

# Minutes - HDCA Annual General Meeting – 05/07/2021

Highlands District Cricket Association



## Meeting details

Date and Time:	05/07/2021 at 7pm
Location:	Zoom: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86875681697?pwd=NUZKS1VUb0R4eXg1Z1VEaG5QVGN1QT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86875681697?pwd=NUZKS1VUb0R4eXg1Z1VEaG5QVGN1QT09</a> Meeting ID: 868 7568 1697 Passcode: 358955
Meeting Open:	7:05pm
Agenda:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Chairperson's Welcome – Simon Taufel Welcomed everyone during these challenging times. ST thanked special guests Sean Barrett (CNSW), John Morris (HDCA Judiciary chair) and Alex Debs (Award winner). ST acknowledged that 2020 – 2021 had been a fantastic year under different circumstances. ST noted that this was thanks to the great work of the volunteers (club presidents, secretaries, coaches, team organisers) who assisted with COVID compliance and allowed our competitions to proceed.</li><li>2. Present: Simon Taufel (ST), Graham Brake (GB), Carisa Wells (CW), Jack Whitfield (JW), Sam Nasser (SN), Brett McAulay (BM), Salman Yusuf (SY), Tahlia Wellington (TW), Andrew Middleton (AM), Matthew Pike (WTCC), Grant Pike (WTCC), Michael Pike (WTCC), Steve Beveridge (Bundanoon CC and O50s), Rina Hore (Bradman Foundation), Angus Humphreys (HDCUA), Peter De Hosson (BCC), Scott Miller (MCC), Alex Debs (HNVCC), Darren James (BBCC), Aaron De Jager (RBCC), Sean Barrett (CNSW), Peter Canestrari (MVCC), Glenda Gilmore (BCC), Kristen Kellond (Bundanoon CC), Rico Du Plessis (BCC), Ryan Haigh (HSCC), Jodi Cooper (BCC), Byron Kaufling (Chevalier), Nicola Fenaughty (Gib Gate), Andrew Bell (Chevalier), John Morris (HDCA Jury Chair), Simon Reid (HNVCC), Philip Gibson (nominated board member), Timothy Stirton (Bundanoon CC), Michael Heinecke (BBCC), Stephen Wentworth (Nominated board member)</li></ol>

3. Apologies:

Richard McHarg, John Lindsay, Brian Martin, Jock McIlhatten, Rodney Cavalier OAM, Alison Canestrari, Geoff Larsen, David Wood OAM, Phil Benson, Jan Watson - ST read a letter sent through from Jan Watson:

*Thank you for your kind invitation to attend the HDCA AGM. I feel this was Graeme's project and although I was involved through hearing the ins and outs of what was happening; the achievements and goals, the successes and frustrations, I feel that I cannot contribute much to the club without his presence. His lack of presence is a reality which saddens me every day.*

*On a happier note, Simon recently showed me photos of the participants in the first female competition, the Tina Macpherson Cup. It was so delightful to see such a great group of girls – Graeme would have been so proud – this was a major goal for you all – to have more women participants. And I notice the overall participation rate has increased significantly – what a great achievement. The HDCA Academy also is a wonderful idea to be congratulated.*

*Congratulations to the Premiers but also to the groundsmen, umpires, volunteers, players, parents and photographers – some of those photos should be on the World Sports Photography Awards!*

*The enthusiasm in the reports is so encouraging – “looking forward to the next season” is a great way to start.*

*Thank you again for thinking of me and congratulations on a great year and best wishes to those who are standing down and to the continuing and new office holders.*

*Best wishes*

*Jan Watson*

4. Previous Minutes

Motion: That the minutes be accepted as true and accurate.

Motioned by: Sam Nasser

Seconded by: Angus Humphreys

Result: Carried

5. Business arising from previous minutes

ST confirmed that the Paul Stuchbury Award resides at the Bradman Pavilion and we have a record of all previous winners.

6. Presentation of HDCA Awards:

a. Spirit of Cricket

Graham Brake read out the MCC preamble for the Spirit of Cricket:

*Cricket owes much of its appeal and enjoyment to the fact that it should be played not only according to the Laws, but also within the Spirit of Cricket. The major responsibility for ensuring fair play rests with the captains, but extends to all players, match*

*officials and, especially in junior cricket, teachers, coaches and parents.*

*Respect is central to the Spirit of Cricket.*

*Respect your captain, team-mates, opponents and the authority of the umpires.*

*Play hard and play fair.*

*Accept the umpire's decision.*

*Create a positive atmosphere by your own conduct, and encourage others to do likewise.*

*Show self-discipline, even when things go against you.*

*Congratulate the opposition on their successes, and enjoy those of your own team.*

*Thank the officials and your opposition at the end of the match, whatever the result.*

GB presented the Spirit of Cricket award to the Mittagong Cricket Club who received an average vote of 8.86/match. Graham thanked the HDCUA for their efforts in umpiring all grades this season and in their focus on the Spirit of Cricket.

ST set a challenge for all clubs leading into next season, "what are you going to do next differently to make cricket a more enjoyable environment for everyone?"

b. 1st Grade Player of the Year

Jack Whitfield Thanked the HDCUA umpires for their efforts in the past season and in voting on this award.

JW presented the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Player of the Year award to Hill Top Northern Villages Cricket Club's Alex Debs. Alex narrowly beat out the next 5 players seizing the award with a total of 15 points for the season.

