

General Council Meeting
Monday 5th September 2011

Meeting commenced: 7.45 pm

Attendees: Ben Gussey (Executive Officer), Nathan Tilbury, Geoff Hasler, Bruce Wood, Bruce Kimberley, Mike Griffin, Abbas Aly (all Executive), Bill White (St Ives), Brian Gibson (Mt Colah), Josh Brown & Simon Arthur (both ARL), Barry McDonald (WPHC), Mitch Burger (Beecroft), John Barker & Justin Epthorp (both Galston-Glenorie), Col Griffin (Kenthurst Upper Hills), John Klingberg (Kissing Point), Nishantha Weerasooriya & Sayv Jagatiale (both Sydney Lions Sports Club), Stephen Leggott (PH Jnrs), Steve Rapley (NW), Scott Burrows (HH), Michael Burgin (CH), John McQuillan (Ump. Deleg.), Carolyn Ball (Thornleigh), Brad Manson, Muthindra Gunaselera, Sunil Kashnay, Krishnay S, Mark Lumley, Daniel Clark.

Apologies: Geoff Findlay, Steve Wilson (Ump. Sec), Gavin Wingfield (St Ives), Carl Spears, Michael Dolly, Mark Rushton.

Col Griffin moved that the apologies be accepted, seconded by Scott Burrows. PASSED.

Welcome: Nathan Tilbury welcomed all attendees.

Minutes of previous HK&HDCA General Council Meeting:

- Two amendments noted:
 - Carolyn Ball was in attendance.
 - Reason added for the one dissention to the Castle Hill shirt sponsorship.
 - These minutes have been amended accordingly.
- Nathan Tilbury advised that the Constitution was amended in July 2009, however the website version was incorrect – see action 5th – 1.
- Geoff Hasler moved to have the new Senior Competition Rules published, seconded Col Griffin. PASSED unanimously.

Bruce Wood moved that the minutes of 22nd August 2011 be taken as read and accepted, seconded by Col Griffin. PASSED.

Actions arising from HK&HDCA General Council Meetings:

Ref	Action / Update	Owner	Due	Status
22 nd - 1	22/8 – Follow up the President’s meeting minutes. 5/9 – Ongoing.	Ben Gussey	19/9	Open
22 nd - 2	22/8 – Call an SGM for amendments and notice of motions from previous meetings. 5/9 – Ongoing.	Ben Gussey	19/9	Open
22 nd - 6	22/8 – Send an email to Clubs requesting two contacts only (President and Secretary) or alternatives for communication with the Association. 5/9 – Will be sent this week.	Ben Gussey	19/9	Open
5 th - 1	5/9 – Follow up on the Constitution amendments from July 2009, and see if minutes/notes can be produced for these changes.	Nathan Tilbury	19/9	Open
5 th - 2	5/9 – Send a reminder email to Clubs in regards to checking covers at various grounds.	Ben Gussey	19/9	Open

5 th - 3	5/9 – Northern District to confirm if they have their own covers for Storey, if so move covers to Parklands plus Sommerville.	Nathan Tilbury	19/9	Open
5 th - 4	5/9 – Email Nathan with the details of the James Park proposal to change from 5m to 7.5m.	Bruce Kimberley	19/9	Open
5 th - 5	5/9 – Follow up on the proposal to change the James Park Grant from 5m to 7.5m.	Nathan Tilbury	19/9	Open
5 th - 6	5/9 – Send email to all Clubs advising them of the correct email addresses for the Senior Competition Committee.	Ben Gussey	19/9	Open
5 th - 7	5/9 – Allocate the prize money for the Triforce Cup, including the “throwing the ball comp” money.	SCC	19/9	Open
5 th - 8	5/9 – Send all Clubs a link to the on-line story, media release for the Hornsby Council meeting outcomes.	Nathan Tilbury	19/9	Open
5 th - 9	5/9 – Email the details of the Golf Day (Fri 11 th Nov) @ approx. \$40 per head) through to Ben Gussey for distribution to Clubs.	Geoff Hasler	19/9	Open
5 th - 10	5/9 – Discuss with Hornsby Council the reduction and/or the review of ground fees based on the outcome of the meeting.	Nathan Tilbury	19/9	Open

