

Agenda - HDCA Special General Meeting – 09/12/2019

Highlands District Cricket Association



Meeting details	
Time:	6.30pm
Location:	Nattai Room – Mittagong RSL Club
Agenda:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Welcome – Chair2. Present – Simon Taufel (HDCA Chair), Rodney Cavalier (HDCA), Grahame Andrews (WSC Councillor), Rina Hore (Bradman Foundation), Graham Brake (HDCA), Angus Humphreys (BCC), Ricky Martin (WTCC), Steve Granger (Bundanoon CC), Steve Beveridge (Bundanoon CC), Michael Pike (WTCC), Matthew Pike (WTCC), Peter Canestrari (MVCC), Rob Collins (MVCC), Craig Rheynolds (BBCC), Graeme Watson, Darren James (BBCC), Simon Reid (HNVCC), Alex Debs (HNVCC), Grant Pike (WTCC), Michael Standen (Gib Gate), Jack Whitfield (HDCA), Jock McIlhatton (Bradman Foundation), Scott McKie (MVCC), Brian Martin (HDCA), Brett McAulay (HDCA), Salman Yusuf (HDCA), Tahlia Wellington (HDCA), Aaron De Jager (RBCC), Byron Kaufling (HDCA)3. Resolution Matter – to be discussed in two parts:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><u>Part one:</u> <i>To provide an opportunity for HDCA Members and Affiliates to be updated with current parameters of the Bowral Cricket Club MOU with the Bradman Foundation and the Bradman Foundation's lease terms with Wingecarribee Shire Council for the use of Bradman Oval.</i><u>Part two:</u> <i>The HDCA Board will also provide an opportunity for Members and Affiliates to discuss the existing HDCA Grounds and Facilities Strategy and user agreements with the Clubs and how that impacts on ground allocations for competition matches.</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Bradman Foundation (BF) – Rina Hore (RH)<ul style="list-style-type: none">- In 2011 BF signed a 21 year lease with Wingecarribee Shire Council (WSC) to be lessee of Bradman Oval and surrounding areas. This is separate to that of the museum. WSC pays a contribution towards this. This is currently approximately \$42,000 p.a. which covers all services that would be afforded to a council ground including rubbish removal, water, use of public toilets etc. BF pays for all of these services and receives a subsidy from WSC.- The lease notes that BF may hire the oval out for community events, sporting events, third parties for profit.- BF maintain the wicket, fences, outfield, pavilion etc.- The ground costs approximately \$100,000 per annum to run.- BF made a \$9,000 loss on the ground last year.

- The funds raised through the museum are not able to be spent on the Bradman Oval. BF look to recoup costs through events held at the oval.
- The major cost to the BF for the oval is the use of water. In 2018/19 this cost was circa \$18,000.
- BF appreciates the support the BCC have afforded them by cleaning change rooms, removing rubbish, Putting down covers, taking them up, moving sightscreens and preparing the facility for play. This keeps their labour costs down so that they don't have to employ someone for the day.
- The Standard hire fee for non-HDCA events is \$1600/day
- The HDCA hire fee is \$250/ Saturday
- The BCC Junior Blaster program hire fee – Free
- BCC raised \$180,000 to assist the BF in replacing the nets at Bradman Oval.

Q&A:

- Aaron De Jager – How many weekends is the oval not available to HDCA for cricket throughout a season? Available for 55-56 days. Not available at all in January. 2019-2020 season, there are 6 Saturdays that Bradman Oval is not available to the HDCA.
- For the days that it is available for Cricket, do the HDCA get first priority? On Saturdays – Yes. The BF are not assisted by the delays in draws being issued by GIZ and HDCA.
- Should the local clubs and the HDCA rep not have first priority for use of Bradman Oval? If this is the case, the BF would not be able to maintain a \$250 fee on every week. The BF would need to equalise the hire cost.
- Simon Taufel (ST) – RH and ST discussed the above last week. The HDCA draw will remain as is for 2019-2020 however the BF would need to look at the hire costs for the 2020-2021 season based on the number of days the HDCA are likely to hire the oval, and based on the budget that the HDCA would be putting forward.
- Welby and Lackey cost between \$350 - \$450 to prepare. Veterans pay \$550 for the hire and use of Chater Oval (private ground).
- Aaron De Jager – RHs explanation the clearest heard to date. Should have been detailed to all clubs when it came to fruition. RH notes that it likely was.
- Peter Canestrari – If we lose 1 turf ground for first grade it will affect the association significantly, prior to seeking assistance from BCC, did the BF reach out to HDCA and all clubs for assistance? RH discussed at board level, that BF were negotiating with BCC.
- ST – There is nothing stopping any club talking to any ground provider/owner outside of council.
- Simon Reid – Concern with letter that Bowral CC first grade must play on Bradman Oval, and when they are not there, Bowral CC second grade must be scheduled there.
- BF notes that if there were 6-8 teams playing in the first grade competition, there would be no request to allow second grade to play on Bradman Oval.
- 5 years ago BCC had no first grade side, should this occur again in 5 years time, does this mean that no HDCA first grade games would be played at Bradman Oval? – This will be addressed during Angus Humphreys presentation.
- HNVCC standpoint that if there is a draw which includes Bradman Oval it should not only be afforded to Bowral CC.

