

General Council Meeting
Monday 22nd August 2011

Meeting commenced: 7.40 pm

Attendees: Ben Gussey (Executive Officer), Nathan Tilbury, Geoff Hasler, Bruce Wood, Bruce Kimberley, (all Executive), Bill White (St Ives), Brian Gibson (Mt Colah), Josh Brown (ARL), Barry McDonald (WPHC), Geoff Findlay & Mitch Burger (both Beecroft), John Barker & Justin Epthorp (both Galston-Glenorie), Col Griffin (Kenthurst Upper Hills), John Patten (Hornsby Dist.), Tim Gastineau-Hills, John Klingberg & Sean Sweeny (all three Kissing Point), Nishantha Weerasooriya (Sydney Lions Sports Club), Phillip Reid (BCC), Stephen Leggott (PH Jrs), Steve Rapley (NW), Scott Burrows (HH), Michael Burgin (CH), Steve Wilson (Ump. Sec), Alf James (Life Memb), John McQuillan (Ump. Deleg.), Carolyn Ball (Thornleigh).

Apologies: Abbas Aly, Mike Griffin.

Welcome: Nathan Tilbury welcomed all attendees.

Minutes of previous HK&HDCA General Council Meeting:

- Geoff Findlay stated that the following point from the previous minutes needed to be corrected to read:
 - Geoff Findlay raised the point that there could not be a quorum at the Senior Competition meeting and an SGM needed to be held to ratify any changes.
- 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.
- 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.

Bruce Kimberley moved that the minutes of 1 August 2011 be taken as read and accepted, seconded by Geoff Findlay. PASSED.

Actions arising from HK&HDCA General Council Meeting (22nd August):

Ref	Action / Update	Owner	Due	Status
1	22/8 – Follow up the President’s meeting minutes.	Ben Gussey	5/9	Open
2	22/8 – Call an SGM for amendments and notice of motions from previous meetings.	Ben Gussey	5/9	Open
3	22/8 – Investigate contractors and obtain a quote for the Cherrybrook P.S. pitch and nets safety issue rectification.	Barry McDonald	5/9	Open
4	22/8 – Follow up the issue regarding hiring of the grounds for the Junior mid week 20/20 games.	Ben Gussey	5/9	Open
5	22/8 – Send email to Clubs requesting volunteers for various roles at the Triforce HK&HDCA Cup 2011/12.	Ben Gussey	5/9	Open
6	22/8 – Send an email to Clubs requesting two contacts only (President and Secretary) or alternatives for communication with the Association.	Ben Gussey	5/9	Open
7	22/8 – Send an email to Clubs requesting them to take photos of grounds in disrepair, etc., date stamped, for future discussions with Councils.	Ben Gussey	5/9	Open
8	22/8 – Send Ben Gussey an email detailing issues around Fred Catterson 2 & 4 being unavailable for 2 to 3 weeks.	Michael Burger	5/9	Open



9	22/8 – Send an email to Clubs to check the covers at various grounds.	Ben Gussey	5/9	Open
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Business arising from previous HK&HDCA General Council Meeting:

- Geoff Hasler stated that he was awaiting a response from Northholm Grammar regarding tenure extension.
- Geoff Hasler advised that the Umpires Association AGM had been held. Steve Wilson was nominated as the Umpires Organising Secretary. Geoff Hasler moved that Steve's position be approved, seconded by Col Griffin. PASSED.
- Geoff Hasler advised that the new Senior Competition Rules were in place and needed to be ratified at a SGM. Geoff Findlay advised that three (3) weeks notice would need to be given to Clubs for this SGM.
- Geoff Hasler advised that there was an amendment to be made to the Constitution Section 39 by deleting the current 39.1, and replacing with a new 39.1: "Any changes to Senior Competition Playing Rules must be decided by a simple majority vote at a meeting convened by the Afternoon Committee (Senior Competition Committee) at which two delegates from each Senior Club are invited to attend a specially convened meeting to consider such changes. A quorum at any such meeting will consist of twelve persons entitled under this clause to vote".

