

HDCA General Meeting : 06/09/2021

Highlands District Cricket Association



Meeting details

Date and Time: 06/09/2021

Location: Online via zoom

Meeting Opened: 07.03pm

1 Present: Stephen Wentworth (Chair), Deb Waltho (Board), Joel Goring (Board), Jack Whitfield (Board), Phil Gibson (Board), Sam Nasser (Board), Rico Du Plessis (Boar), Michael Heinecke (BBCC), Darren James (BBCC), Peter De Hosson (BCC), Jodi Cooper (BCC), Kristen Kellond (Bundanoon CC), Tim Stirton (Bundanoon CC), Simon Reid (HNVCC), David Spies (HNVCC), Scott Miller (MCC), Peter Canestrari (MVCC), Aaron De Jager (RBCC), Michael Pike (WTCC), Grant Pike (WTCC), Matt Pike (WTCC), Chris Gratsounis (Chevalier College), Nicola Fenaughty (Gib Gate), Tom Kindred (Oxley), Kim McNaught (Oxley College), Sam Goodfellow (Tudor House), Angus Humphreys (Board and HDCUA), Ryan Haigh (Highlands Social), Sean Barrett (CNSW), Rina Hore (Entered 7:45pm), Brett McAulay (Entered 7:48pm),

Chair welcomed all to the meeting, reminded that the board rely on club delegates to share information with their members. While we welcome non-delegates to attend meetings as observers, however there are no rights to debate or vote. Asked that these individuals work with club delegates to bring matters forward to the board.

Apologies: Andrew Bell (Chevalier College), Scott McKie (MVCC)

Conflicts of Interest: Nil noted

2 – Business arising from previous minutes	Action	Who	Due Date
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Nil			
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Motion: That the minutes be accepted as true and accurate

Moved: Angus Humphreys

Seconded: Jack Whitfield

Result: Carried

3 – Correspondence

All correspondence distributed to delegates. Nothing in particular to be raised at this point.

4 - Reports

a. Finance

- Budget has been completed but yet to be ratified by the board.
- The proposed budget sees an estimated surplus of \$302.
- Main increases from last year, improvement of grounds, administration expenses, secretary and treasurer costs implemented, allowance for social media and Bradman turf prep.
- Target of \$16,000 new sponsorship to come on board.
- Budgeting will be completed on a monthly basis.
- Proposed fees for the season:
 - 1st Grade \$3, 935
 - 2nd Grade \$2,78
 - 3rd Grade \$2, 360
 - Tina Macpherson Cup \$709
 - Stage 3 \$761
 - Stage 2 and 1 \$709

Motion: That the treasurers report be accepted

Moved: Sam Nasser

Second: Jack Whitfield

Result: Carried

b. Chairman's report

- Thanked TW for staying on in the role of secretary administrator
- Looking to find some administrative assistance in the roles of Junior secretary administrator and social media officer.
- SW thanked the board members who have continued, and those who have come on.
- Thanked Joel for taking the time to set up the accounts in MYOB rather than excel.
- Looking to set up a domain in the coming weeks.
- COVID is going to be an issue for us going forward. The board is looking to implement the following policy as part of PCs. SW asked for feedback on this –

Failure to comply with COVID protocols shall have the following penalties implemented:

Senior Cricket:

First Offence: Offending team loses maximum competition points available in round.

Second Offence: Offending team loses maximum competition points available in round and the club is issued a fine (value to be established in consultation with clubs).

Third and all subsequent Offences: Offending team loses maximum competition points available in round, club is issued a fine (value to be established in consultation with clubs) and the captain is suspended for 3 matches.

Junior Cricket:

First Offence: Offending team loses 10 competition points.

Second and all subsequent Offences: Offending team loses 10 competition points and the club is issued a fine (value to be established in consultation with clubs).