- ST notes that per the lessee agreement, the BF do not have to afford the HDCA one game.

ii. Bowral Cricket Club (BCC) – Angus Humphreys (AH)

- BCC a member of the HDCA and follow member regulations, constitution and playing conditions.
- 1st grade playing condition 5.1.1 notes that the best ground is available for first grade. BCC abide by this. BCC have asked that when there is an uneven round or bye in first grade, that as reward and recognition for raising \$180,000 to upgrade the nets at Bradman Oval that BCC 2nd grade get an opportunity to play at Bradman Oval.
- BCC have three members who water Stephen's Park.
- BCC are not asking for any changes to the constitution or Member Regulations.
- BCC MOU with BF has 3 years left to run.
- There are clubs who have had differing numbers in senior ranks over the years, and AH does not know what the BCC will look like in 5 years time, or what the HDCA competition will look like in 5 years time. However, for the 2019-2022 seasons (when the BCC and BF MOU expires) the BCC continues to play by the same rules as all other clubs.
- At no stage have the BCC influenced a draw to have the BCC playing at Bradman Oval, with the exception of asking for 2nd grade to be allocated as mentioned previously as reward and recognition.

Q&A:

- Aaron De Jager – Had BCC come out a month ago and stated the above the SGM would not have been required. AH notes that he was not contacted by any club to seek the BCC stance.
- Simon Reid – Do you think that BCC 1st grade should have first priority on Bradman Oval every week? – BCC abide by what the HDCA regulate and the draw provided.
- Steve Granger – Question for ST as Chair of HDCA – Is the HDCA talking to BF to keep status quo? Yes, ST discussion with BF. The draw and pricing for the 2019-2020 season will remain as is. In relation to 2020 onwards, BF will provide a pricing structure and the HDCA will review and determine what is affordable for grade cricket.
- Graham Brake – Provided clarity that there are 2 documents in play. BCC and BF MOU and the letter of offer from BF to the HDCA for the lease of the Bradman Oval.
- Essence of BCC MOU is that the BCC will remove rubbish, clean the change rooms and conduct match day preparation / tidy up roles (including covers).
- Brian Martin – If Bradman Oval is closed, are BCC happy to play as the home team at a different venue? BCC are happy to accept the same rules as everyone else.
- We will be having a discussion at a later stage around how much turf cricket we play, as it will become a financial decision as much as any other.
- If there is a match allocated to Bradman Oval which does not include BCC, both teams will be required to complete the tasks that BCC ordinarily would do.

- The BF may need to look at arranging a training session to teach clubs what is required in the maintenance of the ground including the covers.

iii. HDCA

- ADJ – Does the Senior director of Cricket have the sole responsibility to make draws and ground allocations- yes. He is not influenced by any other outside factors. It has not been discussed at board level.

Part two:

- Brian Martin and Steve Granger expressed concerns regarding signing the User Agreement and the implications this could have.
- Confirmation that the HDCA have signed user agreements with the WSC for all WSC utilised grounds.
- Concerns regarding how a game should be called off if the ground is determined to be unfit on the morning of a game.
- If there is no appointed umpire there is a process which needs to be followed. This process is contained within the HDCA Playing Conditions. ST agreed to review/strengthen this process.
- A reminder issued that JLT checks must be completed prior to each game.
- On Saturday two non-Mittagong clubs played at Welby and the facilities were not opened. It is important that information from club management is shared with all members of a club. In the situation where a club does not hold a key to certain facilities, please call to arrange this.
- If any club has a concern or problem, please pick the phone and talk to the person concerned/responsible. If you are not able to resolve the issue, talk to a Board member or the Chairperson.
- We all can achieve so much more when we work together.
- We need to continue to approach each other with respect and courtesy.
- There are a great deal of volunteers doing a great deal of work to better the association.
- The amount of work that clubs are doing is phenomenal, but we need to focus on team success. One strong club is bad for the association.
- Request to put Facilities and plans for the future on the agenda for the February General Meeting.
- Please review the grounds and facilities strategic plan prior to the General Meeting. This is now available on the HDCA website under Library.

Meeting declared closed at 7.33pm

Next Meeting: AGM 3rd February 2020