

**General Council Meeting**  
**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

**Meeting commenced:** 7.40 pm

**Attendees:** Ben Gussey (Executive Officer), Nathan Tilbury, Geoff Hasler, Bruce Wood, Bruce Kimberley, Abbas Aly (all Executive), Bill White (St Ives), Brian Gibson (Mt Colah), Simon Arthur (ARL), Barry McDonald (WPHC), Geoff Findlay (Beecroft), Col Griffin (Kenthurst Upper Hills), John Klingberg (Kissing Point), Nishantha Weerasooriya (Sydney Lions Sports Club), Steve Rapley (NW), Scott Burrows (HH), Michael Burgin (CH), John McQuillan (Ump. Deleg.), Carolyn Ball (Thornleigh), Daniel Clark (Mt Colah), Steve Wilson (Ump. Sec), Roger Friend (WPHCCC), Ian Fowler (Epping), Scott Reid (Beecroft), Michael Hungerford (Castle Hill), Marty Lindsay (Berowra), Patrick Chen See (WPHC), Tim Gastineau-Hills (KP), Greg Hedler ( Berowra).

**Apologies:** Josh Brown (ARL), Mike Griffin, Mitch Burger (Beecroft), John Barker & Justin Epthorp (both Galston-Glenorie), Stephen Leggott (PH Jnrs), Gavin Wingfield (St Ives), Michael Dolly, Alf James, Lachlan Margeson, Mark Lumley (North Shore).

Col Griffin moved that the apologies be accepted, seconded by Simon Arthur. PASSED.

**Welcome:** Nathan Tilbury welcomed all attendees.

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

- Three amendments noted:
  - Daniel Clark was in attendance.
  - Mike Wimley changed to Mike Lumley.
  - An additional action was captured, 5<sup>th</sup> – 10.
  - These minutes have been amended accordingly.

Col Griffin moved that the minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> September 2011 be taken as read and accepted, seconded by Simon Arthur. PASSED.

**Actions arising from HK&HDCA General Council Meetings:**

| Ref                  | Action / Update  | Owner        | Due   | Status |
|----------------------|--|--------------|-------|--------|
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> - 1 | 22/8 – Follow up the President’s meeting minutes.<br>5/9 – Ongoing.<br>19/9 – Notes are to be written, with Barry McDonald to review.  | Ben Gussey   | 24/10 | Open   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> - 9  | 5/9 – Email the details of the Golf Day (Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov) @ approx. \$50 per head) through to Ben Gussey for distribution to Clubs.<br>19/9 – O/G, with 4 ball Ambrose, minimum of 40 with max of 72 (possibly 96). | Geoff Hasler | 24/10 | Open   |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> - 1 | 19/9 – Email Clubs for details of any required covers, spikes, hessian, etc. for various grounds.  | Geoff Hasler | 24/10 | Open   |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> - 2 | 19/9 – Email updated details of the covers, spikes, hessian, etc. for various grounds, from above, to the Executive.   | Geoff Hasler | 24/10 | Open   |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> - 3 | 19/9 – Ensure key management is in place for Northholm keys.   | Ben Gussey   | 24/10 | Open   |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> - 4 | 19/9 – Follow up last years and this years rebates from Kookaburra.  | Mike Griffin | 24/10 | Open   |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> - 5 | 19/9 – SCC to investigate the grading issue for Castle Hill.   | SCC          | 24/10 | Open   |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> - 6 | 19/9 – Send Brian Gibson and/or Nathan Tilbury any details relating to problems with grounds, including photos, so that a list can be compiled and discussed with Councils.  | All Clubs    | 24/10 | Open   |



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| 19 <sup>th</sup> - 7 | 19/9 – Advise of the sponsorship details for Hornsby RSL on the Association website. | Ben Gussey   | 24/10 | Open |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> - 8 | 19/9 – Follow up why Little Athletics at Bannockburn is finishing later than normal. | Geoff Hasler | 24/10 | Open |