Correspondence

9-August-2011 : Matt Kean MP to HK&HDCA; Patron acceptance.
 9-August-2011 ; Denise Annetts to HK&HDCA; Patron Acceptance.
 9-August-2011 : Mayor Nick Berman to HK&HDCA; Patron acceptance.
 17-August-2011 : Mike Burgin to HK&HDCA; Castle Hill RSL Shirt Design for approval.
 17-August-2011: John Hayne to HK&HDCA; Patron acceptance.
 19-August-2011: Invoices ; Ben Gussey to HK&HDCA; Weeks ending (7-August-2011, 14-August-2011, 21-August-2011): \$1200.
 Ball orders; (Castle Hill RSL, Asquith Rugby League).

Treasurers Report: No report due to absence of Mike Griffin.

- Report will be sent to Annexe.
- Change over of Treasurer is now complete.
- New signatories now in place.

Juniors Report: Bruce Kimberley went over details below:

- The first match (Traditional) is a 1-Dayer and begins on the 10th September 2011.
- We are now offering more competitions for the different player situation.

Saturday Morning Competition (Traditional)

- Final Team numbers/entrance requests by 1/9/11.
- 10 matches plus (semi & Final or Kimbo Cup).
- A mixture of (mainly) 2-day matches and the odd 1-day (32/32 over) match.
- Structured so that everyone gets to participate and demonstrate their individual talents.
- Maximum overs to be bowled in a match per player is now limited to their maximum allowable in the 1st innings plus 2.

Saturday 1-Day Competition (Participation)

- Final Team numbers/entrance requests by 1/9/11.
- To be played in the morning, or, afternoon if grounds are unavailable.
- For those not wanting to be too competitive.
- No Representative players allowed.
- Format to be determined by the managing committee (Separate statistics and records).

Sunday 30/30

- Final Team numbers/entrance requests by 1/9/11.
- 10 - One day matches of approximately 4 hours duration.
- 2 Age groupings at this stage – u/18's – u/15's & u/14's – u/11's.
- Designed to challenge the better younger players and prepare them for higher level cricket.....grade, representative or seniors.
- Anticipated 11am or 12noon start unless 2 matches need to be played on the ground (Separate statistics and records).

January 20/20

- 4 – 20/20 matches; One day matches of approximately 3 hours duration.
- Anticipated 3 games per ground per day.
- Time to give the parents a break from the kids???
- To be played during school holidays mid-week (Separate statistics and records).
- Final Team numbers/entrance requests by 3rd December.

Barry McDonald raised the safety issue regarding Cherrybrook Public School pitch and nets.

- Safety issue – pitch break-up.
- Supportive Principal at school.

Josh Brown raised concerns over the Association bearing the cost of rectifying the safety issue above.

- It was agreed to look at options for sharing costs, i.e., Cricket NSW, Dept of Education, etc.

Col Griffin raised a concern regarding hiring of the grounds for the mid week 20/20.

Seniors Report: Brian Gibson

Brian thanked both Geoff Hasler and Steve Wilson for a smooth handover of the Committee items.

Triforce HK&HDCA Cup 2011/12



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Senior Competition Committee (SCC)

- Brian Gibson – Chairman (Mount Colah CC).
- Raja Mohan (Normanhurst-Warrawee CC).
- Greg Fiedler (Berowra CC).
- Roger Friend (West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook CC).
- John Klingberg (Kissing Point CC).
- Col Griffin (Kenthurst CC).



Grade and Player Nominations

- Received about 1,000 players.
- Received 204 new players or players requiring dispensations.

Season Launch – Sunday 4th September: TRIFORCE HK&HDCA CUP 2011/12

- Clubs eligible this season:
 - Berowra.
 - ARL.
 - Kissing Point.
 - Normanhurst-Warrawee.
- We will be needing some volunteers.

Twenty20 Competition

- Round 1 & 2 Dates: Saturday 10th and 17th September.
- Semi Finals will be on the Sunday of Week 4
(Day 2 of Round 1 of the regular season) – Sunday 9th October.
- Grand Finals will be on the Sunday of Week 5
(Day 1 of Round 2 of the regular season) – Sunday 16th October.
- Team Nominations.

Question from the floor – How are ratings for the T20's managed – answer was that this was the same as for the normal season.

