs - \$36.
- Umpires payments - \$5543.
- Payment to Ben Gussey as per the items listed in the financial correspondence - \$1485.

Motion to approve payments moved by Barry McDonald, Seconded by Simon Arthur. Motion carried.



Seniors Report:

- **Steve Wilson moved that Normanhurst Warrawee be declared A grade champions in the inaugural T20 competition and that Berowra Maroon be declared champions in the Colts/C grade competition. Seconded by Cam Ridett. Motion carried.**
- A feedback sheet on the T20 competition is to be issued and the results presented at the next Council meeting. The T20 looks like it is here to stay.
- A number of team regradings had been made but it was disappointing to note the number of appeals submitted in respect of the changes.
- It was noted that we have had to revert back to having a complete grade allocated to Sunday matches.
- Penalties being applied for both round 3 and the Sunday competition were announced.
- Club championship points were also announced.

There was much discussion regarding the covers at The Glade. Security is an issue with the covers not having been put away securely recently. The core issue is the issue of keys to the sheds which Geoff Hasler will pursue.

Juniors Report: – No report

Coaches Association Report:

Following the success of HKHDCCA's coaching clinic in partnership with ND's in September 2010, two more clinics have been planned for the January 2011 school holidays, as follows:

- **Kenthurst Oval** – Wed. 12th, Thurs. 13th & Fri. 14th January 2011
- **Waitara Oval** – Mon. 17th, Tues. 18th & Wed. 19th January 2011

Both clinics will run from 9.00am to 12.30pm each day and accredited Level 1, 2 & 3 coaches will provide a comprehensive coaching program for boys & girls (6-14 years).

The success of these coaching clinics is dependent on the support of the HK&HDCA affiliated clubs, so please send the registration form when issued to each of your junior teams.

It would also be appreciated if the clubs could promote the Association's official coaching clinics by placing a note on their websites with the following link to the Registration Form:

http://www.hkhdca.com.au/files/2921/files/coaching/hk_nd_coaching_clinics_jan-11.pdf

The clinics are very affordably priced at **\$145** for 3 days, with payment by EFT or cheque.

Clubs receive a \$10 rebate for each member who attends one of our coaching clinics.

Enquiries – contact Bruce Wood: bruce.wood@hkhdca.com.au Ph. 0412 688 629.

Representative Report: – No report

Umpires Report:

The Captain's ticket course was completed last month at West Pennant Hills Sports Club and I am pleased to advise that everyone passed.

The umpire's course followed on for a further 2 weeks with 7 candidates sitting for the exam and 3 passing. Of those three, two are still active in cricket playing although one has been umpiring some representative games. The other new umpire is Andrew Greig who officiated in his first game in the Foster Shield (U10's) and I did the one-day game in the Colts at Berowra Oval on Saturday with Andrew. He looks very promising.

I am submitting for the Council's confirmation, umpiring fees to date totalling \$5,543 which cover 4 weeks of the senior competition plus the first 4 rounds of the junior rep and 2 senior reps games.

With the representative season well underway, I would ask that the Rep co-ordinator contact the Managers of the respective teams and request for the umpire's reports to be completed as soon as possible and forwarded to myself at the umpire secretary's email address.

Ben Gussey to check to see if representative umpires reports can be submitted via MyCricket.

Presidents Report: No report

Executive Officer's Report:

Website/MyCricket Report - Congratulations to Craig Henson for winning the September/October 2010 Triforce Photo of the Month and to everyone for their entries.

Grounds Report

- B2: Beecroft v St Ives at Thornleigh, moved to Hassell Park
- D: ARL v Normanhurst-Warrawee at Foxglove North, moved to Thornleigh.

We have also had inspections of Northholm Grammar and subject to approval, pitch repairs will be undertaken shortly.

Geoff Hasler advised of a situation recently that occurred at Turramurra where an A grade girls team played in the morning with no evidence of anyone wearing spikes and damage being caused. Although KSC had been requested to prepare 2 pitches only one had been prepared so we were forced to play on the same pitch. Whilst the pitch had played well it was not a situation that should be encountered. **Ben Gussey was requested to contact Council regarding the situation to request that girls should not be playing if 2 pitches have not been prepared.**

Ben Gussey was also requested to advise clubs of their responsibilities when playing on turf pitches when they were allocated to lower grades and umpires were not present.

D&D Report - A D&D was convened and the following findings were made;

- Wahroonga Blade Runners player suspended for two rounds for bringing the game in to disrepute.
- Galston-Glenorie player suspended for dissent.
- Galston-Glenorie player suspended until the end of 2010/11 season for racial vilification.