7. Adoption of Annual Report

ST thanked all who contributed to the annual report. ST thanked Phil Benson who supplied a number of photos that were utilised in this report.

Motion: That the 2021 HDCA Annual report be adopted.

Motioned by: Graham Brake

Seconded by: Carisa Wells

Result: Carried

ST invited anyone to talk to the report - nil

#### 8. Acknowledgement of Contribution

Simon Taufel acknowledged the contribution of outgoing board members and office bearers:

- Salman Yusuf – ST acknowledged that the books and accounts are in a far better position than when SY came onboard.
- Andrew Middleton – ST acknowledged the wonderful acumen around schooling environment and voice of reason and common sense that AM brought to the table. We look forward to having AM continue to serve the association in the Child Protection role.
- Carisa Wells – ST thanked CW for being a bright, bubbly, effervescent female on the board who brought fresh ideas and challenges around how to better reach the youth of our association.
- Tahlia Wellington – ST thanked TW for making the cricketing experience easier and more enjoyable.
- Graham Brake – A great confidant, 2IC, voice of rational reason, business acumen around the boardroom will be sorely missed.

Graham Brake acknowledged and thanked outgoing chair Simon Taufel for the enormous contribution he has made whilst on the board.

It's important that we continue

GB acknowledged STs visions for the HDCA: to grow the local game, make local cricket sustainable and viable for the future. GB analysed the state of the game following STs tenure:

Facilities – The HDCA have been able to provide new covers, rollers, pitches, training facilities, new equipment, and uniforms.

Teams and participation – In the 2020 – 2021 season we had 22 senior grade teams (including 6 in first grade for the first time since 2014-15). Junior cricket – 31 teams and over 300 players registered. We launched our inaugural women's competition.

Finances – Under STs chairmanship we started with \$40,000, leaving the incoming board with over \$120,000 along with major sponsors.

Expectations – Set very high expectations for everyone involved in the game and challenged us regularly on that.

Community engagement – Table of ten where we were able to see the cricket community come together to celebrate.

Leave the game in a better shape than we found it – You leave the game in the Southern Highlands in a much better state than when you found it.

On behalf of affiliates, clubs, and personally, GB thanked ST.

ST acknowledged the efforts of those around him in order to achieve the above. ST wishes the new board much happiness and enjoyment and the experience of making new friends and developing the mateship in the local community.

ST opened to the floor to make comments on the outgoing members.

Sam Nasser- On behalf of junior cricket – Thank you to all of the outgoing board members for their contribution. Special mentions to TW and ST – The professionalism and standard in which you leave the HDCA and the board. We are so grateful for the contribution you have made.

Angus Humphreys– Concur with what Graham and Sam have said. Highlands cricket is certainly stronger. Tahlia’s organisation has been absolutely fantastic, has taken a lot of work away from the clubs and affiliates. Simon – we’re certainly going to miss your contribution next year (on and off the field). Cricket in the highlands is certainly in a strong position, lets hope it keeps on growing.

## 9. Election of new Board Directors and Office Bearers

### a. Directors

Three candidates were nominated to the board. All three were elected without need for vote:

- Stephen Wentworth

Grew up in the Highlands, left and has returned. SW has young children who are involved in cricket. SW has followed cricket all his life and previously umpired. SW is hoping to bring to the board: a bit more of the youth coming through and the experience of having kids just starting out their journey of playing cricket.

- Phil Gibson

Comes from a cricketing family. Played cricket for many years. PG has a background in sports marketing, working with sports organisations. PG moved to the Highlands with his wife last year. Looking forward to bringing marketing, sponsorship and commercial experience to the HDCA.

- Rico Du Plessis

New to the highlands, played half a season last year. RDP has been around cricket all his life. Very keen to get involved and help strengthen of depth of local cricket to retain the talent of our juniors.

ST welcomed these members to the board and encouraged females to put their hand up to join the board.

b. GIZ delegates (2)

Two candidates were nominated to the role of GIZ delegate. They were elected without need to vote:

- Rina Hore
- Sam Nasser

c. Judiciary Members named:

- John Morris – Chair
- Jeff Mitchell
- Norm Stanton
- Tina Macpherson pending acceptance

d. Code of Conduct Commissioner – Rodney Cavalier AO

e. Accounts reviewer – Muhammad Asim

f. Outstanding positions:

The Treasurer and Secretary Administrator will be standing down. ST urged clubs and affiliates to reach out to their members to identify potential replacements.

#### 10. General Business

Rina Hore – Seeking feedback from members regarding the age at which they would like to see ZONE representative teams selected. Historically competitions began at U14, recently U13 and U12 competitions were established.

Sam Nasser noted that the recommendation is to replace the U12 representative competition with an U15 competition. This would make the age groups U13, U14, U15 and U16.

Michael Heinecke noted that as the coach of the U12 HDCA side, he would welcome the recommendation to replace the U12 from last year with an U15 side.

ST welcomed commentary from the floor in the chat. One response received from Byron Kauflin, noting a recommendation for the commencement at U13 from Byron Kauflin.

RH noted wishing to understand the what the members feel the desired objectives of each age group should be to ensure that the outcome is aligned accurately.

ST noted that if views do not com forward offline from the members, RH and SN will make the decisions with the board.

Meeting Closed:

7:49pm