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

| Ref                  | Action / Update   | Owner           | Due   | Status |
|----------------------|---|-----------------|-------|--------|
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> - 2 | 22/8 – Call an SGM for amendments and notice of motions from previous meetings.<br>5/9 – Ongoing.<br>19/9 – 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2009 minutes document amendments, and an SGM will be called.                      | Ben Gussey      | 24/10 | Closed |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> - 6 | 22/8 – Send an email to Clubs requesting two contacts only (President and Secretary) or alternatives for communication with the Association.<br>5/9 – Will be sent this week.<br>19/9 – Email sent.                 | Ben Gussey      | 19/9  | Closed |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> - 1  | 5/9 – Follow up on the Constitution amendments from July 2009, and see if minutes/notes can be produced for these changes.<br>19/9 – Notes are to be written, with Barry McDonald to review.                        | Nathan Tilbury  | 24/10 | Closed |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> - 2  | 5/9 – Send a reminder email to Clubs in regards to checking covers at various grounds.<br>19/9 – Email sent.  | Ben Gussey      | 19/9  | Closed |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> - 3  | 5/9 – Northern District to confirm if they have their own covers for Storey, if so move covers to Parklands plus Sommerville.<br>19/9 – Email sent.   | Nathan Tilbury  | 19/9  | Closed |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> - 4  | 5/9 – Email Nathan with the details of the James Park proposal to change from 5m to 7.5m.<br>19/9 – Done.   | Bruce Kimberley | 19/9  | Closed |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> - 5  | 5/9 – Follow up on the proposal to change the James Park Grant from 5m to 7.5m.<br>19/9 – Done.   | Nathan Tilbury  | 19/9  | Closed |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> - 6  | 5/9 – Send email to all Clubs advising them of the correct email addresses for the Senior Competition Committee.<br>19/9 – Done.  | Ben Gussey      | 19/9  | Closed |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> - 7  | 5/9 – Allocate the prize money for the Triforce Cup, including the “throwing the ball comp” money.<br>19/9 – Cheques will be issued tomorrow.   | SCC             | 19/9  | Closed |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> - 8  | 5/9 – Send all Clubs a link to the on-line story, media release for the Hornsby Council meeting outcomes.<br>19/9 – Done, with Tom Richard of the Advocate going around to talk to A Graders.                       | Nathan Tilbury  | 19/9  | Closed |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> - 10 | 5/9 – Discuss with Hornsby Council the reduction and/or the review of ground fees based on the outcome of the meeting.<br>19/9 – Council advises that invoices for Turf will only increase by 20% and Astro by 15%. | Nathan Tilbury  | 19/9  | Closed |



**Correspondence**

Outgoing -

1. Hornsby Shire turf pitch update – to all HK&HDCA clubs & Life Members.
2. Request for use of James Park Saturday afternoons - NSW Churches competition & KDSA.
3. Request for review of ground hire increase for 2011/12 summer - Hornsby Shire Council .
4. 2011/12 HK&HDCA rep team nominations – DCA (Eric Myatt).

Incoming -

1. KDSA - confirming dates for HK&HDCA junior use of Mills park, and possibly Seniors.
2. Cr Jennifer Anderson (new Ku-ring-gai Mayor) – acceptance of HK&HDCA patron invitation.
3. Michael Burgin (CHRSL) – condition of Greenway No. 2.
4. Brian Gibson – condition of Aluba.
5. HSC – Hayes Park dates for HK&HDCA use (17/12/11 to 21/1/12 inclusive).
6. HSC – update on 2011/12 grounds allocation (Storey Park - NDs & HK&HDCA. Cheltenham - HK&HDCA).
7. GDCC (Andy Falk) – confirmation HK&HDCA have access to Turramurra Oval from round 1 (24<sup>th</sup> Sept.).
8. Triforce Sport Invoice (\$26,714.40 + \$5,274.80 + \$2100) – Balls, two Reps and one Club and to be discussed in Treasurers Report.
9. Affiliation for Epping.
10. Financial material plus cash for Mike Griffin.
11. Regrade request for Sydney Lions – 16<sup>th</sup> Sept to SCC.

Scott Reid moved to pass the regrade request to the SCC, noted in Item 11 above, seconded by Geoff Hasler.  
PASSED.

