

**General Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

**Meeting commenced:** 7.45pm

**Attendees:** See last page of minutes.

**Apologies:** Steve Wilson, Gareth Hughes, Barry McDonald, Jose Da Silva, Michael Vincent, Gavin Wingfield.  
Geoff Findlay moved that the apologies be accepted, seconded by Craig Menzies. PASSED.

**Welcome:** Nathan Tilbury welcomed HK&HDCA Life Members present & then all attendees.

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

Geoff Findlay moved that the minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013 be accepted, seconded by Scott Burrows. PASSED.

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

Ref	Action / Update	Owner	Due	Status
17 <sup>th</sup> - 1	Draft a note to Hornsby Council regarding a request for hessian.	Craig Menzies	11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Open
17 <sup>th</sup> - 2	Draft a note to Ku-ring-gai Council regarding a request for hessian.	Geoff Hasler	11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Open
17 <sup>th</sup> - 3	Draft a note to Ku-ring-gai Council in regards to the replacement of the trolley wheels at Turramurra Oval.	Geoff Hasler	11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Open
17 <sup>th</sup> - 4	Send a message to the Clubs regarding the types of fill that can be used on wet fields.	Nathan Tilbury	11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Open

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

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	Nil.			

**Correspondence**

Outgoing –

1. Nil.

Incoming -

1. St Ives/Wahroonga fees.
2. Berowra fees.
3. Beecroft fees.

**Treasurers Report:** Tim Davidson:

- Season Invoices
  - More fees have been collected with some still outstanding.

Geoff Hasler moved to send reminders to Club secretaries/Presidents and Treasurers regarding outstanding fees, seconded by Tim Davidson, PASSED.

- Suggested a Constitution change on the fee due date, changing it from the 31<sup>st</sup> December to the 30<sup>th</sup> November.

**HKHDCUA (Umpires) Report:** Scott Burrows (Steve Wilson absent):

- The December payments requiring approval are \$7,611.00 and the Year to Date total is \$14,355.50 - well down on numbers at the same time last season due to a combination of reasons such as wet weather, insufficient umpires to cover all Rep games and prudent appointments. Most clubs fees (not all) are down in comparison to last season.
- Congratulations to Bruce Wood and Kieran Canavan who were appointed to do the Harold Moore Shield final last Sunday.
- The HKHDCUA held its mid-season meeting and Christmas dinner last Wednesday evening and it was decided at the meeting that where possible, umpires in key A grade or Kookaburra Cup games would have "double umpires". This in effect actually will reduce costs even further to clubs - not those directly affected. It will also allow the umpires to work together with colleagues and share the workload which hopefully will lead to more enjoyment and even better performances on the field across the board and also give us the opportunity to mentor newer umpires which has been done for several seasons now in any case.
- One problem the appointments committee faced the other evening when trying to do the January appointments was the Kookaburra Cup draw was incomplete re grounds. It is vital that we give our members advance notice of their matches and locations so they can make arrangements during the holiday period or with work. It would be greatly appreciated if the draw in all grades is finalised ASAP for the umpires and even more importantly, for the players benefit. Thank you.
- On the draws, we recently had 2 Kookaburra Cup games set down for Annangrove and Glenorie Park which was ridiculous for this level of cricket. Umpires are NOT going to be sent to such grounds ever unless it is a semi final or final. Both umpires were transferred to other important matches. Please ensure this doesn't happen again at this level.
- There are the odd few games where captains have not submitted scores on the performances of umpires - especially in uncompleted matches which were washed out. I will be following this up shortly if the matter is not addressed. It is a requirement to do so, we use these scores to rank our umpires at the end of the season for the important finals games and also the Umpire of the Year. Could all captains please review that they have done all their games ASAP and if not please complete any missing games. Please be honest and consistent and ensure you put comments in for any 1s or 2s scores so we can address the situation with the umpire concerned. Overall, scores are exceptionally high again in A grade which reflects the standard of umpiring teams receive at this level.
- Overall, the HK&HDCUA is again enjoying another very strong season and on behalf of all our members I'd like to thank everyone for their efforts during the season to date and wish all a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

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

- The Coaches' Association has a busy month coming up in January 2014 with 6 school holiday junior cricket clinics scheduled, as follows:
  - 13-14 January - Boys clinic - Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara
  - 14 January - Girls clinic - Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara
  - 15-17 January - Boys & Girls clinic - Kenthurst Park
  - 20-21 January - Boys & Girls clinic - Montview Oval, Hornsby Heights
  - 22-24 January - Boys & Girls clinic - Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara
  - 22-23 January - BlowFly cricket clinic - Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara.
- The two Waitara clinics are filling rapidly and are expected to sell out by the end of December. The registrations for the Montview clinic are relatively low at present, however I'm confident these numbers will rise, especially with more support from the local Hornsby DCC.