Closed Actions (Note: will remain on minutes for one meeting cycle)

Ref	Action / Update	Owner	Due	Status
22 nd - 3	22/8 – Investigate contractors and obtain a quote for the Cherrybrook P.S. pitch and nets safety issue rectification. 5/9 – Quote obtained.	Barry McDonald	5/9	Closed
22 nd - 4	22/8 – Follow up the issue regarding hiring of the grounds for the Junior mid week 20/20 games. 5/9 – No issue, awaiting draw.	Ben Gussey	5/9	Closed
22 nd - 5	22/8 – Send email to Clubs requesting volunteers for various roles at the Triforce HK&HDCA Cup 2011/12. 5/9 – Request sent.	Ben Gussey	5/9	Closed
22 nd - 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. 5/9 – Complete and will be repeated next year.	Ben Gussey	5/9	Closed
22 nd - 8	22/8 – Send Ben Gussey an email detailing issues around Fred Caterson 2 & 4 being unavailable for 2 to 3 weeks. 5/9 – Sent, with #2 probably being available for use.	Michael Burger	5/9	Closed
22 nd - 9	22/8 – Send an email to Clubs to check the covers at various grounds. 5/9 – Email sent.	Ben Gussey	5/9	Closed

Correspondence

5-09-11: Barry McDonald to HK&HDCA: Cherrybrook Public Resurfacing (\$3322.00)

5-09-11: Snap Printing via Barry McDonald to HK&HDCA: Booklets (\$707.15)

5-09-11: Ben Gussey to HK&HDCA : Invoices (\$830.00)

25-08-11: Eric Myatt to HK&HDCA: NSWDCA Affiliation and Scorebook fees (\$2182.82)

2-09-11: SNAP Business cards quote: John Dowzard (\$760.00)

Cherrybrook P.S. pitch safety issue rectification quote.

Bruce Kimberley moved to have the Cherrybrook P.S. pitch safety issue rectification quote approved, subject to the school providing a lease for the ground in writing, seconded Geoff Hasler. PASSED.

Col Griffin moved to pay the SNAP business card quote, noted above, seconded by John Barker. PASSED.



Geoff Hasler moved to pay the other invoices, as noted above, seconded by John Barker. PASSED.

Note: Pennant Hills has taken an additional scorebook.

Treasurers Report: Mike Griffin:

- Current Projects:
 - Transitioning the records to a laptop (currently held in MAC version). This is somewhat cumbersome, Purchase of laptop required.
 - Payment of Council Fees 2011-12 (Correspondence from Councils suggest Turf Ground fees to increase 30% and Synthetic Ground fees to increase 15%.
 - Collection of Affiliated Club Fees 2011-12 Rep Fees 2010-11
- Administrative matters completed:
 - Cheque signatories in place.
 - Records and cheque books handed over by David Toose.
 - Online banking access setup.
- Payments Due:

DATE	INVOICE #	PARTICULARS	AMOUNT	CHQ#
24/08/2011	306	NSW DCA Affiliation fee + 200 scorebooks	\$2,620.00	
03/09/2011	Mike Griffin	TriForce Cup lunch for all players	\$133.05	201115
05/09/2011	Simon Arthur	Engraving & new badges for A Grade Trophy	\$108.00	201114
30/08/2011	Barry MacDonald to provide	WPHCB CC, synthetic pitch at Cherrybrook Public School	\$3,200.00	200075
31/08/2011	69595	Snap Printing – Junior umpiring booklets	\$705.15	201116
TBA	TBA	Quote for HK&HDCA Business Cards	\$760.00	TBA

- Receipts Due:

