

**General Council Meeting**  
**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011**

**Meeting commenced:** 7.40 pm

**Attendees:** Ben Gussey (Executive Officer), Nathan Tilbury, Geoff Hasler, Bruce Wood, Bruce Kimberley (all Executive), John Barker (GG), Bill White (St Ives), Geoff Findlay (Beecroft), Col Griffin (Kenthurst Upper Hills), John Klingberg (Kissing Point), Scott Burrows (HH), John McQuillan (Ump. Deleg.), Roger Friend (WPHCCC), Sean Sweeney (KP), Gavin Wingfield (St Ives), Phillip Reid (Berowra), Carolyn Ball (Thornleigh), Greg Fiedler (Berowra), Will Fiedler (Berowra), Abbas Aly, Steve Wilson (Ump. Sec), Marty Lindsay (Berowra), Stephen Leggott (PH Jnrs), Alf James (Life Member), Ian Fowler (Epping), Mark Lumley (Nth Shore), M Dolly (Redfield), Peter Gilmour (KDCC), D Marsh (KDCC), M Burger (Beecroft), S Fernando (Sydney Lions), M Gunasekera (Sydney Lions), Josh Brown (ARL), Glenn Hourigan (Life Member), Tim Rewell.

**Apologies:** Simon Arthur (ARL), Barry McDonald (WPHC), Justin Epthorp (GG), Ross Anderson, Tim Galston-Hills.  
Geoff Findlay moved that the apologies be accepted, seconded by Geoff Hasler. PASSED.

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

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

Col Griffin moved that the minutes of 21<sup>st</sup> November 2011 be taken as read and accepted, seconded by John Barker. PASSED.

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

Ref	Action / Update	Owner	Due	Status
19 <sup>th</sup> - 4	19/9 – Follow up last years and this years rebates from Kookaburra. 24/10 – Ongoing. 21/11 – Ongoing. 12/12 – Ongoing.	Nathan Tilbury	12/12	Open
24 <sup>th</sup> - 1	24/10 – Investigate the details of Mills Park charges versus usage and advise outcomes. 21/11 - Notification to KDSA, but will follow up. 12/12 – Ongoing.	Nathan Tilbury	12/12	Open
21 <sup>st</sup> - 2	21/11 – Clarify the appeals process for D&D decisions with the NSW DCA and advise Clubs. 12/12 – Ongoing.	Ben Gussey	12/12	Open

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

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21 <sup>st</sup> - 1	21/11 – Hornsby to be advised that their appeal should be sent to the NSW DCA. 12/12 – Advised accordingly.	Ben Gussey	12/12	Closed
21 <sup>st</sup> - 3	21/11 – Check website to ensure it states 12pm start for the one days during the school holidays, and advise Steve Wilson. 12/12 – Done.	Geoff Hasler	12/12	Closed
21 <sup>st</sup> - 4	21/11 – Is the wicket repair at Montview going to impact the reps games to be held there over the next few weeks? 12/12 – All good.	Ben Gussey	12/12	Closed
21 <sup>st</sup> - 5	21/11 – Request that the following pitches be water blasted by Council - Arcadia, Warrina and Mt Ku-ring-gai. 12/12 – Done.	Nathan Tilbury	12/12	Closed
21 <sup>st</sup> - 6	21/11 – Follow up Alf James question in regards to Cliff Oval and Howson Park. 12/12 – Done.	Geoff Hasler	12/12	Closed

### **Correspondence**

Outgoing -

Incoming -

1. 2-12-11 : Mark Lumley to HK&HDCA : North Shore CC Appeal.
2. 7-12-11 : Murray McDonald to HK&HDCA : Hornsby District CC Appeal.
3. 7-12-11 : Saminda Fernando to HK&HDCA : Sydney Lions CC Appeal.
4. 9-12-11 : Gavin Wingfield to HK&HDCA : St Ives CC Appeal.
5. 9-12-11 : John Barker to HK&HDCA : Receipts for Association Shirts (\$579.70).
6. 12-12-11 : Ben Gussey to HK&HDCA : Invoices (\$1200).
7. 12-12-11: Mick Vincent to HK&HDCA : Berowra Appeal.
8. Late Correspondence: Umpires Invoices (\$2650).

Geoff Hasler raised the issue that the current Treasurer is not performing his duties for the Association, and recommended that an acting Treasurer be appointed. He moved that Tim Davidson be appointed to the role of acting Treasurer for the remainder of the season. This was seconded by John Barker.

Geoff Findlay pointed out that this motion was out of order, and that it should be sent to the Executive for clarification.

Motion was directed to the Executive.

### **Appeals: Penalties for unregistered players.**

Gavin Wingfield, SICC President, opened the discussion stating the situation, and also outlining his Clubs proposal for appeal, plus a way forward.