**Treasurers Report:** Nathan Tilbury in Mike Griffin's absence:

- Current Projects:
  - Transitioning the records to a laptop (currently held in MAC version). This is somewhat cumbersome, Purchase of MAC laptop required by HK&HDCA.
  - 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 (Nov 2011).
  - Rep Fees 2010-11 – invoices to be issued to Clubs.
- Administrative matters completed:
  - Rep Bank Account:
    - Email 13/9/2011 to Peter Johnston (Treasurer, HK&HDCA Representative Committee) that our Cash Management Account is currently dormant and can be utilised for Rep monies. Details provided.
    - Rep payments to be processed the same as HK&HDCA i.e. via approval at Council Meetings.
    - Separate accounts to be maintained for Reps by Peter Johnston who will advise details on a regular basis to Mike Griffin.
- Payments Due:

| DATE       | INVOICE # | PARTICULARS                              | AMOUNT     | CHQ#   |
|------------|-----------|--|------------|--------|
| 24/08/2011 | 306       | NSW DCA Affiliation fee + 200 scorebooks | \$2,620.00 | 200950 |
| 05/09/2011 | N/A       | Blowfly Cricket Association              | \$1,416.11 | 201117 |
| TBA        | TBA       | Quote for HK&HDCA Business Cards         | \$760.00   | TBA    |



- Receipts Due/Received:

| DATE          | INVOICE #   | PARTICULARS                                       | AMOUNT     |
|---------------|-------------|---|------------|
| 14/9/2011     | Spreadsheet | Cheque from NWCC for balls                        | \$7,717.20 |
| Nov 2011      | TBA         | Affiliated Clubs- invoice for fees 2011-12        | TBA        |
| Sept/Oct 2011 | N/A         | Sponsorship monies – Kooindah Waters, Hornsby RSL | TBA        |

- Cash at Bank: as at 7<sup>th</sup> 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         |
| <b>TOTAL CASH AT BANK</b>     | <b>\$236,296.39</b> |

**Juniors Report:** Bruce Kimberley:

- Under 9's are NOT to use a hard ball under ANY circumstances!
  - (A team used a hard ball because their club didn't give them any soft ones)
- Portable stumps are to be used in 8's and 9's AND placed at the appropriate position for the age group...8's – 15 metres, 9's – 18 metres.
  - If still too far away for individual bowlers, move them further forward.
  - Move the bowler back if too good.
- Results MUST BE entered at the end of EACH days play.....not going to be soft like last year for 12's to 16's but 11's will have a SHORT phasing in period.
- In the 1-Day matches, particular bowlers bowled more than their permitted allocation.
  - Points (proportional) may be removed if deemed to have affected the final result.
- Protest over u/14's Normanhurst-Warrawee being promoted up an age group.
  - The junior rules provide adequate protection for our younger players, and when these are properly interpreted there should not be a problem.
  - We are not assessing players in an age group, we are assessing the total team and ITS ability in an age group.
  - If that team gets moved up a grade and there are already under-age players, it is the club's responsibility to assess their own players and place them in their correct groups.
  - If there is a concern about duty of care, it is for the Club to break the team up and encourage those kids who want to play in a "safer" competition to play there.
  - If there are players whose abilities are not up to the age standard, it is up to the club to apply for dispensation.
  - If a club plays a player up 1 or 2 age division, it is the club that is accountable.
  - Using the same logic, if the club lets a junior play in the seniors, the club is accountable.
- I get a bit concerned when I see another situation such as last season where a team in one age group went through undefeated and the other club team in the same comp finished 2nd last and only won a single game.
- The players are not being forced to play up 2 age groups – Clubs can split the team and play the strong players with known weaker players in their correct age - that may even the competition out; ie. mix their teams.
  - The point is to spread the talented players among the age groups to strengthen all teams not build a super team.
  - A better solution for cricket development.
- For the development of cricket across the board we need to give other teams in the age group the chance to win - not allow one team to dominate.



**Seniors Report: Brian Gibson**

- Draws are now on the web site.
- Turrumurra Sponsor Cup Rnd 1, now on Storey Park, with the Storey Park game now at Kenthurst.
- Ratings are now on the web site.
- The 23<sup>rd</sup> May rules changes are approved.
- T20's semi-finals are settled, for 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> October.
- Emails need to go to the correct email addresses, as noted previously.

Bill White raised the D3 Sunday game issues, as requested by Gavin Wingfield (St Ives), and would email the query direct to Brian Gibson for comment.

- Epping Club now added to draw.
- Sunday Competition nominations are required for Teams.
- Sunday games commence at Midday.

Michael Hungerford raised the issue of Castle Hill gradings – D3 to C3.

