

General Council Meeting
Tuesday 21st January 2014

Meeting commenced: 7.35pm

Attendees: See last page of minutes.

Apologies: Steve Wilson, Geoff Findlay.

Craig Menzies moved that the apologies be accepted, seconded by Geoff Hasler. PASSED.

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

Minutes of previous HK&HDCA General Council Meeting:

Craig Menzies moved that the minutes of 17th December 2013 be accepted, seconded by Geoff Hasler. PASSED.

Actions arising from HK&HDCA General Council Meetings:

Ref	Action / Update	Owner	Due	Status
17 th - 1	Draft a note to Hornsby Council regarding a request for hessian. 21/1 – Ongoing.	Craig Menzies	11 th Feb	Open
17 th - 2	Draft a note to Ku-ring-gai Council regarding a request for hessian. 21/1 – Ongoing.	Geoff Hasler	11 th Feb	Open
17 th - 3	Draft a note to Ku-ring-gai Council in regards to the replacement of the trolley wheels at Turramurra Oval. 21/1 – Ongoing.	Geoff Hasler	11 th Feb	Open
21 st - 2	Advise if the Sunday washed out game will be replayed.	SCC	11 th Feb	Open
21 st - 4	Follow up Campbell Park wicket renewal with Council and see why only half was renewed.	Craig Menzies	11 th Feb	Open

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

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17 th - 4	Send a message to the Clubs regarding the types of fill that can be used on wet fields. 21/1 – Message sent.	Nathan Tilbury	11 th Feb	Closed

Correspondence

Outgoing –

1. Nil.

Incoming -

1. Nil.



Treasurers Report: Tim Davidson:

- All Clubs are financial.
- Bank Balances.
 - The current cash position is a positive balance of \$152,435 as well as having a term deposit of \$65,000 which is matured in Jnauray 2014 and has been reinvested for a further 4 months. The term deposit represents the balance of the Ground Maintenance Fund. This balance is after the collection of season fees from all Clubs and the payment of all season ground hire charges with the exception of Kenthurst No1 for 2012/13 and 2013/14.
- Ball Rebates.
 - Just a reminder that ball rebates will be paid again this season so please ensure that you forward to me a copy of all your HKHDCA branded Kookaburra match ball invoices so that I can arrange for payment.
- Final Season Invoices.
 - At the conclusion of season 2013/14 a final invoice will be sent to each Club for Umpire fees and fines, etc.

HKHDCUA (Umpires) Report: Geoff Hasler (Steve Wilson absent):

- Running smoothly.
- Semi's Umpires allocated.
- Outstanding Umpire reports from Captains need to be completed.
- A grade game – Castle Hill v Kissing Point.
 - Umpires decision under Law 21, that the game was a tie.

HKHDCCA (Coaches) Report: Bruce Wood:

- Clinics last week and this week.
 - 83 at Waitara.
 - 23 at Kenthurst.
 - Montview today.
 - Waitara with 74 tomorrow.
- Clubs are supporting the Clinics.
- April and May for the off-season Clinics.

Representative Report: Bruce Parker:

- Seniors:
 - Martin beaten by 2 wickets in quarter final.
 - Durham and Telegraph into the next round.
- Country carnivals ongoing.
- The Glade will be used for the finals of the Telegraph.

Juniors Report: Bruce Kimberley:

- Draws sent out and in MyCricket.
- Incomplete match cards.
 - Start deducting points.

Executive Officer Report: Craig Menzies:

- Nil.
- John McQuillan – request for the DCA rep information to be updated on the website.

President's Report (Nathan Tilbury):

Hills Shire Council – Kenthurst turf wicket update – 21st January 2014

Over the past 24 months the Association through myself (HK&HDCA President) & Barry McDonald (HK&HDCA Vice President & WPHC CC Chairman) have had a number of number of meetings with senior Hills Shire Council staff as well as a number of meetings and additional contact with that Council's Councillors and the current Mayor. Your Executive now believe we have a situation where the majority of Councillors are willing to considering a workable concept that will retain Kenthurst Oval No. 1 ground as a turf wicket at an affordable rate to this Association.