- SW noted that it is important that we have robust sanctions to ensure that our COVID plans are adhered to.
- Michael Heinecke – Question on how we manage parents and juniors. SW recommended that clubs alert parents to the protocols and the sanctions and the impact it will have on the teams.
- Simon Reid – Requested for the sanctions to be sent via email so that clubs could provide written feedback.
- Simon noted that last season clubs encouraged people to check in, concerned that taking points off the people who play the game should be reconsidered. Recommended that the wording should be revised to “that the clubs have taken all measures to ensure compliance” rather than taking points off straight away.
- TW confirmed that the reasoning behind the sanctions is in ensuring that clubs have documentation etc at the grounds and

TW to circulate proposed sanctions

TW

Actioned

Clubs to review and provide feedback

All clubs

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- are actively working to follow the protocols. This is not designed to catch people out who are actively trying to do the right thing.
- There were multiple examples last season where although provided, clubs did not have COVID packs at the grounds. The fines are designed for these scenarios.
- Simon questioned the request for players to sign in this season.
- TW confirmed that last season we worked on an HDCA held data base, however this year would move to the ServiceNSW app to ensure that should an outbreak occur, the NSW government is able to promptly conduct contact tracing.
- Scott Miller, offered feedback as a law enforcement officer. Feels it's a bit tough, but the rules are the rules. As an officer, if he attended he would ensure that the rules are being followed. Noted that no one would be fined if it looks like it's being done correctly.
- SW provided an update on the board functions and roles.

Motion: That the chairman's report be accepted

Moved: Sam Nasser
 Second: Jack Whitfield
 Result: Carried

c. Secretary Administrator

- As per report
- Membership packs due 6th September, TW requested that these be returned if they have not been already.
- COVID Packs will not be restocked by HDCA this year, however TW noted the importance of these packs and requested that clubs ensure these are full. QR codes will be reissued as these will not be via service NSW.
- TW requested that delegates share the 2x administrator ads as far and wide as possible.
- Child Safety Officer – If clubs CSOs have changed from last year, please send through updated contact and WWCC details.
- The board are encouraging online scoring this year. TW noted that you do not need access to the internet in order to score at a game, the game is able to be scored on a phone/tablet and uploaded via wifi later.

Send TW membership packs	All	06/09/21
Ensure COVID packs are stocked up	All	09/10/21
Share Admin ads	All	ASAP
Advise TW of CSO information	All	09/10/21

Motion: That the secretary's report be accepted

Moved: Angus Humphreys
 Second: Jack Whitfield
 Result: Carried

d. Senior Cricket

- Shoalhaven District are down to 4 sides in 1st grade, and through GIZ asked the HDCA to combine and merge with them. Feedback from First grade captains and payer base was that the proposal wasn't for us. Our 1st grade competition is looking quite healthy.
- HDCA declined the request.

- TW has minutes of a meeting, if anyone is keen to read these please get in contact with TW.
- JW provided estimate on competition numbers for the coming season.
 - 1st Grade – 6-7 sides
 - 2nd Grade – 8-10 sides
 - 3rd Grade – 8-10 sides.
- JW noted that he is currently working with Chev and Oxley around their first XI sides entering into the 2nd grade competition due to PSA changes.
- Nomination date – 25th September – JW welcomed calls from anyone who needed to chat.
- Season dates – October 9th, pending restrictions.
- JW advised that clubs should work under the proviso of expecting to play until we're told otherwise.
- Creighton Cup has been revised to be played over 3 weekends between September and November. This has been affected by COVID. Affected players will be updated once we have more information from GIZ.

Contact JW if you need to chat

All

Ongoing

Motion: That the senior cricket report be accepted

Moved: Sam Nasser
 Second: Simon Reid
 Result: Carried

e. Women's Cricket

- DW provided background of 25 years involvement in cricket within the UK.
- DW acknowledged the 4 week competition last year and is excited to continue this year with the same 4 teams and the addition of Hill Top.
- DW hoping for a 6th side.
- Hoping to have a 12 week competition starting November 3rd (COVID permitting).
- A women's committee has been created including DW, SN and the captains from each of the 5 teams.
- The captains are responsible for disseminating the information back to the clubs.
- A rep pathway has been created for juniors to move through women's and into reps. This pathway mirrors the men's.
- The over 18s rep team played 2x T20 games last year Vs Illawarra. We have 3x T20s planned this year (due to be played mid October) against the other GIZ clubs.
- DW welcomed all clubs to get in contact with her if they are interested in putting in a team.
- A flyer will hit social media 7th September.
- Confident that registration numbers will grow from last year.
- DW thanks SN for all of his assistance and Sean Barrett in advance for a meeting to be held 7th September.
- SN thanked HNVCC for putting in a team. Simon Reid noted that the club were looking to increase female participation and asked that any club who have any extra players put them in contact with HNVCC.

