

**General Council Meeting**  
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011**

**Meeting commenced:** 7.35 pm

**Attendees:** Ben Gussey (Executive Officer), Nathan Tilbury, Geoff Hasler, Bruce Wood, Bruce Kimberley, Abbas Aly (all Executive), Gavin Winfield & Bill White (St Ives), Bruce Parker & Brian Gibson (both Mt Colah), Mick Vincent (Berowra), Simon Arthur & Josh Brown (both ARL), Marco Delgado & Barry McDonald (both WPHC), Geoff Findlay (Beecroft), John Barker & Justin Epthorp (both Galston-Glenorie), Col Griffin (Kenthurst Upper Hills), John Patten (Hornsby Dist.), Tim Gastineau-Hills & Sean Sweeny (both Kissing Point), Nishantha Weerasooriya (Sydney Lions Sports Club).

**Apologies:** David Toose & Carolyn Ball.

**Welcome:** Nathan Tilbury welcomed all Life Members, Club Presidents, new & old club Delegates.

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

John Barker moved that the minutes of 28 March 2011 be taken as read and accepted, seconded by Bill White. Motion carried.

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

- Bruce stated that the sub-committee for Junior Development has come up with new concepts that are covered in the Junior Cricket report.
- Geoff Hasler to re-contact Northholm Grammar regarding tenure extension.
- The new Senior Competition Committee will plan the new process for identifying unregistered players. Suggestions were made that the opposition captain to identify that all players are bona-fide following the match. Also identified an issue that we need one contact email – raised by Josh Brown. Geoff Findlay raised the point that there could not be a quorum at the Council meeting, and an SGM needed to be held to make any changes. Josh Brown asked if the rules had been removed from the constitution. Geoff stated that they had but the constitution still requires a quorum for changes.
- Ben Gussey stated that all water bottles had been collected.
- Gift vouchers were sent to 6 groundsmen, each worth \$50 as a thank you for their services, as per recommendation from previous Council meeting.
- A Grade trophy restoration. Simon Arthur has a quote for restoration, which was sent to Mark Rushton. The Executive will discuss the quote and other options.
- Nathan Tilbury stated that he had sent an invitation for Patronage to Matt Kean, who had accepted.

**Correspondence**

1-08-11: Geoff Findlay to Ben Gussey: Ball order payment cheque (\$790.80)

1-08--11: Leigh Drummond to Ben Gussey: Request for residual grant funds to Blow Fly Cricket

29-07-11: Ben Gussey to NSWDC: Affiliation and Contacts

29-07-11: Ben Gussey to CricketNSW: Contacts

29-07-11: Ben Gussey to HK&HDCA: Executive Officer Payment (\$3790.50); Internet services, weekly payments, Asquith Bowling & Recreation Hire, Classic Fruit Hamper inclusive.



23-07-11: Mark Rushton to Full Point Graphics: Annual Report Invoice (\$4,284.50)  
15-07-11: Mark Rushton to Barker College: Outstanding Invoice  
29-06-11: Mark Rushton to Guy Thomas: Mimosa Ground Matchday Checklist  
29-06-11: Mark Rushton to Eric Myatt: HSC Turf Ground issue  
21-06-11: Mark Rushton to Eric Myatt: Foster Shield Submission  
15-06-11: Mark Rushton to HK&HDCA: Mobility Allowance - Reference: 208 574 086K  
15-06-11: Mark Rushton to HK&HDCA: Glenn Hourigan Fundraising Deposited (\$163.50)  
15-06-11: Mark Rushton to HK&HDCA: Gift Cards for LGA (\$311.70)  
15-06-11: ABHS to HK&HDCA : Hire Receipt

Affiliations received: Asquith RL, Beecroft, Berowra, Blade Runners, Blowfly Cricket, Castle Hill RSL, Galston-Glenorie, HKHDCCA, Hornsby District, Kenthurst Upper Hills, Kissing Point, Ku-ring-gai District, Mount Colah, Pennant Hills, St Ives, Sydney Lions Sports Club, West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook.

Motion to approve the delay of Thornleigh affiliation due to exceptional circumstances was moved by Col Griffin, seconded by Geoff Hasler. Motion carried.

A motion to accept all other affiliations received as at 1 August 2011 was moved by Col Griffin and seconded by Geoff Hasler. Motion carried.

At 8.05pm the meeting was adjourned for the Executive to consider affiliations received.

**On resumption at 8.20pm of the meeting the Executive confirmed acceptance of the affiliations received with the provision that new club Ku-ring-gai District CC pay \$1500 by the end of August due to their status as a new club.**

Abbas Aly pointed out to clubs that the ball order form from Triforce Sports did include GST, as opposed to the form stating the the prices did not include GST.