DATE	INVOICE #	PARTICULARS	AMOUNT
Nov 2011		Affiliated Clubs- invoice for fees 2011-12	TBA
Sept/Oct 2011		Sponsorship monies – Kooindah Waters, Hornsby RSL	TBA

- Cash at Bank: as at 5th September 2011:

1. Cash Management Account	\$24,287.56
2. Ground Maintenance Account	\$99,951.81
3. Cheque Account	\$16,943.61
4. HKHDCA Account	\$37,236.72
5. Interest Bearing Account	\$57,876.69
TOTAL CASH AT BANK	\$236,296.39

Bruce Kimberley moved to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Scott Burrows. PASSED.

Bruce Kimberley moved to pay the invoices for the A Grade trophy restoration (\$108.00) and the Triforce Cup food/drinks (\$133.05), seconded by Col Griffin. PASSED.

Juniors Report: Bruce Kimberley:

- Draws to be done by Wednesday, with the understanding the numbers will change 2 or 3 more times and the numbers are good except for the u/9's, which are roughly half of what they were last year.
- Please check your team names and let me know ASAP if changes are needed.
- An enormous amount of work has been done by Ben Gussey, Nathan Tilbury and Geoff Hasler to "obtain" these grounds, given that so many have been removed for the season start.
- The Executive have worked hard to prevent 8's -10's having an afternoon game.
- All games are 1-Dayers for Round 1.
- 11's to 16's are 32 per innings – Note: No 25/25:25/25 in the 11's until next round.
- 10's are 18 per innings.
- 8's and 9's are no change.
- Some grounds have been given to us from the winter season in a terrible condition, so take your brooms, shovels, buckets and chalk, just in case.
- If there are any changes, please let me know before adding player names otherwise I can't change it.
- Keep trying to attract those 8's, 9's & 10's, I will put them into the draw.
- Any extra teams in the older age groups will be added, especially in the bye slots.
- James Park is being dug up and replaced this week, as part of the Grant.
 - The Grant adds 5m, but would prefer 7.5m.

Bruce Wood raised his concerns in regards to the James Park work being done, in relation to the coaching clinics being held in the first week of October at that location.

Seniors Report: Brian Gibson

- Season Launch: TRIFORCE HK&HDCA CUP 2011/12.
 - Result:
 - West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook (1st)
 - Kissing Point (2nd)
 - Berowra (3rd)
 - Normanhurst-Warrawee (4th)

Prize money to winners to be finalized as the throwing the ball competition did not happen, therefore the prize money allocated for this needs to be included.

- Twenty20 Competition.
 - Round 1 & 2 Dates: Saturday 10th and 17th September.
 - Semi Finals will be after Day 2 of Rd 1 of the regular season – Sunday 9th October.
 - Grand Finals will be after Day 1 of Rd 2 of the regular season – Sunday 16th October.
 - Team nominations closed.
 - Draw now available on the website.
- Grade and Player Nominations.
 - All player ratings are now available on the website, except for a few players, covering 10 clubs, and all players at one club where no MyCricket IDs were received.
 - It is clubs' responsibility to check their players' ratings.
- Regular Season.
 - Day 1 of Round 1 is the weekend starting the 24th September.
 - 10 x Grades this season A1, Sponsors Cup, B1, B2, C1, C2, C3, D1, D2, D3.
 - Semi Finals 10 & 17th March.
 - Grand Finals on weekend of the 24/25th March.
 - A Grade draw is available on the website. Note: Grounds may change.
 - Covers:
 - Parklands: ARL / Hornsby.
 - Berowra: Berowra / Sponsors Cup.
 - Storey: Galston-Glenorie / Sponsors Cup.
 - Kenthurst: Kenthurst / West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook.
 - Turramurra: Kissing Point / Sponsors Cup.