Regular Season

- Day 1 of Round 1 is the weekend starting the 24th September.
- Semi Finals 11 & 18th March.
- Grand Finals on weekend of the 25th/26th March.

Sunday One-Day Competition

- Starts 15th October.
- Need final nominations by Friday 30th September.
- We need numbers. 8 teams last year (this year Asquith x 2, Berowra x 3-4).

New Senior Rules Booklet will be available in a few weeks.

- To be distributed after ratification of new rules.

Representative Report

No report due to absence of Abbas Aly.

HKHDCUA (Umpires) Report: Steve Wilson

- AGM held 3rd August.
- New Executive positions agreed:
 - Patrons - Darren Goodger (NSW); Barry McDonald and John McQuillan.
 - President - Geoff Hasler.
 - Vice President - Bruce Wood.
 - Secretary - Steve Wilson.
 - Assistant Secretary - Scott Burrows.
 - Treasurer - Tim Davidson.
 - HKHDCA Delegates - Col Griffin and John McQuillan.



- Training Co-ordinator - Barry McDonald.
- Newsletter to be distributed shortly.
- Captain's Certificate to be held 10th and 17th Oct.
 - Nominations to be sent ASAP.
- All players must renew their Captain's certificate every 5 years.
 - The 5 year commencement date is 2000/01.
 - Therefore, any Captain's certificate that is 2006/07 or before needs to recertify.
 - Exams to be held 10th and 17th Oct, or electronically.
 - Dispensation will be allowed for current Captains who need to recertify.

Motion: All players must renew their Captain's certificate every five (5) years, with any certificate gained in 2006/07 or before needing to be recertified.

Steve Wilson moved to accept the above motion, seconded by Bruce Kimberley. PASSED.

Note: this motion will need to be included and ratified at the proposed SGM.

Bruce Kimberley requested that the Junior rules need to be read by Captains and Umpires.

Coaches Association Report: Bruce Wood

- HK&HDCA U/10 Development Program –
 - Bruce Wood thanked the clubs for their support of this off-season program, as 212 boys had attended the 4 sessions to date.
 - One final coaching session remains on Sunday, 4 September prior to the Foster Shield trials on 11 & 18 September 2011.
 - The Coaches' Association has received excellent feedback on the way this program has been conducted and implemented.
- Cricket clinics - September / October school holidays –
 - HKHDCCA in partnership with ND's will be conducting two more cricket clinics, as follows:
 - Kenthurst Park – Wed. 28th, Thurs. 29th & Fri. 30th September 2011.
 - James Park, Hornsby – Wed. 5th, Thurs. 6th & Fri. 7th October 2011.
 - Both clinics will run from 9.00am to 12.30pm each day and Level 1, 2 & 3 accredited coaches led by Rod Hokin (Head Coach) and Bruce Wood (Co-ordinator) will provide a comprehensive coaching program for boys & girls (6-14 years).
 - The coaching clinics cater for players of all standards, from beginners to representative standard players.
- The Flyer / Registration Form was distributed at the Council meeting and can be downloaded from the HK&HDCA website.
 - Clubs are requested to advertise these cricket clinics on their websites and email the form to all their junior teams / players (U/14 and below).

President's Report (Nathan Tilbury):

We now have a full Executive in place. The roles have been spread across many clubs, with many new faces, ideas, as well as the old heads to ensure solid continuity. The new Executive have already met twice and some interesting new items arising.

Senior Representative Teams

- The Executive are giving some early focus on the Senior Representative teams in:
 - Durham Shield – U/19.
 - Telegraph Shield – U/23.



- Martin Shield – Open Age.
- Reps co-ordinator is Justin Epthorp.
- I would ask that the club representatives here tonight to go back to your clubs to search the playing ranks for any interested players.
- Where we have been caught out in the past 2 or 3 seasons is we have just nominated teams blindly. This season we want to ensure we have the playing numbers & strength coupled with appropriate management before nomination. This will save us headaches down the track. Any interested players or potential managers can contact Ben or myself directly.

New Clubs

- I know there has been a lot happening amongst our clubs in preparation for the 2011/12 season. This includes new clubs:
 - Ku-ring-gai District (A2 & B1 senior nominations).
 - North Shore CC (D1 & possibly D2 nominations) around since 2004/05 (7 seasons).
 - A new Milo centre to be run by the St Ives club under a Wahroonga name.