**Treasurers Report:** No report due to absence of a Treasurer.

**Juniors Report:** Bruce Kimberley went over details of some newly proposed Junior competitions & Junior competition rule changes.

#### **Representative Report**

The 2011/12 season has already commenced with all junior representative teams except the Under 10's Foster Shield team being selected and in training. The Under 10 Development sessions run by the Coaches Association have also been a great success and bode well for the upcoming representative season.

**Seniors Report:** No report

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

Geoff Hasler read report

Barry McDonald stated that the first date of the two week period was taken by WPH-C. Is there an issue with clubs that do not undertake training? Bruce Kimberley said he would be flexible and continue to encourage people to participate.

Barry stated that the most common complaint was for incorrect decisions. The aim for the course was to educate umpires on the proper rules and etiquette to counter the issue.

Nathan asked if people can attend other clubs nights if they cannot attend their own meeting. Barry said this is not an issue and all dates and locations would soon be published.



**Executive Officer Report (Ben Gussey):**

**Website / MyCricket**

The website has undertaken some cosmetic changes for the upcoming season. Please note the link to the cover, grounds and updated ratings sheets. It would be ideal to bookmark that page, as it will be updated regularly. All feedback is appreciated.

Additionally, for those so inclined, we now have twitter and facebook pages. They are respectively [twitter.com/hkhdca](https://twitter.com/hkhdca) and [facebook.com/hkhdca](https://facebook.com/hkhdca). We will update these with meeting information, wet weather updates and any other appropriate information.

**Ground Report**

All three council allocations have been completed. We have secured additional grounds, in Wrights Road 1 and 2 and Carrington oval. As most would be aware, we will incur significant fee increases on Hornsby turf grounds this season, which is necessary to maintain our tenure. Hornsby Council will make a decision on the future of turf grounds in the region in late August. I recommend visiting the links on the website to find out more about Hornsby Council Turf Grounds, as well as the issues at The Glade.

**Annual Reports**

The annual report will be sent out to Life Members, patrons (new patron Matt Kean), local councils, schools and affiliated bodies over the next week. I will email all clubs with remaining annual report numbers and they will be allocated as necessary.

**Ball Orders**

For those intending to order through Triforce Sports, please email me so that we can get an approximate number. I will distribute order forms shortly. Please note that Triforce has agreed to keep our prices to the same as last season, on top of a \$1 rebate for each ball from Triforce Sports, which is on top of the Kookaburra rebate. This represents a significant saving for clubs. I will send out the order form in the next two days, form will be due 19/8/2011 for delivery by 5/9/2011.

**Newsletter**

We are releasing a pre-season edition of the Newsletter. Any stories over the winter or developments for the upcoming season should be forwarded on for inclusion.

**Sponsors News**

Triforce Sport are having a sale. Information is available underneath the banner of the website. Photos have been uploaded in the link underneath Kooindah Waters with some great photos of the facilities.

**President's Report (Nathan Tilbury):**

I have been very heartened from the strong interest in the vacant Executive positions as well as other committees most if not all will be filled later tonight. The interest that was created over the past week & it is particularly pleasing to see the support so widespread amongst the clubs.

I am very much looking forward to making the transition from "club land" and with the new Executive, getting stuck into this season.

I see the Association's main focus for 2011/12 being;

- Promoting HKI&HDCA cricket at all levels
- Supporting our existing clubs
- Promoting possible new clubs
- Protecting the grounds we currently have use of
- Looking at the possibility of access to new grounds

This focus will help us not only attracting new players & hopefully new clubs but also retain our current players & clubs.

The Executive will also be working closely with our “cricket partners” including;

- Our 2011/12 sponsors
- Northern Districts Grade Club
- The 3 Councils we deal with
- Cricket NSW

I know of lots happening amongst our clubs in preparation for the 2011/12 season.

- New clubs
- New Milo Centres
- New sponsors

Please feed through this information back to Ben & he can put it in the preseason newsletter along with the many things happening at the HK&HDCA in preparation for 2011/12.

Contact for the Association;

When Geoff Hasler & I did the Executive Officer appraisal late last season one of the clear problems that Ben had, that we hadn't considered, was the huge number of phone calls & emails he would receive constantly. The Executive cannot be expected to adequately deal with everything from everybody & this is not what the Executive Officer is paid to do.

As such this season it will be our recommendation only two contacts from each club will be able to contact Ben.