Gavin Wingfield moved that all Clubs who have registered a player after the second week of play, in accordance with the SCC rules as they stood at the commencement of the 2011/12 season, should not have any points penalties imposed. In addition, I move that those Clubs who are new to the competition and have received no notification or instruction as to how they should be registering players, and have been deducted points, have their points re-instated.

This motion was seconde by Mark Lumley.

**Discussion on Motion:**

Geoff Hasler – SCC applies rules and penalties as per competition playing rules. SCC is sympathetic but opposing teams need to be taken into account. It is the Clubs responsibility to adhere to the rules. Opposes the motion on these grounds.

Geoff Findlay – Were the rules changed in relation to the Constitution? The meeting held at that time was not valid as two representatives of each Club were not present. Nathan Tilbury stated that the rules were not changed in accordance with the constitution.

Alf James – If it was just a few teams/clubs being penalised the action of the SCC would be understandable. However because so many different clubs (most clubs) have been penalised this indicates a problem with the system. For this reason he supports the motion.

Col Griffin – Against the motion. Agrees with Geoff Hasler and the rule change, as he heard at the meeting held.

Josh Brown – Against the motion. Rules should be applied and enforced.

Nathan Tilbury – Stated that the rule had been highlighted last year.

Roger Friend – Booklet was only handed out after round 3, with only a few being handed out after round 2, with others being handed out as late as round 5.

Bruce Kimberley – SCC has a tough job. Teams do the right thing and administrators may stuff up, and therefore should be a financial penalty as per the rules.

Saminda Fernando – In favour of motion. Other factors need to be considered, as a player may be registered one day late, with maximum penalties being applied, but it may have just been an administration oversight.

Geoff Hasler – Maximum penalties? 1st innings result, but result reversed; Player contributed to outright result (2 cases) but results reversed; St Ives CC and a few others have credibility in relation to the 2010/11 rules being there at the start; MyCricket input is not a registration.

Nathan Tilbury – Four new Clubs with senior teams in the Assn this year all four have been caught out with the registration requirements for HK&HDCA. Other Associations only use the registration process on the MyCricket system & this is exactly what these new clubs did, this not sufficient for HK&HDCA senior registration system. This indicates that the Association has not supported these clubs sufficiently in the early stages & as such these new clubs should not be penalised until they understand exactly what is required of them.

Mark Lumley – For the motion. He advised that registrations in his previous Association were MyCricket only. HKHDA requires a MyCricket ID plus other forms. 26 Players done correctly, one missed, and penalties applied. Essentially for an administration error rather than on-field performance. His Teams will be leaving the Association if the administration debate continues, as it is grossly unfair.

Saminda Fernando – Echo Mark Lumley's sentiments. Sydney Lions are in just their 2nd season with the HK&HDCA & have no administrators, it is the Captains and a few others doing this work.

Nathan Tilbury – suggested it may have been a communication breakdown as details of where Clubs were going wrong was not expanded before round 3 when there were no penalties, just after round 3 with full penalties.

Josh Brown – Stated it would be a mockery of the rule book if this motion was passed.

John Barker – For the motion, and agrees that it should be taught more stringently, especially for Captains.

Roger Friend – Team sheet ratings should be highlighting this unregistered player rule.

Geoff Hasler – Advised that points had not been deducted as yet, until the appeals were finalised. How do we police this in future?

Gavin Wingfield – No objections to the SCC but the new rules should have been in place and communicated correctly at the start of the competition. Suggested that it should be a financial penalty rather than point deductions.

Geoff Findlay – Proposed to defer the motion and allow Clubs time to consider the motion, plus appeal if not already done.

Gavin Wingfield and Mark Lumley were OK with this deferral of the motion, as the proposer and seconder.

Geoff Hasler – The SCC will continue to apply the rules as they stand.

**Treasurers Report:** Nathan Tilbury:

- NT provided the meeting balances from the information he had.
- An interim invoice for fees will be sent to Clubs in December, which will need to be paid by end of January.
- This invoice will not include Captain's Ticket, scorebooks, etc. and a final delta invoice will be provided to Clubs early in the New Year.

John McQuillan moved that the following Bills listed in Incoming Correspondence be paid,

- Receipts for Association Shirts (\$579.70).
- Ben Gussey to HK&HDCA : Invoices (\$1200).
- Umpires Invoices (\$2650).

seconded by Bruce Kimberley, PASSED.

**Juniors Report:** Bruce Kimberley:

- No report due to Xmas function time constraints.

**Seniors Report:** Geoff Hasler:

- January 1 days, rounds 8 (Jan 7<sup>th</sup>), 9 (Jan 14<sup>th</sup>), and 10 (Jan 21<sup>st</sup>), all have midday starts.
- Only one Team unbeaten in the competition at present.
- Only two Teams with no wins at present.
- More penalties are coming for unregistered players.