With another player to front the D&D this Wednesday, I must remind all players to start enjoying their cricket. We have had reports every round this season and the on-field behaviour appears to be declining, rather than improving.

Western Sydney Academy of Sport - Mr. Martin Bullock gave a presentation to clubs regarding WSAS and the pathways that it offers.

For those that are interested, Martin was the CEO of Wests Tigers and Western Suburbs Magpies. At this stage they are not working with cricket, as CricketNSW has the Emerging Blues academy program and has been 'unhelpful' in developing a program with WSAS.

Ground Lighting - Ground lighting was discussed but obviously has primary relevance to other sports. There are no plans to upgrade lighting, beyond what is scheduled for capital works (5 years waiting time). Clubs must engage organisations for grants or sponsorship if they wish to upgrade lighting. There are also discussions on how best to replace lightbulbs, as they are going out intermittently due to being installed years apart in some cases.

Hills Shire Grants - The Hills Shire offers grants to sports clubs between \$500-\$5000. The application is below;

<http://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/IgnitionSuite/uploads/docs/GRANT%20APPLICATION%20GUIDELINES%20AND%20FORM%202010-11%20-%20SPORT%20AND%20RECREATION.pdf>

This program will be re-opening in February/March.

HILLS SHIRE FORUM REPORT

Strategic Planning - The Hills Shire Council is planning a compulsory implementation of strategic planning for all sports clubs. This is particularly vital as it will have an impact on the following point (long term tenure of sports grounds). It is important for all our member clubs to undertake strategic planning for the future, but our Hills Shire clubs (Annangrove, Kenthurst Upper Hills, Galston-Glenorie, Castle Hill RSL) in particular will have to undertake this for Council requirements.

Hills Shire Council will be placing a basic template on their website to help clubs undertake this.

It is important that clubs address player numbers, future investment, use of sports grounds, possible upgrades etc. in their strategic planning in order to ensure tenure of grounds. Although incumbency will remain a consideration, the future use and need of grounds will play a vital role.

Long term tenure on Sports Grounds? - In line with the strategic planning, there are plans for The Hills Shire Council to offer long term tenure to individual sports clubs for each ground in their jurisdiction.

Hills Shire Council had a brainstorm session and allowed clubs to provide feedback on some questions they offered – the questions are in italics.

What is a reasonable term? - Some feedback was 3-5 years. Our group's feedback was a minimum of 5 years, possibly 10 (with ongoing review), as 3 years cannot really be considered long term and does not allow clubs or associations to invest in a grounds future.

Shared arrangements? - There will obviously have to be some shared arrangements as almost all grounds are used by different sporting groups in the summer and winter. However, it was the general consensus that there should be a primary tenant as they would have responsibility over amenities, storage, change rooms, clubhouse etc.

Criteria to determine allocation? - The consensus was that incumbency, past investment, future investment, player numbers and use should all be considered in determining allocation.

Who should be in charge of waste management? - Council should remain in charge of waste management, as club do not have the resources to do so.

My feedback - There are a few points to consider with Hills Shire's long term tenure agreements.

1) I believe we must ensure allocation of home grounds to clubs. Long term tenure agreements are being placed on clubs, not Associations. It is important that grounds like Annangrove, Holland Road etc are allocated specific clubs to ensure we gain long term tenure in applications. There is also the consideration of using the Northern Knights Cricket Club (Reps) for tenure on grounds (but this has the danger of putting increased pressure on the Rep Secretary or myself to maintain the ground, despite having little physical involvement with it).

2) The Hills Shire Council does not seem to intend this move in this manner, but I imagine this will place increased liability on individual clubs to spend money on maintaining grounds and ensuring they are up to scratch.

3) I believe the actual intention is increased ownership of amenities and less organisation work in season handovers each season. Some of the amenities we were shown were in very poor condition and there is currently little ownership of some grounds.

JLT Insurance Feedback

Redfield College: I must say I don't see any clubs filling this form out, us included. Further to that I don't see the black & whites doing it on Sundays either. As all know we are just moving the blame onto the volunteers as to why the boy or girl played & got injured. It is my belief that if it clearly stated that the information was not to be used against any party then you might see it being used more.