- D3 are 9 ratings (0-9 being standard), with no expansion for the inclusion of a lower grade.
- Sydney Lions moved that Chandra Gunaratne be rerated from a 3 to a P4, to allow play in C1's – 2nd Scott Burrows.
  - Brian Gibson was against this motion, and quoted the rules, stating that there was no basis for this dispensation.
  - Discussion regarding dispensation rules potentially requiring an update, especially in regards to the criteria for rerating.
  - In Favour – 10, Against – 12, Motion LOST.
- Scott Reid moved to regrade the entire Sydney Lions C1 team to B2, 2nd Geoff Hasler.
  - In Favour – 18, Against – 3, Motion PASSED.
  - Brian Gibson stated that the draw was finalised, and that based on the above motion, would need to be redone, including grounds.
  - John McQuillan moved that the \$50 be returned, 2<sup>nd</sup> Geoff Hasler, PASSED.

**Representative Report: Abbas Aly**

- REP CLOTHING:
  - Pleased to advise all the clothing will be in on Wednesday and distributed by the weekend for the trial matches.
  - EYELEX has paid the \$2,500 sponsorship, and we are working on more sponsors.
  - Quality of clothing same as NSW blues clothing, I will bring samples next meeting.
- FEES:
  - Almost all FEES collected.
  - Clothing FEES being collected this week.
- COACHES KITS:
  - All kits were delivered or being delivered this week.
  - KITS include FIRST AID KIT (can I suggest all club teams be made to carry a FIRST AID KIT, as I have noticed some junior teams don't have one).
- GROUNDS:
  - Grounds are causing problems and have had to shift HOME matches AWAY to NORTH SHORE as we couldn't clarify availability.
  - LACK of turf wickets causing issues with U15 and U16.

- NOMINATION of SHIELD teams was complete don FIRDAY:
  - Junior teams nominated:
    - 2 Foster Shield teams.
    - 1 of every other age group from U11 to U16.
- U10 Selections were completed on Sunday 18/9/2011:
  - 2 squads were selected.
  - Thank you to Bruce Wood, Bruce Kimberly, Michael Dolly and the Convener Marisa Levit.

Summary, we hope the clubs are seeing some great cricket from the boys in the rep squads who have been training for the last couple of months.

I invite all the Executive members to please be in attendance during the trials against North Shore. Please see list below.

#### RUSHTON / BLAMEY SHIELD

| SHIELD |         | NORTHSHORE   | NORTHSHORE  | NORTHSHORE   | NORTHSHORE  | NORTHSHORE | NORTHSHORE |
|--------|---------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| TEAM   | U10     | U11          | U12         | U13          | U14         | U15        | U16        |
| DATE   | NO GAME | 25-Sep       | 25-Sep      | 25-Sep       | 25-Sep      | 25-Sep     | 25-Sep     |
| GROUND |         | LOFBERG OVAL | LES SHORE 1 | HASSELL PARK | NORMANHURST | TBA        | ROSEVILLE  |

| SHIELD | NORTHSHORE | MANLY  | MANLY       | MANLY  | MANLY       | MANLY  | MANLY  |
|--------|------------|--------|-------------|--------|-------------|--------|--------|
| TEAM   | U10        | U11    | U12         | U13    | U14         | U15    | U16    |
| DATE   | 16-Oct     | 16-Oct | 16-Oct      | 16-Oct | 16-Oct      | 16-Oct | 16-Oct |
| GROUND | TBA        | AWAY   | LES SHORE 1 | AWAY   | NORMANHURST | AWAY   | TBA    |

| IDCA   | NORTHSHORE | MANLY  | MANLY      | MANLY  | MANLY     | MANLY  | MANLY    |
|--------|------------|--------|------------|--------|-----------|--------|----------|
| TEAM   | U10        | U11    | U12        | U13    | U14       | U15    | U16      |
| DATE   | 16-Oct     | 16-Oct | 16-Oct     | 16-Oct | 16-Oct    | 16-Oct | 16-Oct   |
| GROUND | AWAY       | AWAY   | HOME - TBA | AWAY   | HOME -TBA | AWAY   | HOME TBA |

| IDCA   | NORTHSHORE    | NORTHSHORE    | NORTHSHORE    | NORTHSHORE    | NORTHSHORE    | NORTHSHORE    | NORTHSHORE    |
|--------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| TEAM   | U10           | U11           | U12           | U13           | U14           | U15           | U16           |
| DATE   | 30/10 OR 6/11 | 30/10 OR 6/11 | 30/10 OR 6/11 | 30/10 OR 6/11 | 30/10 OR 6/11 | 30/10 OR 6/11 | 30/10 OR 6/11 |
| GROUND | TBA           | TBA           | TBA           | TBA           | TBA           | TBA           | TBA           |

Lofberg Oval - Yanko/Lofberg Rds West Pymble.