HK&HDCA Contact

- To simplify contact between our clubs & the Association we request that all communication from clubs to the Association come through the Club Secretary or Club President.
- Should you wish for an alternative person to be your club contact please advise Ben of the details.
- However we would like to limit this to just two people per club. This will ensure that all correspondence is responded to both promptly & efficiently, whilst being still very accessible through the correct channels.

Grounds

- It is fair to say that the greater majority of sports grounds in the district are in an appalling state after the wet winter we have had.
- Ben will be sending out a request to clubs requesting them to take photos of specific grounds in their area & send back to us. These will be filed & referred to in future conversations with Council.
- Michael Burger advised that Fred Caterson 2 & 4 could be out for 2 to 3 weeks.

Hornsby Turf Grounds

- The Northern Metropolitan Cricket Council met with last Thursday evening regarding turf grounds in the Shire.
- The staff are putting a recommendation to Councillors for consideration at the Workshop Meeting (involving staff, Councillors & the cricketers) on Wednesday 31st August.
- Once the turf pitch situation is sorted, I intend to put pressure on HSC on new astro grounds (juniors & seniors) in the Shire for which we have not had any for 20 plus years.

Geoff Hasler update:

- The Glade update – Independent consultant to provide a report on cost and the physical capability of having a track here. Expected to be about 3 weeks.
- Kuruah update – walking track now surrounds the ground, which reduces the size by about 3 to 5 metres.

HK&HDCA Sponsors

- Kooindah Waters (Executive members going up to visit the location).
- Triforce (funding prize money for the season launch).



- Kookaburra (continued ball rebates).
- Ben & the Executive are working on a possible new sponsor which would involve a new Council & Executive meeting location.
- HK&HDCA generated sponsor funding consideration includes:
 - Coaches Association (equipment & promotion).
 - Restoring of Junior & Senior trophies starting with the A grade trophy (will be asking for them back a little early this season).
 - Season launch umpires, ground hire, etc.

Josh Brown raised concerns over the priority of repairs to various trophies, stating that they should prioritise historical trophies rather than newer ones.

It was also stated that sponsorship monies would be distributed via an Executive proposal, with the Council approving the proposal.

Executive Officer Report (Ben Gussey):

Ground Report

- Reiterated about sending through photos with ground repair requests.

Ball Orders / Scorebooks

- These orders close today.
- Any future orders will not be committed to be delivered prior to season commencement.

Newsletter

- Pre-season newsletter will be released this week.
- Input for the newsletter will close 23rd Aug.

General Business

- Castle Hill shirt design and sponsors logo.
 - Note: shirt design itself does not change.
 - Three locations and sizes.

Col Griffin moved to approve the new designs, seconded by John Barker. PASSED.

Note: Bruce Kimberley was against this motion due to the size of the sponsorship logos.

- Correspondence item: the approval of Executive Officer invoice payment.

John Barker moved to pay the Executive Officer invoice, seconded by Bruce Wood. PASSED.

- Alf James raised the representative's game qualifications for both Juniors and Seniors.
 - Bruce Wood advised that Foster Shield U/10 trials would be 11th & 18th Sept.
 - Registrations would be required at James Park in the AM.
- Josh Brown raised the issue of checking covers.
 - Parkland – ARL.
 - The Glade & Turramurra – Geoff Hasler.
 - Kenthurst – Col Griffin.
 - Berowra – Phil Reid.
- Geoff Hasler raised the bookings for the programme being run by the Umpires Association.
 - For Juniors.
 - Up to three people for each Team.



- Provide date, numbers and venue.
- Brian Gibson raised the season launch and it's four qualified Teams.
 - Please advise if any of the four Teams does not want to play by no later than the 30th Aug.
 - Kissing Point verbally stated that it would not be playing – to be confirmed in writing.

Next Council meeting: Hornsby RSL Club
 4 High St, Hornsby.
 7.30pm to 9.00pm, Monday, 5th September, 2011.

Executive Meeting to follow 9.00pm to 10.00pm.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

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Nathan Tilbury
President
HK&HDCA Inc.
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Ben Gussey
Acting Minutes Secretary
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