

**General Council Meeting
Monday 28 March 2011**

Meeting Commenced: 7.55 pm

Attendees:

M Rushton, D Bennett, B Gussey (Executive Officer), B Wood, N Tilbury, M Griffin (Normanhurst-Warrawee), G Hasler, B McDonald (Life Member), J Barker (Galston-Glenorie), S Moore (Umpires), S Burrows, C Griffin, G Findlay (Beecroft), B Dewstow, J McQuillan (Umpires), S Arthur (ARL) and J Brown (ARL).

Apologies:

D Toose and J Epthorp.

Minutes of previous HK&HDCA General Council Meeting:

Motion that the Minutes of 21st March 2011 be accepted. Moved by John Barker. Seconded by Bob Dewstow. Motion carried.

Business Arising from previous HK&HDCA General Council Meeting:

- Sub-committee for junior development. **Issue is ongoing but some ideas about running an extra competition to get players back to the Association. Considering a competition maybe at the U18 level. Currently canvassing the U16 managers to get their feedback.**
- Negotiate extension of tenure at Northholm. **Correspondence has been issued but no response has yet been received. Additional correspondence requesting School Council feedback is to be sent by Geoff Hasler addressed to the Schools Business Manager.**
- Issue list of unregistered players to clubs for action. **Won't be resolved for this season but the Senior Competition Committee are working on a solution for next season.**
- Representative Shield debtors 2009/2010. Issue correspondence requesting payment. **This issue will now be dealt with at the end of the season.**
- Advice of fund raising activities to Ben Gussey and Mark Rushton. **Any clubs who have not responded need to do so quickly if they wish the information to be in the Annual report.**
- Collection of water bottles. **Will be completed next season.**
- Junior players being pulled from games to play with Northern District CC. **Mark Rushton is still to speak to Mike Langford**
- Covers at Waitara. Who is responsible for putting down? **Completed for finals.**
- Write to HSC regarding ground hire increases. **Completed**
- Premiership cap sizes to be sent to Ben Gussey immediately after finals concluded. **Needs to be done ASAP**

Correspondence:

Incoming

1. 27/3/11 – Hills Shire Council regarding the use of both Wrights Road No's 1 and 2 for next season on both Saturdays and Sundays.

Outgoing

1. 27/3/11: Mark Rushton to Hornsby Shire Council providing feedback on proposal to rename Waitara Oval.
2. 27/3/11: Mark Rushton to Hornsby Shire Council regarding proposed ground hire increases for next season.



Discussion on point 2 identified additional issues to be raised with Hornsby Shire Council regarding proposed increases. The issues identified were the amount of money the Association has put into new pitches, the money spent on ground maintenance such as providing covers for turf squares and the work in obtaining the grant for James Park.

Financial – None received

Treasurers Report: Presented by Mark Rushton in the absence of David Toose

Payments for approval:

1. \$12.00 – Telstra (Relates to virtual message bank). Some doubt as to whether this is still required. **Issue to be referred to Executive for consideration.**
2. \$650.00 – All Seasons trophies

Motion to approve payments listed. Moved by Geoff Findlay. Seconded by Col Griffin. Motion carried.

Representative Report:

No report but there is a need for Life Members or Executive Members to be at this week's trials. No members present were available. Mark Rushton to talk to Abbas Aly.

Juniors Report:

No report

Seniors Report: Presented by Geoff Hasler

1. Declaration of Premier teams:

A GRADE: (1) Asquith Rugby League - Six consecutive A Grade Premierships

A RESERVE GRADE: (2) Berowra

COLTS: (1) Berowra Maroon

B GRADE: (2) Berowra

B RESERVE GRADE: (4) St Ives

C GRADE: (1) WPH-C

C RESERVE GRADE: (1) WPH-C Red

C3 GRADE: (2) Normanhurst-Warrawee

D GRADE: (3) Kissing Point

D RESERVE GRADE: (1) Kissing Point

SUNDAY ONE DAY: (1) Berowra Soccer

SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Berowra Cricket Club

Thus I move that the abovementioned teams be formally confirmed as Premiers of their respective grades and that the Berowra Club be declared the holders of the Senior Club Championship. Motion seconded by Nathan Tilbury. Motion carried.