Hassell Park - Mona Vale Rd St Ives.

Roseville Chase Oval

#### HKHDCUA (Umpires) Report: Steve Wilson

- Captain's course:
  - I currently have 43 names for this season's Captains Ticket.
  - If any club has not supplied names yet please email me to [hkumpsec@hotmail.com](mailto:hkumpsec@hotmail.com) by tomorrow night when numbers will be finalised.



- All appointments have been announced for Round 1 of the senior competitions.
  - We have 8 to 10 full time umpires for this season, meaning all matches in A grade will be covered and most matches in the Sponsors Cup along with 1 or 2 lower grade games from time to time.
- I hope to have umpires for all semi-finals and finals of the T20 matches to be played on Sundays, 9th & 16th October.
- Anyone interested in umpiring Reps should advise me ASAP by email – hkumpsec@hotmail.com or by phone, 0422 141158.
  - I'll be doing the first couple of weeks appointments shortly.
  - They can also fill out their availability on MyCricket.
- Re my emails, for umpiring matters only please use hkumpsec@hotmail.com. For all personal information please use my normal email or call me.
- Senior umpires will from time to time be attending junior matches this season to pass on tips and help with any umpiring concerns on Saturday mornings.

#### **Coaches Association Report: Bruce Wood**

- Bruce Wood advised that unfortunately it had become necessary to cancel the proposed Kenthurst cricket clinic (28-30 September), as only 11 registrations had been received.
  - This outcome was both surprising and disappointing, as HKHDCCA / NDCC had conducted a successful cricket clinic at Kenthurst Park in January this year and received excellent feedback from the participants and their parents.
  - The organising sub-committee had every reason to believe that it could build on the January 2011 clinic and hold an even bigger one during the September / October school holidays.
  - The latest school holiday cricket clinics had been advertised widely since July in emails to the clubs and former clinic attendees; on the Association's website and many clubs' sites; in school newsletters; and at HK&HDCA meetings.
- In it's relatively short existence, HKHDCCA has built up a very good reputation with positive feedback from all programs conducted, and a superior Coach : Player ratio than other cricket camps run by the commercial operators.
  - Our Coaches' Association is administered by volunteers who work hard to ensure that the coaching clinics are run safely and professionally by fully accredited coaches.
  - The programs run by HKHDCCA need to be supported by all the clubs in order to make the numbers viable to run these coaching clinics.
- HKHDCCA / NDCC are still proceeding with the James Park, Hornsby cricket clinic, which will take place on 5, 6, 7 October during the second week of the school holidays.
  - We already have over 30 boys registered for the clinic and this number will continue to grow as late bookings are received leading up to the clinic.
- As an added incentive for junior players to attend the HKHDCCA cricket clinic at James Park in early October, HK&HDCA sponsor, Triforce Sports, will provide each child with a voucher to collect a **free** size 4 or 5 Slazenger cricket bat when they next visit the Bella Vista store.
  - Thanks are extended to Abbas Aly for this generous offer.
- The club delegates were advised that North Sydney DCC had requested HK&HDCA to advertise the Bears' junior coaching clinics at Northbridge throughout our network of affiliated clubs, despite the dates directly clashing with the HKHDCCA / NDCC cricket clinics scheduled during the school holidays.
  - Nathan Tilbury (HK&HDCA President) advised North Sydney DCC in writing that our Association was not interested in circulating their coaching clinic 'flyer', as we have an obligation to support our own Coaches' Association.



### **Senior Representative Teams**

I'd like to thank Justin Epthorp for his work in attempting to get a Durham & Martin Shield representative squad together for 2011/12. In the end we just ran out of enough time to bring it together but we will be starting to focus on senior reps towards the end of this season for 2012/12.

