



## BOX HILL REPORTER DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION SENIOR DELEGATES MEETING

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2015  
East Burwood Sporting Club  
8.00pm

**Apologies:** St Davids CC, Blackburn CC, Patron, Rod Bird, Paul Semertzidis

**Presidents Report:** Welcome to Jo Fairy the new Marketing and Sponsorship Manager replacing Emma Boschetti. Also welcome to Michael Reed and Greg Smyth from Gray-Nicholls who have come down to night to speak to you about their ball sponsorship proposal for next season.

The Patron has asked me to pass on her best wishes to the delegates and to advise that she has new contact details

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(East Burwood) – How is the assn. tracking in producing the budget plan that was promised at the AGM? (President) – we are on track with this year being a break-even year as forecast when the assn. employed the two Managers. The budget is still a work in progress but will be available prior to the commencement of the season when we have a better handle on what sponsorship is forthcoming.

**Presentation:** Michael Reed and Greg Smyth from Gray-Nicholls spoke on the potential of the assn moving from Kookaburra to Platypus balls from next season. Key discussion was on the manufacture and standard of the Platypus range and the price savings if the assn opted to adopt the Gray-Nicholls proposal.

The President reiterated that the assn. will need to make a final decision on the Kookaburra and Gray-Nicholls proposals within the next seven days so stock could be Rebel stamped. Comments were sought from the floor.

(Koonung Heights) – What due diligence has the assn undertaken re the standard of the Platypus ball on hard wicket surfaces. (President) – I have placed a call into North West Metro who use the Platypus ball to see what their experience is and I am awaiting a call back.

(Mitcham) – Will Kookaburra be afforded the opportunity to come back and match the Gray-Nicholls offer. (President) – Yes Kookaburra have been advised as to where they currently stand in the pecking order but they have not revisited their proposal and amended same to us at present.

(Park Orchards) – Will there be a get out clause in case the Platypus balls do not stack up as expected. (President) – Yes that will form part of the contract.

(Glen Waverley Hawks) – What are the tangible benefits to clubs if we decide to change balls. (President) – There will be two initial benefits straight up. Firstly there will be a significant saving to the clubs on the cost of the balls against the

Kookaburra stock, in the vicinity of \$80 per box. Secondly the new proposal will have a positive flow on effect on the assn's bottom line. This in turn means that we can keep our running costs down which again directly benefits all clubs.

(Kerrimuir) – From our perspective, costs aside, we would not support changing the ball unless the new product was demonstrably better than what we have had in the past. Also how do we go with old stock. (President) – Whilst Gray-Nicholls have admitted that the balls supplied to last years VMCU Carnival were not up to scratch, that was an administrative error by the VMCU with the wrong type of ball supplied to competing teams, this has been addressed. On your second point, all clubs would be encouraged to use up all their old stock in the lower grade match's until all old supply was exhausted. It is important that clubs understand that they will not be penalised for their forward planning.

(Blackburn Sth) – Is there an option to stick with Kookaburra this coming season and trial Platypus in one lower grade to see how they stack up. (President) – That is not really an option as neither party would agree to a one year contract and the viability of such a trial.

(President) – Thank you for your input. We thought that it was vital that clubs were given the full picture moving forward and your comments today have been most helpful.

**Treasurers Report:** As tabled

Current bank funds	\$47,961.23
Accounts on hand	\$728.14
Receipts on hand	\$50.00
Outstanding Invoices	\$5,545.00

**Junior Report:**

- \* There have been a number of expressions of interest to go onto a Junior Cttee
- Most of the Rep Team manager roles have been filled
- Mitcham have agreed to host the Melbourne Stars Junior Clinic.
- Balwyn CC Academy has commenced with a number of BHRDCA participants. They will be playing in an U16 Sunday competition.
- The assn has been successful in landing a \$5000.00 grant to assist in the starting of a girls cricket program. This may mean we have a team(s) participating in the ECA girls competition or look at starting our won competition possibly with the support of the RDCA.
- I have had early discussions with the RDCA to forge a bond between the assn's to support our rep programs.

**Veterans Report:**

The ECA have notified of their intention to start up a Veterans competition and I am anticipating that 20+ ECA aligned clubs will return to their original assn. At this stage they do not believe that they will have an O50 competition so some clubs will have a team in the ECA O40 and BHRDCA O50 for at least next season.

Meetings between BHRDCA Vets and Diamond Valley, Ferntree Gully and RDCA vets have led to an agreement to stage a Quadrangular Tournament at O40 and 50 levels on 13<sup>th</sup> December. A meeting with Cricket Victoria on their endorsement of the Tournament was held last week, I will advise outcomes.

**Umpires Report:** The umpires have had their AGM and Pat Lambert has been elected to the Presidents role.

(Koonung Heights) – What has happened to the proposed Umpires Fee structure presented at the AGM and sent back for further discussion. (Pat Lambert) – No further discussion has been held as yet. I agree that the way in which the proposal was brought forward was poor and not a good look. We will take another look at the proposal and resubmit for the clubs to have a look at.

**Admin. Managers:** There has been a lot of work commenced since the AGM

- Permit Review meeting held with good club representation. I will be preparing a first draft for presentation to the clubs pre-season.
- Permit review will also look at the way we structure our grades with the removal of the anomalie between 1 and 2 day grades.
- Forms have been sent to all clubs for Officials and team nominations.
- Heritage Cttee has been formed and will commence meetings from next month.
- I am still learning how to load items onto the website (eg minutes) but I have a call into Emma to assist me with this.
- MyCricket is now open for clubs to commence updating their information.

**Marketg/Sponship:** I have sent a link to all clubs re Cricket Victoria grants. I recommend clubs have a look at this and if any club requires assistance in applying for a grant please give me a call.

**Inner East Forum:** This was very well attended. Issues discussed included

- Melbourne Stars arrangement with BHRDCA Clubs, clubs wanting to continue or start a relationship with the Melbourne Stars franchise should do so asap.
- Milo T20 Blast: We need to actively support this initiative as many grants applications may hinge on our take up of the program.
- Female Cricket: No 1 priority for Cricket Australia.
- Play Cricket Week: Aug 1 to 9. Publicity campaign so important that club information is current and relevant.
- Govt Funding Grants. \$10 million has been made available for grassroots sport, some big opportunities for clubs to get on board.

**Season Dates:** Season to commence 10<sup>th</sup> October with a 1 day Round. Last pre-xmas Rd Dec 19. Recommence Jan 9<sup>th</sup>. Semi Finals March 5/6 (no reserve day). Grand Finals – still to be verified.

**General Business:** \* Metropolitan Turf Taskforce: Whilst ostensibly no direct impact on hard wicket cricket, the RDCA has concerns as to the future of the VMCU and its administration in respect to hard wicket assn's.

\*Mid Week U15 / U17 Competition: This is being pushed by Cricket Australia and clubs will be canvassed pre-season on the viability.

- (Mitcham) – can rules/minutes be distributed to clubs. (President) – That is what is proposed.
- (Admin Manager)- MyCricket will have a PPS system available for next season which will automatically advise clubs of their players points and

calculate the total points pre-match when the team is selected, clubs will sign off on their player points.

Next **Proposed** Meeting: Tuesday 15th September  
Venue TBA