2. Senior Competition Committee

The SCC has been subjected to a great deal of criticism from certain quarters throughout the past season, however, this group, headed by Steve Wilson, assisted by Scott Burrows, Josh Brown, John Mitchell, John Klingberg and me, has worked diligently to provide the ten grades with a quality and equality of competition throughout the season.



A major revision of the Local Rules was undertaken during the off season and presented to the clubs for their acceptance and adoption. This was a major exercise and whilst further amendments should be discussed prior to next season, the project has proved to be worthwhile.

Player ratings have been the basis of many disagreements and this council has chosen, on numerous occasions to overturn decisions of the SCC and the whole process of player ratings needs further review and refinement prior to next season, although, the SCC would strongly suggest that the current ratings bases are in place.

My thanks to all of the gentlemen who gave very generously of their time over the past twelve months and I trust that they have enjoyed much of the experience.

3. Acknowledgement of the Umpires Association.

On behalf of the SCC, I would like to thank Simon Moore, in his role as Secretary of the HKHDCUA, for his work throughout the season in providing umpires for the Senior Competition matches, and his efforts in providing all grades with two umpires in the Finals MATCHES THIS PAST WEEKEND.

This doesn't happen by accident and it certainly takes a deal of time and commitment to achieve this outcome. I would extend our thanks to all the gentlemen who gave of their time to ensure that independent umpires were in place for these matches.

Additional comments following the presentation of the Report.

- Josh Brown expressed his thanks to Steve Wilson for all his efforts running the Senior Competition this year and in previous years.
- Geoff Findlay thanked the Senior Competition Committee for their efforts which were appreciated by all members of the Association.
- Bruce Wood stated that the production of the local rules in booklet form had been an excellent piece of work.
- Currently the covers at most turf grounds are wet following the last round. Geoff Hasler will inspect to identify any issues that need addressing. Col Griffin will attend to Kenthurst.
- Josh Brown queried whether the Association should recognise the good work done by Hornsby Shire groundsmen this year by giving them a gift voucher. Potentially \$50.00 subject to this being allowable under Council policy. It was decided that Mark Rushton would talk to HSC initially and then follow up this contact with a letter. Mark Rushton will also consider the situation for Ku-ring-gai Council.

Coaches Report: Presented by Bruce Wood

Bruce Wood (President HKHDCCA) provided a brief summary of the Coaches Associations' list of achievements in its first full season of operation. HKHDCCA was established in mid-2010 and is enhancing the ongoing professional development of our club and representative coaches through:

- formal accreditation;
- coaching opportunities at our Junior Clinics with NDCC; and
- establishing a pathway for impressive young coaches to become involved at junior representative level.

HKHDCCA conducted three coaching clinics in conjunction with NDCC during the school holidays in October 2010 and January 2011 at Waitara Oval and Kenthurst Park. The clinics were well attended, however, there is considerable scope for future expansion as more clubs get behind this excellent initiative.

Level 1 and 2 accredited coaches were engaged from HKHDCCA and NDCC and the feedback from the players (and parents) who attended the clinics was excellent.



HKHDCCA recruited Rod Hokin as Coaching Co-ordinator (Head Coach) at the Junior Coaching Clinics and was delighted to have Ross Turner as our active Patron.

The recent priority for HKHDCCA has been the co-ordination of the annual Ross Turner Cup and Glenn Hourigan Cup representative fixtures. These showcase matches were scheduled for Sunday, 20 March 2011, however were washed out. Bruce Wood has arranged for these important U/15 and U/13 challenge matches to be rescheduled to Sunday, 3 April 2011 at Kenthurst Oval and Les Shore 1 Oval respectively.

Umpires Report: Presented by Simon Moore

All Finals had 2 official Umpires for which I was grateful to a number of players who put their names forward for these important matches.

It was disappointing that I received a verbal report which I received second hand of a lower grade game where the Umpire was questioned about decisions and his qualifications to umpire. The Umpire in question is a young umpire with some experience doing junior reps and he does not wish to file a report however, my concern is similar to what happened in a lower grade Final last year when an Umpire was repeatedly questioned and that Umpire never returned to officiate this year. We cannot afford to lose young umpires in this way.