- The Glade: St Ives / Sponsors Cup.
 - Effective immediately, all new player registrations and dispensation requests must be sent to ratings@hkhdc.com.au
 - All other Senior Competition matters must be sent to SeniorCompSec@hkhdc.com.au
 - Under no circumstances email Ben Gussey, Executive Officer with emails relating to the Senior Competition. Your emails will not be actioned.
 - Grades are structured as follows at this stage. This will most likely change.

A1	SC	B1	B2	C1	C2	C3	D1	D2	D3
HBY	BLD	BER	BER	STI	KEN	CSH	WPH	LIO	STI
WPH	BER	KSP	BEE	BER	GLG	WPH	NHW	THL	WPH
ARL	NHW	HBY	HBY	WPH	MTC	NHW	LIO	STI	CSH
BER	WPH	LIO	KEN	HBY	WPH	KSP	BER	WPH	KEN
KEN	KUR	WPH	WPH	MTC	KSP	MTC	GLG	KSP	BER
STI	MTC	KUR	NHW	LIO	BER	WPH	HBY	NSH?	NSH?
KSP	KEN	STI		WPH	HBY	KEN	CSH		
GLG	CSH	NHW		NHW	NHW	STI	ARL		
8	8	8	6	8	8	8	8	6	6

- Sunday One-Day Competition.
 - Starts 16th October.
 - Need final nominations by Friday 30th September.
- A new Senior Rules Booklet will be available at the council meeting on 19th September prior to the start of the regular season. Prior to that, a new online version will be available in the next day or so with the changes to the Twenty20 rules.

Representative Report: Abbas Aly

- U10 – Selection Trials.
 - We have had more than 50 players registering for the FOSTER SHIELD selection trials.
 - The success in having so many players register has been the development program run by the Coaches Association and I would like to congratulate Bruce Wood and Marisa Levit on the success of this program.
- General Information.
 - Almost all teams have been training and I have been attending as many trail games as possible.
 - The feedback has been that the early training program is working well and the teams look very sharp, we are hoping for some significant success across all our shield squads.
 - The clothing for the representative squads is expected to be delivered on the 19th of September.
 - We are trying to organise training kits for the coaches, as in the past coaches have had to use their own or club equipment however the independent coaches do not have access to their own kits.
- RUSHTON / BLAMEY SHIELD.
 - The trials between North Shore and HKHDCA will be held on the 25th of September.
 - It was decided upon hearing that Mark was stepping down that a Shield be presented to the winners of the annual trials.
 - North Shore had nominated Andrew Blamey and we had asked for Mark, who although was not asking to be named on the shield, but was honoured.
 - It is a thank you for Mark for all his work as Rep Secretary.
- Thank you to Ben Gussey for all his efforts in sorting out grounds for the Rep squads.

HKHDCUA (Umpires) Report: Geoff Hasler (in Steve Wilson's absence)

- Captains Ticket Course.
 - The course will be conducted on Monday 10th and Monday 17th October at WPH Sports Club.
 - Clubs are requested to register their attendees by contacting the Umpire's Secretary, Steve Wilson on umpsec@hkhdcua.com.au
 - Clubs are reminded that any Captain or substitutes who are not on the list of accredited players on the HKHDCUA website with an accreditation from 2006-7 forward, must sit for an on-line exam or attend the course to maintain accreditation.
 - Those attending the course will be supplied with a copy of the MCC Laws and the 2022-12 Edition of the HKHDCUA Local Rules – as both will be examined as part of the course.
- Umpire Development Course.
 - The following clubs have booked as below for this one evening course for Junior Managers/Coaches and parents.
 - Clubs are requested to have three adults attend from each Junior Team entered in the 2011-12 competition.
 - WPHC – 7.30 pm on Monday 13th Sept at WPH Sports Club.
 - Kissing Point – 7.30 pm on Tuesday 14th September at the Auluba Clubhouse.
 - Kenthurst/Redfield – 7.30 pm on Tuesday 20th September at Kenthurst Oval Clubrooms.
 - Berowra – 7.30 pm on Wednesday 21st September at Berowra RSL Club.
 - Clubs yet to finalise a date and venue are:
 - Castle Hill RSL.
 - Beecroft/Pennant Hills/Thornleigh combined.
 - Normanhurst/Warrawee.
 - This can be set by contacting Geoff Hasler on gjh1946@hotmail.com or phoning 9488-8718.
 - Dates available are 14, 15, 22nd September or after the September school holidays.