Contact DW if you would like to enter a team

All

Ongoing

Motion: That the women's cricket report be accepted

Moved: Sam Nasser

Second: Simon Reid

Result: Carried

f. Rep Cricket

- SN noted that COVID had delayed the academy.
- Rep sides will be selected in the coming week.
- U15s and U15 female programs have been included in the rep program.
- SN thanked Jodi Cooper for taking on the U13 development team.
- SN presented a ball agreement that has been struck with Kookaburra. Balls will be provided at cost less 10% and a rebate will be provided to clubs based on the number of balls purchased.
- Comparison of costing shown between Kookaburra, Kingsgrove, Greg Chappell and Rebel.
- Question raised regarding balls not shown on the comparison including regulation reject balls. Kookaburra will supply the HDCA with any balls that we like. SN asked for clubs to send through any balls that are not on the list so that this can be arranged with Kookaburra.
- SN noted that the intention this year is to have uniformed balls this season.

Motion: That the rep cricket report be accepted

Moved: Angus Humphreys

Second: Sam Goodfellow

Result: Carried

g. Grounds and Facilities

- RDP thanked those who had been in contact with RDP re the status of fields and facilities.
- RDP confirmed that the HDCA had closed out tender for curators and we will be engaging the same curators for the coming season as we had last.
- Currently 2 large projects are Bundanoon Oval and Boronia Park. COVID permitting, still scheduled for 4th October with completion 29th October.
- Another focus is increasing the number of turf grounds available for competitions. Working closely with schools and other private owners.
- RDP noted that there are a few grants currently available. Asked that clubs work to get projects ready so that grants become available they are able to secure funds. Encouraged clubs to work with RDP and Sean Barrett.

Motion: That the grounds and facilities report be accepted

Moved: Sam Nasser

Second: Sam Goodfellow

Result: Carried

h. Junior Cricket Report

- BM working through conditions for Stages 1, 2 and 3.
- Working through an accommodating procedure for those players who are suitable for a stage other than the one their age/school

year dictates. The intention of this would be to allow children to either step up or remain behind while still playing fairly within the spirit of cricket. Ensuring this is done with the parents and child's understanding.

- BM noted that stage 3 can at times be a two tiered competition due to the quick rate at which players develop in the age bracket. BM will work with clubs for potential work arounds.
- BM noted a junior meeting on Tuesday 7th September.

Motion: That the junior cricket report be accepted

Moved: Sam Goodfellow

Second: Sam Nasser

Result: Carried

i. Marketing and Sponsorship

- PG noted that he is currently reviewing some of the relationships the HDCA have with companies.
- PG noted that the HDCA are currently exploring a change in property – being called Highlands Cricket rather than HDCA. PG likened the rebranding to that of the ACB moving to Cricket Australia. This moves the focus off the administration of cricket becomes a brand that everyone can connect to in some way.
- PG noted a \$16,000 sponsorship budget for the 2021/22 season. We will be seeking a number of sponsors and are introducing the concept of someone being a supporter rather than a sponsor. PG currently working through the rights and benefits that a supporter would be able to enjoy.
- PG noted that supporters would not automatically be provided with access to member and affiliate events, however would create a connection should clubs wish to pursue this.
- PG highlighted the recently developed free online grant finder portal.

Motion: That the Marketing and Sponsorship report be accepted

Moved: Sam Goodfellow

Second: Sam Nasser

Result: Carried

j. GIZ

- GIZ have a new Cricket Administrator in Steve Jenkins. RH noted the wealth of experience Steve brings to the role.
- RH highlighted the biggest problem GIZ face at the moment is COVID, everything has been pushed back and we don't know when it will recommence.
- RH noted the most disappointing repercussion is that to the new Creighton Cup format (4 games). GIZ are currently reviewing potential alternatives.
- GIZ have agreed that there will be a women's competition. This was set for October but will likely push back to the end of March with COVID.
- RH noted that some competitions/events will be cancelled and others will be delayed (those that are in the pathways to higher competitions).