Last night your Association Executive discussed the situation and proposed strategy at length, before unanimously approving the concept to be taken to the Council specifically to influential Councillors (local to Kenthurst) and the Mayor. I now seek the Clubs' approval for the same.

I would like to thank a number of our current and past cricketers (from various clubs) as well as local ratepayers & neighbouring cricketers who have directly supported our fight through both signing/commenting on our electronic petition (more than 560 signatures and comments, with the greater majority residents of Hills) as well as those that have written directly to their local Hills Councillor(s) and even their Local MP on the issue. Petition link below:

<http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/kenthurst-no-1-ground-lost-as-a-turf-wicket.html>

The current situation is that influential Councillors as well as the Mayor are in favour of considering the Penrith turf wicket maintenance model but have very little detail on how it works.

This Penrith Council turf wicket model was in fact reviewed and recommended for an increase at the Penrith Council General meeting December 2013 by Penrith Councillors. After the increase (\$30K per annum on just 1 ground) was approved by Council a very positive media release came out via the local newspaper making it a good news story for all.

The Penrith system has been in place for more than 12 years for both the local Grade club and local Association. It works as follows:

Penrith Grade club receives \$72K for Howell Oval, (plus the Council approved extra \$30K for). Plus significant additional funds for the other 2 turf wicket grounds that club uses in summer.

Nepean Dist. CA – receive \$55K for 4 grounds from Council.

The Association pay \$800 monthly per groundsman (1 per ground) x 4 grounds for 8 months of the year, totalling \$41,200.

Each groundsman puts in 15 to 20 hours per week and new ones are trained internally. At less than \$11 per hour it really means a mixture of volunteer and paid labour.

The Association also have to pay:

Insurance

Materials

Machinery (which they already own but must pay for ongoing maintenance & fuel)

Usually this Council grant money numbers increases by CPI annually.

Outfield mowing etc. & general ground maintenance are still done by Council.

Also the local Association also pay \$1,200 hire per ground = \$4,800 (includes Saturday & Sunday hires) but they say that from the grant money with a small weekly hire fee on the teams that use the turf grounds that the Association can cover ALL costs for their turf wickets.

Currently the HK&HDCA pays around \$7.8K annually on a Hornsby Council ground and \$5.2K on a Ku-ring-gai Council ground. So potentially this system implemented on those Council grounds could save the HK&HDCA significantly even after all costs. On the other hand it means the cricketers are responsible for the maintenance of all the turf wickets.

The Penrith model saves that Council 100% on their costs if they were to do it themselves i.e. halves their costs by having the cricketers do it with their support through the grant system.

There are two possibilities for the HK&HDCA to consider for Kenthurst No.1 ground if Council agrees to the concept:

1. The Nepean District CA model. Generally the groundsmen are found from their cricket ranks or come from retired cricketers. The work is often completed after normal work hours. We would have to consider how the HK&HDCA groundsman for Kenthurst would be paid (just as we do with the Executive Officer role).
2. We get volunteers to do all “easy” or “non-professional” maintenance on the Kenthurst wicket (such as watering, crease marking etc.) but a professional company is used to undertake other work such as use of machinery, more difficult wicket prep. etc.

Both Penrith Council and Nepean District CA are open to sharing the details of their system which has successfully worked for them for at least 12 years. Further details can be found in the Nepean District CA’s annual reports (in the attached financial report) which are available on that Association’s website, going back many seasons.

From here I recommend the next action; to have a meeting with the two local Councillors and the Mayor to run through the details of the Penrith Council model for turf wickets to seek their support to implement something similar for Kenthurst No. 1 turf wicket ground.