Kissing Point: On behalf of KPCC and Kieran, our president, we are in favour of JLT forms as a general rule. Our concern with council grounds is that the priority given to fixing up problems isn't always there-there are several practice net run-ups and pitches around, for example, with dangerous tripping hazards (concrete lip) and some grounds where boundary fences are dodgy (but that can be solved by bringing in the boundary with cones). If council fixed those problems asap when they were notified, clubs would be more comfortable with filling in the forms. Another example is council using a ground for kids' cricket and as a dog park (eg Westbrook), with health risks from faeces and injury risks from dog holes.

The other issue I guess most clubs are concerned about is what happens with litigation where these forms are involved-will the council's insurer or JLT argue that we assumed or took over liability for some of the risk by filling in the form, or will we be covered by identifying the risk and taking steps to guard against it?

Geoff Hasler commented that he hoped that we did not live to regret the position being adopted by clubs in respect of filling out the match day forms. Ongoing consultation will be undertaken with JLT to try and find out a compromise position. It is quite likely however that there will be a requirement that forms will be required at some point in the future. The executive will continue to pursue the matter and report back to Council

General Business:

1. Mount Colah appeal on regarding C3 to D grade.
2. St Ives appeal on regarding D to C3.

Appeals discussed. **Motion to uphold appeals moved by Geoff Findlay. Seconded by Nathan Tilbury. Motion carried.**

3. WPHC appeal against regarding of B2 to C1 and C1 to B2.

Appeal discussed. **Motion moved by Geoff Findlay to uphold appeal. It was noted that there was nothing to prevent WPHC from moving players on bulk between teams after regarding as no payer ratings had changed. Seconded by Nathan Tilbury. Motion carried.**

4. Protest Berowra Colts versus Hornsby Colts. A motion was moved to have B Hartland excluded from playing in the Colts competition but it was noted that the motion was not one to have his grading amended. It was noted that the Council may not have the authority to pass this motion unless the player grading was changed. After discussion there was no vote on the motion.

Motion moved by Nathan Tilbury to refer the issue of the player rating was referred to the Senior Competition Committee. Motion seconded and carried.

5. Incident report submitted by John Barker. Initial motion moved by John Barker, seconded by John Mitchell to refer the matter to D&D. After discussion the motion was not voted on.

Subsequent motion moved by David Toose that all parties to the incident be invited to submit written evidence in writing within 7 days to be considered by the Executive to determine what charges if any can be laid.



6. Person reports by Steve Wilson and Scott Burrows. There was significant discussion regarding the content of these reports which named Nathan Tilbury. The main issue was the perception of that Nathan was attacking the Senior Competition Committee and questioning their integrity. All parties were allowed to put their position. After much discussion Nathan offered an unreserved apology to both Steve and Scott and all members of the Senior Competition Committee for any perceived sleight on them. The apology was accepted by all. **Nathan is to be invited to the next Senior Competition Committee meeting to work through any issues.**
7. **Ben Gussey advised that the Durham Shield team had to forfeit last round. He was desperately seeking players for the next round on 28 November. All clubs are requested to try and find players who can play.**
8. Geoff Hasler advised that a further meeting had been held with Kooindah Waters regarding sponsorship and that an enhanced offer had been received and issues addressed. They are now going to provide an amount of \$7500 in direct sponsorship. The Executive will consider what uses these funds be put to and report back to Council for approval.

Meeting Closed: 9.45pm

Next Meeting: Monday 13th December 2010, 7 pm sharp.

Signed:

Signed:

**Geoff Hasler
Senior Vice-President
HK&HDCA Inc.**

**David Bennett
Minutes Secretary
HK&HDCA Inc.**

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Action Items:

Action	By whom	Due
Sub-committee for junior development to report to next Council meeting	Mark Rushton and Bruce Kimberley	Ongoing
Junior 12th / 13th man rule as it applies to finals	Bruce Kimberley	Ongoing
Senior Competition Code of Conduct	Umpires Association	13/12/10
Negotiate extension of tenure at Northholm	Geoff Hasler	13/12/10
Pitch repairs at Northholm	Mark Rushton	13/12/10
Notification to club of penalties to apply if fees not paid by 31 December	Ben Gussey	22/11/10
Issue of keys for The Glade and security of covers	Geoff Hasler	13/12/10
See if rep umpires reports can be submitted via MyCricket	Ben Gussey	29/11/10
Review of T20 competition	Steve Wilson	13/12/10
Use of Turramurra oval when 2 games allocated but only one pitch prepared. Talk to KSC	Ben Gussey	29/11/10
Advise clubs of responsibilities when playing on turf without an umpire	Ben Gussey	22/11/10
Players for Durham Shield requested	All clubs	22/11/10