- RH noted that Ian Hogg was currently reviewing the GIZ Code of Conduct. Once developed, this will be provided to the HDCA for endorsement prior to being endorsed by GIZ. Players will need to be alerted to and understand the differences between the HDCA and GIZ CoCs.

Motion: That the GIZ report be accepted

Moved: Sam Nasser

Second: Angus Humphreys

Result: Carried

k. CNSW

- SB sent out dates in September for competition management, coaching, child safety and e-scoring. When you register you will be provided with a link to view the presentation.

- SB noted that we need to plan to play and adapt and react to what is put in front of us.

- SB noted that he had been working with RDP and a few clubs. Noted that a fair few grants are about to be released and asked that clubs keep the collaboration and consultation going.

Motion: That the CNSW report be accepted

Moved: Sam Nasser

Second: Simon Reid

Result: Carried

l. Club Reports

Bowral Blues – All on track, working on coming back into 1st grade. Juniors is looking a little bit stronger. Hoping to get a couple more sides than last year. Looking at a few new sponsors.

Bowral CC – On track. Registration starting to pour in. All major sponsors resigned for another 3 years.

Bundanoon – Seniors are looking to have 2 sides again. Hoping to pick up an extra junior side. Have secured a major sponsor for the first time in a few years. Executive team are pretty new this year.

HNVCC – Looking to field all 3 senior teams. Focusing on growing junior and master blaster numbers along with women's. Club is healthy in regards to sponsorships. Noted that players are worried about what the season might look like and are asking questions regarding what fees would be if the season start date is pushed back.

Mittagong – Everything seems to be running smoothly Should be very similar to last year. A lot of players are asking "what might be" questions.

MVCC – Looking good for juniors – Likely Stage 1,2 and 3. Seniors – 3rd and 2nd grade numbers are looking good. 1st grade – WIP. Reached out to presidents of other clubs.

RBCC – Haven't been able to hold AGM yet.

WTCC – Hoping to have 1st, 2nd, 3rd, women’s, junior blaster and maybe master blaster. A few new sponsors onboard again this year. Looking good to start the season.

Chevalier College – Looking at 1 senior and 1 junior (2nd grade and stage 2/3) The school is still remote learning, so nothing much has occurred.

Gib Gate – Sport choices have gone out. May have a stage 1 team.

Oxley – No major changes except for inclusion of 2nd grade team. All kids are still learning from home, so still a lot to confirm before we can commit.

HDCUA – Losing Simon Taufel this year will change the dynamics a bit. With Sydney continuing in lockdown, we may have a few umpires available to umpire in our competition (dependant on restrictions). By the end of the week will have more information about level 1 officiating course.

AH Congratulated Aaron De Jager on becoming a full member of the NSW Cricket umpires and scorers association.

Bradman Foundation – Jock is looking to set up a store in the lower pavilion mid-week. Currently working with Kookaburra and Kingsgrove re getting stock. The nets have been used fairly well during lockdown. BF will fund Jock to work with SN and the academy.

BF have not yet determined rates of hire for Bradman Oval. With lockdown and the museum being closed the current income is \$0. Waiting to hear what is happening with lockdown prior to setting rates.

Highlands Social – AGM delayed by COVID. Generally have a lot of out of area games, and out of area teams who come here to play A few members who are interested in the umpires courses.

6. General business

- PCs – Balls and COVID, will be distributed.
- Grants for \$100,000 to \$1,000,000 currently open. Close in early October which have 3 key objectives. For more information, please speak with either Rico or Phil.
- BF found an old trophy (Missington Shield) that appears to be the 1st grade minor premiers trophy. It has not been awarded since 2012. Robertson Burrawang had won it for the 4 years prior. RH asked if anyone knew why it had stopped being awarded. RH to send a photo to Aaron De Jager.

Meeting Closed at 8:23pm

Next Meeting 7th February 2022