**Representative Report:** Abbas Aly:

- I am pleased to advise the association on the success of the HKHDCA WEBLIN SHIELD Squad and MOORE SHIELD Squad:
  - although being made joint winners due to rain there are is a moral victory in it for our boys as our MOORE Shield side had defeated Sutherland on their home ground just a few weeks ago and our WEBLIN boys went through undefeated and played CAMDEN who had a washout in both the Quarter Final and Semi-Final – this comments are being made from a one eyed HKHDCA REP SECRETARY.
  - I do seriously wish to congratulate SUTHERLAND and CAMDEN on being joint premiers.
- We have gone back to back in WEBLIN Shield and I believe we can win it again next year – NO PRESSURE on the MOORE Shield, with the MOORE shield it has been a long time between drinks but a great result from a team who lost every match last year.

- We have had a good year especially noting that our FOSTER Shield and GEE Shield made it through to the finals as well.
- I would like to take this opportunity to thank the association for supporting the changes we have put forward this year, I hope that we have continued to grow the strong tradition the HKHDCUA has had in REPS and I would like to especially thank Warren Jackson, Mark Ruston and the past REP SECRETARIES in laying the a great foundation.
- The results we have achieved are the better for the fact we have used independent (non-parent) coaches and I thank each of them MARISA LEVIT – FOSTER SHEILD, SUJI DISSANAYKE – CREAK SHIELD, JOSH MILLER – CAWSEY SHIELD, PETER WATTS – GEE SHIELD, PETER DICK – MOORE SHILED, MARK HOLDEN – WEBLIN SHILED, ANDREW LOWE/PETER JOHNSTON – WATSON SHIELD.
- The IDCA/PRESIDENT CUP completions is now half way through and we are having some good success but weather has played havoc with the matches, special mention to our U15 President Cup on bowling the opposition out for 12.
- **SELECTION TRAIL FOR 2012/2013**
  - We are considering selecting a REP SQUAD where a group of 28 players will train together in the off season before a selecting SHIELD/IDCA squads this is to create a more cohesive and friendly atmosphere as well as improving the standard across a greater group.
  - We will also be rewarding outstanding players automatic selection through to the squad of 28, these options will be finalised shortly and the association will be advised.
  - Next season I would like to emphasise and equal approach across the SHIELD and IDCA/PRES CUP squads as it is clearly unfair that the IDCA/PRES CUP squads don't play on the same ovals as some of the ovals the PRES CUP/IDCA are getting are simply awful and does not allow for good cricket to be played. So far a good year – hopefully we can keep it up with the IDCA/PRES Cup boys.
  - Finally thank you to Ben Gussey, and Steve Wilson for their support changing grounds, moving umpires around could not have been done without them and the support of the Conveners, Managers and REP Committee.

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

- Several Clubs will receive a warning prior to Christmas of various Kookaburra Cup and B Grade Teams not completing their Umpire match reports for matches.
  - Failure to address this matter by the next Council meeting will lead to fines being imposed.
  - Clubs are urged to please attend to this matter urgently.
  - Scores are not required for washouts, but should be done in case of one day being played.
- The Junior umpire development programme continues to be rolled out with several umpires attending Junior matches to pass helpful hints to coaches and managers.
  - This programme has proven to be an outstanding success already and well received by the Clubs.
  - Thanks to all Umpires who have assisted to date.
- The development of our newer Umpires who are standing with the more experienced Umpires when the opportunity arises continues and has proven to be successful already and well received.
  - Despite losing two of our best Umpires for the regular season, the captain's scores for the regular Umpires are mostly very pleasing including our new Umpires who have joined our ranks this season or who are in their early years as a HKHDCUA careers.
  - We have also had the opportunity in 1 day matches to move Umpires to lower grades occasionally and again this has been well received.



- Payments for December have been submitted for Council approval tonight.
  - These payments include all matches and representative fixtures up to and including 11/12/2011.
- The HKHDCUA will be holding a short mid-season meeting followed by our Christmas dinner on the 20<sup>th</sup> December at the Hornsby RSL.
  - Meeting will be at 7pm and dinner 7.30pm.
  - All Umpires are welcome to attend.
- Finally, congratulations to Bruce Wood who was selected to umpire the Cawsey Shield final and to Alf James, Brent Hartland, Ian Lewis, Damien Lewis, Simon Moore, Scott Reid who joined Bruce umpiring the semi finals of the NSWDC.A.
  - 7 Umpires representing HKHDCUA was an outstanding achievement.

**HKHDCCA (Coaches) Report: Bruce Wood:**

- Two HKHDCCA / NDCC Cricket Clinics to be held in January:
  - Please promote within your Clubs.

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

- No report due to Xmas function time constraints.

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

- No report due to Xmas function time constraints.

**General Business**

- KOOINDAH WATERS GOLF DAY – NEW DATE – Friday, 24th February 2012:
  - Please advise your Club and Players.
- Lucky Door prize – Sydney Lions.

Next Council meeting:     Hornsby RSL Club  
                                      4 High St, Hornsby.  
                                      7.30pm to 9.00pm, Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2011.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

**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