Coaches Association Report: Bruce Wood

- U/10 Development Program.
 - HKHDCCA conducted the fifth and final session of the HK&HDCA U/10 Development Program on Sunday, 4 September at James Park, Hornsby, with 40 young cricketers present, which was a pleasing attendance for Father's Day.
 - The total attendance over 5 sessions was 252 boys (average over 50 per session).
 - 77 boys attended at least two sessions of the U/10 development program in 2011. Due to the success of this off-season coaching program designed specifically for the youngest representative age group, this should become an annual event.
 - One of the objectives of the U/10 Development Program was to identify and develop young talented players in preparation for the Foster Shield representative competition in 2011-12.
 - The U/10 selection trials will be held on Sundays 11 & 18 September 2011 (details on HK&HDCA website).
- Coaching clinics during school holidays.
 - Bruce reminded the club delegates that HKHDCCA will be conducting two junior cricket clinics during the Sept./Oct. school holidays at Kenthurst Park (Wed. 28th, Thurs. 29th & Fri. 30th September 2011) and James Park, Hornsby (Wed. 5th, Thurs. 6th & Fri. 7th October 2011) - the Registration Form can be downloaded from the HK&HDCA website.
 - He advised that only about half the clubs had placed a notice advertising the Association's junior cricket clinics on their websites.

- A request was made for the other clubs to promote the clinics on the homepages of their websites. This was reiterated by President Nathan Tilbury, who noted that a lot of volunteer work and planning had gone into ensuring that these clinics are a success and they deserve the support of all HK&HDCA clubs.

President's Report (Nathan Tilbury):

Many of you know we launched the Triforce HK&HDCA Cup at Montview East & West ovals yesterday. Competing in the inaugural competition were the top 4 from the 2010/11 senior Club Championship - Berowra, Kissing Pt., Normanhurst/Warrawee & WPHC (who replaced ARL when they knew they would struggle to put a good team on the park).

This all day, two round T20 competition was generously supported by Association major sponsor Triforce, with the four participating clubs all receiving a share of prize money & equipment vouchers. For clubs to qualify they had to finish in the top four in senior club championship the previous season.

All Club's fielded strong teams heavily represented by A graders on the day to ensure high quality cricket for the tournament. In the first game WPHC defeated Berowra by 26 runs & Kissing Point beat Normanhurst by a similar margin. In the second round WPHC easily accounted for Kissing Pt. to take out the Cup. For the 3rd place playoff Berowra defeated Normanhurst in an exciting game, by just 4 runs when the number 11 batsman was caught on the boundary on the second last ball of the innings.

The tournament was really enjoyed by the players & the many spectators that dropped in to watch throughout the day. This will ensure the concept will develop & be adopted as an annual event to launch the HK&HDCA season. The day attracted representatives from the Advocate, a number Association Life Members (Alf James, Ross Anderson & John McQuillan), HK&HDCA Executive members, Club Administrators, Association Patrons (Denise Annetts & Matt Kean MP) & cricket supporters. The idea was just to get this underway & the guys on the field. As expected all the players really enjoyed the day with several going out of their way to comment on how well it went. That was the goal.

A special thanks to Steve Wilson & Simon Moore who both umpired nearly 80 overs each & on their own. A huge effort preseason, but one that will do them good for when the season starts.

Josh Brown made a suggestion that the Triforce Cup should consist of the three top teams plus one wild card entry.

Senior Representative Teams

I mentioned last meeting that the Executive are giving some early focus on the Senior Representative teams. I asked that the club representatives at that meeting to go back to their clubs to search the playing ranks for any interested players. We have not had a great deal of feedback & this is where we are currently at:

- Durham Shield – U/19 – struggling for numbers.
- Telegraph Shield – U/23 – looking like a very strong team.
- Martin Shield – Open Age – struggling for numbers.