Clubs need to be aware that if this concept is implemented that other local Councils such as Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai will almost certainly be monitoring the “Penrith” model and considering implementation of something similar with their own turf wickets. So potentially clubs need to understand that in a few short years the HK&HDCA could have responsibility for maintenance of all the turf wicket grounds we use. The Executive see this move as a positive and the Association should almost be looking to propose this system with other Councils (putting us on the front foot & in a strong position of negotiation). Not to mention that it could potentially save the Association a significant sum.

I urge clubs to continue to support the HK&HDCA Executive’s “fight” with Hills Shire Council to retain Kenthurst No. 1 ground as a turf wicket at an affordable level and to support this strategy.

John Campo moved that the Council endorses actions to date and to move forward with concepts tabled regarding Kenthurst strategy, seconded by Bruce Kimberley, PASSED.

Seniors Report: Gavin Wingfield:

- Kookaburra Cup, on Saturday, Sydney Lions v Wahroonga Blade Runners, moved to The Glade.
- D2’s, midday start not 1pm.
- Results and scores to be entered on time.
 - Clubs are being fined.
- Last remaining players on provisional ratings are being finalized.

General Business

- Gareth Hughes – Campbell Park:
 - Half of the wicket has been renewed by Council, but the other half is old.
 - Can we investigate renewing other half of wicket?



- Glenn Gittins – Pitch Reports:
 - Steve Wilson saw the state of pitches for lower grades and suggested that there could be more pitch reports for lower grades.
 - Geoff Hasler advised that the MyCricket website has a facility to allow pitch reports for any grades, on any grounds, when entering results.

- John McQuillan – Pennant Hills #2:
 - Very good track.
 - Used by Little Athletics, who co-operate well with cricket.

- Geoff Hasler – Kooindah Waters Golf Day.
 - More players required.
 - 7th Feb, Friday.

- Simon Arthur – Unwanted cricket gear.
 - Sending old gear to Uganda.
 - Check out the Bankstown Cricket website or go via ARL.

Next Council meeting: Hornsby RSL Club
 4 High St, Hornsby.
 Tuesday 11th February, 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	21st Jan '14
Alf	James	Life Member	Y
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	Y
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	Y
Carolyn	Ball	Thornleigh CC	Y
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	Y
Gavin	Wingfield	St Ives CC & SCC Chairman	Y
Geoff	Findlay	Beecroft CC, SCC & D&D Chairman	A
Geoff	Hasler	Vice President HKHDCA	Y
Glenn	Gittins	Galston-Glenorie CC	Y
Ian	Fowler	Epping CC	Y
James	Hepworth	St Ives	
John	Klingberg	Kissing Point CC & SCC	Y
John	McQuillan	Life Member	Y
John	Patten	Hornsby CC	Y
John	Campo	Kenthurst-Upper Hills CC	Y
Jose	Dasilva	Asquith Rugby League CC	Y
Josh	Brown	Asquith Rugby League CC	
Justin	Epthorp	Galston Glenorie CC	
Keith	Fone	Mt Colah	Y
Lachlan	Reynolds	Thornleigh CC	Y
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	
Mick	Hungerford	Castle Hill CC	Y
Mitch	Burger	Beecroft CC	
Mohan	Kumar	Wahroonga Blade Runners	
Murray	Macdonald	Hornsby CC	
Nathan	Tilbury	President HKHDCA	Y
Paul	Pastras	Castle Hill CC	Y
Pavan	Kumar	Wahroonga Blade Runners	
Peter	Aitken	Kissing Point CC	Y
Peter	Johnston	Normanhurst-Warrawee CC	
Raja	Mohan	Normanhurst-Warrawee CC	Y
Ran	Varsani	SKLPS	
Ray	Lees	Kenthurst-Upper Hills CC	
Roger	Friend	West Pennant Hills- Cherrybrook CC & SCC	Y
Salim	Khan	Mt Colah	
Saminda	Fernando	Sydney Lions CC	Y
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	
Tim	Davidson	Treasurer HKHDCA	Y
Tom	Calloway	St Ives	
Will	Fiedler	Berowra CC	