Also the for the senior competition committee the [ratings@hkhdca.com.au](mailto:ratings@hkhdca.com.au) email will be active. It will be recommended to Brian & his team that ratings or dispensation requested information by clubs not be accepted by any other email. I know from personal experience that many ratings requested in similar information was simply lost because of the variety of email options that were utilized.

Details of the contact information & policies for the different areas of the Association, who can use them & other contact information will be decided before the next Council meeting & advised.

This will clean up our communication making things much more efficient whilst being still very accessible.

If your club needs any preseason support or assistance from the Association with anything please let me know. I am happy to take correspondence directly from club Presidents, Secretaries & club delegates. I have inherited the [president@hkhdca.com.au](mailto:president@hkhdca.com.au) email address.

I will also add some additional information on grounds and publicity to my future reports to the HK&HDCA Council.

### **Election of Council members to the Executive & Executive Vacancies:**

#### **Executive Vacancies**

Honorary Treasurer; Mike Griffin nominated by Nathan Tilbury, seconded Geoff Hasler. Motion carried.

Vice-President Junior; Barry McDonald nominated by Bruce Wood, seconded by Col Griffin. Motion carried.

Honorary Senior Organising Secretary; Brian Gibson nominated by Bruce Kimberley, seconded by Barry McDonald. Motion carried.

Senior Vice-President; Geoff Hasler nominated by Nathan Tilbury, seconded by Barry McDonald. Motion carried.

Minutes Secretary; casual vacancy.

Umpires' Secretary; casual vacancy, to be filled after Umpires AGM to be held Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August.



#### **Election of Councillors**

Col Griffin nominated by Bruce Kimberley, seconded by Josh Brown.  
John Barker nominated by Barry McDonald, seconded by Col Griffin.  
Bill White nominated by Gavin Wingifeld, seconded by Nathan Tilbury.  
Scott Burrows nominated by John Patten, seconded by Simon Arthur.  
Four councillors declared elected by Nathan Tilbury.

#### **Election of delegates to other associations:**

NSWDCA; Nathan Tilbury nominated by Geoff Hasler, Bruce Parker nominated by Abbas Aly, seconded by Bruce Kimberley. Motion Carried.  
Presidents Cup delegates; Nathan Tilbury nominated by Geoff Hasler, Bruce Parker nominated by Abbas Aly, seconded by Bruce Kimberley. Motion Carried.  
NMCC; Geoff Hasler and Nathan Tilbury nominated by each other; seconded by Bruce Kimberley.

**Motion proposed by Geoff Hasler that the D&D be formed from nominated club presidents, seconded by Bruce Kimberley. Motion carried.**

**A motion was moved by Geoff Hasler for Geoff Findlay to act as chairmen of the D&D, seconded by Bruce Kimberley. Motion carried.**

#### **Senior Competition Committee**

Greg Fiedler – Berowra CC

Roger Friend – WPHCCC

Col Griffin – Kenthurst CC

John Klingberg Sr – Kissing Point CC

All of the above have expressed interest in the 2011/12 SCC. Decision to be made by the Executive at their meeting immediately following this Council meeting.

#### **General Business**

Barry McDonald stated that the reference by Alfred James OAM in the Annual Report about the head of the largest club at the time (implied to be President of WPH-C in 1999 – Barry McDonald) vetoed the idea of a Junior Sunday competition. Barry stated that he had no part in that and was not aware of why St Ives Junior CC left until two days ago when he read the report. He wished it to be noted in the minutes of this meeting did not occur. Bruce Wood and Bruce Kimberley agreed that Barry was not involved in the matter.

Col Griffin asked about the progress with regards to issues at the Glade and Hornsby Turf grounds.

Geoff Hasler stated that master plans are in the process of being created and will be available in December. A costing has not been created yet and there are no other sites being considered. There are a number of issues being considered, as it is not necessary available. Construction would not start until April 2014, if at all.

Nathan Tilbury discussed the matter of Hornsby Council turf grounds and stated that a decision was delayed until 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011, when a Working meeting will be held. Nathan is concerned about the way the issue is being presented, with a \$700,000 costing attributed to cricket's use of grounds. It is strongly suspected the funds used to repair grounds from high impact winter sports is being put against cricket's name.

Geoff Hasler stated that team and player registrations were due for senior cricket by the next Council meeting.

Next Council meeting: Asquith Bowling and Recreation Club, 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2011.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

**HORNSBY  
KU-RING-GAI  
& HILLS DISTRICT  
CRICKET ASSOCIATION**



**Signed:**

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Nathan Tilbury

President

HK&HDCA Inc.

Date: ...../...../ 2011

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Ben Gussey

Acting Minutes Secretary

HK&HDCA Inc.

Date: ...../...../ 2011