Nominations are due by 19th Sept. but we would like to make a decision very early as if we nominate teams or not. At this stage it looks like it will just be a Telegraph Shield team.

New Clubs

- I mentioned last meeting some new clubs
 - Ku-ring-gai District.



- North Shore CC.
- A new Milo centre to be run by the St Ives club under a Wahroonga name.
- We also have another new Milo centre at Galston/Glenorie, Congratulations to Justin Epthorp & John Barker for getting this started.

Grounds

Hornsby Council made the decision last Wednesday evening to take out West Epping & Somerville Ovals which is a major blow to cricket in the Hornsby Shire. We are affected with the reshuffle of Northern Districts 5th grade to Storey Park & will share Storey with them for this season. The plan is for this just to be for 2011/12 & to come with an alternative plan going forward.

For those of you as angry as me at the decision please comment of the Advocate story which is about to go up via their website. <http://hornsby-advocate.wherelive.com.au/news/story/16-days-out-from-the-start-of-the-cricket-season-council-has/>

If you would like any more information on this situation & the impact send me an email.

The other Association affected by this is NDCA (Ryde, Eastwood, Epping areas) who now have their 6 team 1st grade competition with just 2 turf grounds available to them (equivalent to our A grade comp).

On top of this we still have a 30% increase in hire fees for turf grounds & 15% increase for astro grounds from Hornsby Council.

The most concerning factor is that despite staff recommending a MoQ for the continuation remaining 9 turf grounds for the cricket clubs & Associations in the Shire Councillors have not put this in place. HSC are having an external audit to streamline their expenses which could mean more cuts to cricket facilities. This is why we must make plenty of noise about this terrible decision otherwise we could less facilities & higher ground hire fees mid-season or at the start of next cricket season for more chaos.

The big challenge for local cricket is to ensure that we have 4 or 5 turf grounds available to us in five years time to ensure our A grade at very least continues as an all turf competition.

In the wash up NDCA get two new astro pitch grounds & we get access to Cheltenham Oval which is an excellent ground on our border. I know the Beecroft club are very happy about this especially Geoff Findlay who lives only around 100 metres away.

HK&HDCA Sponsors

- Koondah Waters (Executive members going up to visit the location).
 - Geoff Hasler advised of a Golf Day to be held 11th Nov.
 - Approx. \$40 per head.
 - 4/6 players per Club.
- Triforce (funding prize money for the season launch).
 - Thanks was extended for the Triforce Cup day.
- Hornsby RSL (hope to be confirmed as a sponsor this week).



Executive Officer Report (Ben Gussey):

Ground Report

- Please be aware that all Ku-ring-gai Council grounds and a number of other grounds are out for week 1 of play.
- This has obviously caused disruption to competitions but all parties are trying to accommodate these withdrawals.
- This has partly been caused due to heavy damage from winter users.

Newsletter

- The first edition of the "On the Ball" newsletter has been released. Link to the newsletter is: [http://www.triforcesports.com.au/clubs/hkhdca/Edition%206-1_merged%20\(1\).pdf](http://www.triforcesports.com.au/clubs/hkhdca/Edition%206-1_merged%20(1).pdf)

I would like to thank all those who contributed in its production. Please visit the website to have a look.

General Business

- Brian Gibson advised of the new iPhone Application "MyCricket".
 - The link will be added to the Website.

Next Council meeting: Hornsby RSL Club
 4 High St, Hornsby.
 7.30pm to 9.00pm, Monday, 19th September, 2011.

Executive Meeting to follow 9.00pm to 10.00pm.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed:

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Nathan Tilbury
President
HK&HDCA Inc.
Date:/...../ 2011

Signed:

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Ben Gussey
Acting Minutes Secretary
HK&HDCA Inc.
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