I am submitting for Council's approval, the umpire's fees totalling \$10,058.00.

Motion to approve the payments listed together with payments that will be incurred for the Ross Turner and Glen Hourigan Cups on 3 April 2011 moved by Simon Moore. Seconded by Geoff Findlay. Motion carried.

In all, I have made 209 appointments this season plus the NSWDCA have made 8 additional appointments from our Association.

President's Report: Presented by Mark Rushton

- It was noted that John Barker and his son had umpired together in one of the junior finals.
- ARL was congratulated on winning its 6th consecutive A Grade premiership.
- The President also congratulated the following clubs on winning premierships:
 - Berowra with 3 Senior premierships plus the Sunday competition & the Senior Club Championship.
 - WPH-C & Kissing Point with 2 Senior premierships each
 - Normanhurst-Warrawee and St Ives with 1 Senior premiership each.

It was noted that all trophies had been made available at all the Finals which allowed their presentation on the day. Bruce Wood thanked Mark Rushton who had personally delivered many of the trophies.

Simon Arthur raised the issue that the A Grade trophy was in need of restoration. It was agreed that Simon would obtain some quotes for the work and send them to Mark Rushton.

Executive Officer's Report:

- Currently working on the Annual Report.
- All cap sizes and designs for premiership teams need to be sent to Ben Gussey, copies to Mark Rushton, as soon as possible.
- From Wednesday, I will be unavailable for two weeks. Please CC all urgent emails to Mark Rushton.
- Any photographs in relation to the junior and representative season which may be used in the report need to be emailed to Mark Rushton / Ben Gussey no later than one week prior to the Presentation night. The Presentation night is on 6 May 2011.



- Umpires Finals reports to be included in the Annual Report need to be submitted to Mark Rushton / Ben Gussey as soon as possible.



General Business:

- It was advised that Peter Wright will be at Kenthurst for the Ross Turner Cup to provide both groundsman support as well as opening the canteen.
- Col Griffin advised the meeting that Peter and Brenda Wright have been working at Kenthurst for 25 years and that the Kenthurst-Upper Hills club was doing something special to mark the occasion. **Mark Rushton will issue a letter from the Association thanking them for their efforts over the years.**
- There had been sprinkler issue at The Glade during the finals but that had been dealt with by the teams on the day.
- Matt Kean who is a member of the Berowra club had been successful in being elected to the State parliament on Saturday. **Nathan Tilbury will supply an address to Mark Rushton so he can issue a congratulatory letter from the Association.**

Meeting Closed: 9.00pm

Next Meeting: TBA

AGM: 25th July 2011. Venue to be confirmed.

Signed:

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**Mark Rushton
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
Negotiate extension of tenure at Northolm. Correspondence has been issued and we are awaiting a response. Issue follow up to school business manager	Geoff Hasler	Ongoing
Process for identifying unregistered players so appropriate action can be taken	SCC	Rule change for next season.
Representative Shield debtors 2009/2010. Issue correspondence requesting payment	Ben Gussey	End of season task
Advice of fund raising activities to Ben Gussey and Mark Rushton	All clubs	ASAP
Collection of water bottles. Balance of bottles will be collected next season.	All	Next season
Junior players being pulled from games to play with Northern Districts. Speak to Mike Langford	Mark Rushton	Ongoing
Premiership cap sizes to be sent to Ben Gussey immediately after finals concluded. Copy any correspondence to Mark Rushton	Premiership teams	ASAP
Maintenance of covers. Identify any issues	Geoff Hasler Col Griffin for Kenthurst	ASAP
Talk to Hornsby Shire Council regarding thanking groundsmen for their efforts this year.	Mark Rushton	ASAP
Restoration of A grade trophy. Obtain quotes and send to Mark Rushton	Simon Arthur	28/4/2011
Issue letter to Peter and Brenda Wright thanking for their efforts for the Association over 25 years	Mark Rushton	ASAP
Issue congratulatory letter to Matt Kean on his election to State Parliament	Mark Rushton	ASAP