- We are concerned about the very low response regarding our proposed clinic at Kenthurst, where the facilities are ideal. We will further promote this clinic on HK&HDCA's website and Facebook page, and the Executive Officer will send an email to the clubs on the western side of our Association's boundaries. BGW reminded the club delegates that we need their support in order to make these coaching clinics a success, as they have been in the past since 2010..

**Representative Report:** Bruce Parker:

- Final rounds of DCA on Sunday, with Weblin winning.
- Forster move to quarter finals.
- Net trials to be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, with notification in February '14.
- Martin Shield in quarter finals (12/1).

**Juniors Report:** Bruce Kimberley:

- All OK at present.
- Teams still not submitting scores, U11 and U12's mainly.

**Executive Officer Report:** Craig Menzies:

- Wet weather, reports of deteriorated covers and hessian.
- Bruce Parker, Bruce Wood and Bruce Kimberley need to provide draft dates and grounds for next season.
- Cricket Australia updating all websites.
- BHSC, Glenhaven key – one to Roger Friend and the other to Nathan Tilbury.

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

- **Baulkham Hills Shire Council & Kenthurst No. 1 Turf Wicket**
  - The only update is that I have a meeting with the Hills Shire Mayor tomorrow and hope to have a workable agreement in place before Xmas that sees a guaranteed turf wicket ground at Kenthurst No. 1 ground, available to the HK&HDCA at an affordable rate.
- **MYCRICKET SCORES REMINDER FOR ALL A GRADE CLUBS**
  - Our media contact with The Advocate & HK&HDCA Life Member, Tom Richmond, has asked me to remind all A grade clubs to remind their A grade captains to please put in the match scores (for both day 1 & day 2) by 12pm the Sunday following game day. Detailed player scores are also encouraged so Tom can mention the best performers in his dispatch that is due at the Advocate by Sunday afternoon.
  - The A grade coverage in the local paper is very important for a number of reasons & so all A grade teams are asked to support this request/reminder.
- **WET WEATHER & GROUNDS**
  - It was necessary for the Executive Officer to send out a reminder of senior rule 4.5 to all clubs to pass onto their junior & senior teams. This is in regards to what is allowed to be used on grounds the HK&HDCA use to make play possible.  
  
4.5 ABSORBENT FILL MATERIALS  
In order for play to proceed, sawdust or grass clippings may be used to provide a safe playing area. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES may any other materials (eg woodchip. Wood shavings) be used.
  - This playing condition applies to junior and senior matches. If incorrect materials are used to attempt to dry the outfield and damage is caused or costs could be incurred by the Association due to the remediation work required by council then these costs will be passed along to the clubs responsible.



- Over the past few weeks we have had problems with junior teams, senior teams and even rep teams using an unacceptable foreign material on grounds. We have even had a situation of an A grade player allegedly confronting a Council groundsman employee. Many of these incidents have resulted in complaints from the Councils and school. This is obviously completely unacceptable and the D & D committee are currently investigating these incidents.
- The Executive of this Association have been working extremely hard to build better relationships with Councils and schools (that have grounds we use) to guarantee use of the existing grounds as well as try to obtain badly needed upgrades and even new grounds for the HK&HDCA competitions. We simply cannot tolerate anyone using unauthorised material on the grounds in an attempt to make play possible, nor any cricketer or administrator approaching anyone from Council in a manner questioning their work or decisions in regards to the grounds they control.
- This is unacceptable and I will be pushing for serious penalties for those responsible if this is proven.
- A reminder about who has the authority to not allow play at a ground or on a turf pitch:
  - In a match with umpire(s) the umpire has sole control
  - In matches without umpires the team captain of each team has the control.
  - In the event of a match without an umpire present & captains do not agree a “regional ground controller” may be called out to make an “independent” decision
  - However the Council or school have the overriding authority to both of the above
- No one else has authorisation to not allow play to go ahead.