- Durham Shield – U/19 – not nominated.
- Telegraph Shield – U/23 – nominated a strong team.
- Martin Shield – Open Age – not nominated.

### **Grounds**

All clubs should have received my update on the Hornsby Turf ground situation. I would ask that this be distributed to the playing members (particularly A grade in the Hornsby clubs) & encourage clubs to place this on their website.

The intention is to get out an update on the regularly (approximately every 6 weeks) during the season and even all the way up to next September when the Council elections are due.

Ground issues brought to the Association's attention during the T20s:

- Greenway No. 2 – no grass & metal peg found on the ground.
- Aluba – no grass.
- Holland Park – bad burn mark at one end.
- Montview West – burn mark at one end.
- Arcadia – rabbit holes very bad at far end near toilets.

Sadly, this is the current state of many of the grounds due to the wet winter & the heavy impact of the winter sports. If we don't use these grounds in their current state there simply wouldn't be enough grounds to play on.

### **Keys for Amenities at Grounds**

- Hornsby Council had a complaint from a resident about amenities not being open at Foxglove Oval & cricketers having to urinate behind the sheds.
- HK&HDCA have most keys to Hornsby Grounds (different key for different grounds).
- HK&HDCA will make more keys available for the Ku-ring-gai grounds (1 key for all grounds).
- HK&HDCA will be looking at this situation with BHSC grounds shortly.

This has been an issue for as long as I can remember & for a long time people have looked into different solutions but nothing has ever happened. Rather than talk about it again & get nothing done the Executive will be likely be issuing clubs with copies of keys & giving them the responsibility of unlocking amenities in the morning then locking them up at the end of the day. Details will be out to the clubs shortly.

### **HK&HDCA Sponsors**

- I can confirm Hornsby RSL board have formally approved the sponsorship of HK&HDCA by the RSL for season 2011/12 for \$3,000.00 for the season.
- We encourage all HK&HDCA club delegates to become members of Hornsby RSL as it is intended that the RSL will become the informal "home base" for the HK&HDCA. I am trying to work out a discount deal for new HK&HDCA RSL members & will hopefully have something out shortly.
- We are also talking to the RSL about have a number of our old trophies on display in the club rather than locked up in the James Park shed.





**Another New Club in the HK&HDCA**

- Epping CC that usually play only in the Shires competition have applied for affiliation with the HK&HDCA with the intention of putting in their 5th grade team to compete in our B2 competition.
- We welcome Epping CC to the HK&HDCA.

Barry McDonald advised that Cherrybrook PS had provided, in writing, a 10 year tenure for the nets and oval, free of charge.

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

- We are currently in the process of compiling the second edition of the newsletter, before the end of the month.
  - Anyone who is interested in contributing to the newsletter is welcome to send an article in.
- I currently have 3 boxes of Zenith balls for Kissing Point, 1 box of softballs for Castle Hill RSL and 1 box of Kookaburra practise for the Blade Runners ready for collection.
- There have been a couple of ground issues in the first couple of weeks. Two important issues to note:
  - Any teams playing at Northholm Grammar must close the gates after play.
  - Any teams playing at Pennant Hills High must park outside the school grounds, as the gates are liable to be locked during play.

Brian Gibson advised that anyone playing at Bannockburn will have a 1.30pm start due to the late finish of Little Athletics.

**General Business**

- Geoff Hasler raised the Umpires Junior Development Programme:
  - Normanhurst/Warrawee not organised as yet.
  - Hornsby/Mt Colah, not organised yet.
  - Pennant Hills/Beecroft/Thornleigh, requires a confirmed date.
- Roger Friend (WPH) suggested the following:
  - Rating amendment to the SCC rules.
  - Player has a permanent rating, plays in a higher grade but does not achieve the required standard.
  - Player then should revert to the original rating.
  - Nathan Tilbury stated that this would be looked at next season or at the end of the year.
  - John Klingberg said it is determined automatically, but can be looked at manually on request.

Next Council meeting:     Hornsby RSL Club  
                                  4 High St, Hornsby.  
                                  7.30pm to 9.00pm, Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2011.

Executive Meeting to follow 9.00pm to 10.00pm.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

**Signed:**

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

**Signed:**

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Ben Gussey  
Executive Officer  
HK&HDCA Inc.  
Date: ...../...../ 2011