**Seniors Report:** Geoff Findlay (Gavin Wingfield absent):

- This Saturday 1 dayer, 1pm. Reminder that the one day games in January are midday starts.
- Note requirements for results and scores to be in MyCricket. Silly fines still have to be dished out, get onto the captains.
- With Christmas period, even more critical to ensure that you get rating requests in the proper format (using the excel spreadsheet available on the HKHDCA website), as members of the SCC may be away so less responsive over Christmas and January (we would like a break too).
- The grounds should be up and we hope to not make too many changes to the draw but if we can get more turf for A2 on Sunday then we will do so and use the ground that is made available on the Saturday to replace one of the poorer grounds in the lower grades, we won't shuffle it down to minimise impact.
- Have a great Christmas.
- John McQuillan – Grade player replacement rule.
  - 48 hours notice to the Executive, then the SCC, plus the opposing Club and the Umpires Association.



**General Business**

- Peter Johnston – Normanhurst nets:
  - Not in good repair.
  - Will send a report and photos to Executive Officer, cc to Nathan Tibury.
  
- Bruce Wood – The Glade:
  - Umpired at The Glade recently.
  - Northern end was covered with bottles and rubbish.
  
- Geoff Hasler – Covers:
  - Get the Executive Officer to place the cover instructions on the website.
  - Also, the ground closure notifications need to be on the website.
  
- Craig Menzies – McGrath Foundation 2014 information is now available.

Next Council meeting:   Hornsby RSL Club  
                                  4 High St, Hornsby.  
                                  Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January, 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

**Signed:**

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Nathan Tilbury  
President  
HK&HDCA Inc.  
Date: ...../...../ 2014

**Signed:**

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Craig Menzies  
Executive Officer  
HK&HDCA Inc.  
Date: ...../...../ 2014



First Name	Last Name	Club / Organisation	17th Dec '13
Alf	James	Life Member	
Andrew	Fowler	West Pennant Hills- Cherrybrook CC	
Arees	Ralf	Wahroonga Blade Runners	
Asiri	Gunawardena	Sydney Lions CC	
Barry	McDonald	West Pennant Hills- Cherrybrook CC & Vice President HKHDCA	A
Bill	White	St Ives CC & Secretary HKHDCA	Y
Bruce	Kimberley	Juniors	Y
Bruce	Parker	Mt Colah & Reps Secretary	Y
Bruce	Wood	Coaches Association	Y
Carl	Spears	Castle Hill CC	
Carolyn	Ball	Thornleigh CC	
Chris	Easy	Hornsby CC	
Col	Griffin	Kenthurst-Upper Hills CC	
Craig	Menzies	Executive Officer HKHDCA	Y
Damien	McMahon	Mt Colah	
David	Senathirayah	Sydney Lions CC	
Gareth	Hughes	Thornleigh CC	A
Gavin	Wingfield	St Ives CC & SCC Chairman	A
Geoff	Findlay	Beecroft CC, SCC & D&D Chairman	Y
Geoff	Hasler	Vice President HKHDCA	Y
Glenn	Gittins	Galston-Glenorie CC	
Ian	Fowler	Epping CC	Y
James	Hepworth	St Ives	
John	Klingberg	Kissing Point CC & SCC	
John	McQuillan	Life Member	Y
John	Patten	Hornsby CC	
Jose	Dasilva	Asquith Rugby League CC	A
Josh	Brown	Asquith Rugby League CC	
Justin	Epthorp	Galston Glenorie CC	
Keith	Fone	Mt Colah	
Lachlan	Reynolds	Thornleigh CC	
Lance	Soles	Castle Hill CC	
Mark	Adams	Berowra CC	
Mark	Lumley	North Shore CC	
Matthew	Buneldi	Mt Colah	



Michael	O'Shea	Mt Colah	
Mick	Vincent	Berowra CC	A
Mitch	Burger	Beecroft CC	
Mohan	Kumar	Wahroonga Blade Runners	
Murray	Macdonald	Hornsby CC	
Nathan	Tilbury	President HKHDCA	Y
Paul	Pastras	Castle Hill CC	
Pavan	Kumar	Wahroonga Blade Runners	
Peter	Aitken	Kissing Point CC	
Peter	Johnston	Normanhurst-Warrawee CC	Y
Raja	Mohan	Normanhurst-Warrawee CC	
Ran	Varsani	SKLPS	
Ray	Lees	Kenthurst-Upper Hills CC	
Roger	Friend	West Pennant Hills- Cherrybrook CC & SCC	Y
Salim	Khan	Mt Colah	
Scott	Burrows	Umpires Association	Y
Scott	Griffin	Berowra CC	
Sean	Sweeney	Kissing Point CC	
Simon	Arthur	Asquith Rugby League CC	Y
Stephen	Leggott	Pennant Hills CC	
Steve	Wilson	Umpires Association	A
Tim	Davidson	Treasurer HKHDCA	Y
Tom	Calloway	St Ives	
Will	Fiedler	Berowra CC	