



2010 AGM

Date

07 February 2011

Venue

Hills Club

Elections

2011 is an election year for Hills Hornets Touch Association. Positions will be held for a period of 2 years unless circumstances warrant either removal by the executive or relinquishing their position by choice.

Position	Current	2011 - 2013
President	Brad Mitchell	Brad Mitchell
Vice-President	Simon Kowald	Simon Kowald
Vice-President	Anthony Jack	Open
Treasurer	Craig Egginton	Craig Egginton
Secretary	Mick Sproule	Anthony Jack
Coaching Director	Vacant	Mick Sproule
Technical Director	Vacant	Open
Referee Coordinator	Vacant	Jason Young
Junior Coordinator	Vacant	Justin Sheppard
Committee	Vacant	Ken Donley Lara Kowald Matt Henderson

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 2. Apologies
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9/16/2011

2010 was the most successful year that the Hills Hornets have had since its inception in 1986. Team numbers are increasing so too are the performances on the field in both the Vawdon Cup and State Cup.

I would like to firstly thank the Committee for their efforts during 2010 and without their support and hard work Hills touch would not be where it is today.

On the representative level Hills Hornets entered a combined 10 teams into events throughout 2010. This is a vast difference to almost all other affiliates because as we are growing many others are reducing the numbers due to lack of players.

It was the first year that we have had not one but two Women's teams entered into tournaments since 2004. This is a great gauge on the increase in interest throughout the club and region. Highlights of the year were four out of six teams making finals day at State Cup with the Women's Open B team and Men's 30s teams making the semi finals. This is an amazing effort.

The park level at Hills Hornets is also growing at a rapid pace with numbers up 200% from the winter to the summer season 2010 which is currently at capacity for Green Up Park.

After plenty of work with Council we have been able to secure the new complex at Wrights Road Reserve for the summer season 2011. This will allow the club to grow in its busiest period and also help secure sponsorship and create a shop front for Hills Hornets Touch. This transition in January 2011 is an exciting time for the club as we look to expand and also forge a working relationship with the Rouse Hill Rhinos Football Club.

2011 will also be a first for the Hills Hornets as plans are set in place to enter our first ever Junior State Cup team into the event in February 2011. This will be an U18 team with provisions to extend this in 2012 as interest grows. Season 2 in 2011 will focus on the creation of a junior park competition with the assistance from the Rhinos filtering juniors from league into touch over their off season. We have identified this as a major point of interest for the club to move forward.

On an individual level special mention goes to Mick Sproule and Bevan De Vries who were selected to represent Australia in the Masters Trans Tasman and Youth Trans Tasman events. Also Bruce Ager was selected to coach in the Masters Trans Tasman and also selected as a coach for next years World Cup in Scotland. Congratulations to all.

In 2010 the Hills Hornets offered the position of Club Patron to Alex Hawke MP for Mitchell who is willing to assist the club to generate interest in the local community and to possibly create sponsorship revenue from local businesses. We aim to heavily subsidize the junior fees if possible to make it more affordable for working parents. We welcome him on board and look forward to working closely with him over the future years.

2011 will be the Hills Hornets 25th anniversary and we will be planning some special events to celebrate our history in the code. More details will follow throughout the year.

Thanks for being part of a great year for Hills Hornets Touch as we look to go even better in 2011.

Brad Mitchell
President

Referees Report

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Referee Courses

The Hills website is regularly updated so stay tuned to upcoming courses. Other avenues for information would include the NSWTA Referees website - http://www.sportingpulse.com/assoc_page.cgi?assoc=923&plD=14 or the ATA Referees website - http://www.sportingpulse.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=14-3591-0-0-0

Tournament Upgrades

Nil. We have 2 referees needing to do their practical to obtain their level 3. These referees are also players so it is not critical from a Hills Hornets perspective.

Vawdon Cup

The 2010 Vawdon Cup saw Hills Hornets enter 4 referees who performed extremely well throughout the course of the season. The referees were as follows;

- Steve Bell
- Mark Montgomery
- Fiona Saunders
- Dave Borg

State Cup

The 2010 NSW State Cup saw a record 6 referees attend the tournament. We would like to welcome the new referee's

- Daniel O'Flynn
- Steve Cosgrove
- Dieter Zimmerman

And also welcome back the existing referee's for Hills;

- Matt Bowcock
- Fiona Saunders
- Mark Montgomery

With the interest, rule changes and number of teams increasing each year for Hills there is a need to keep the referee numbers up and possibly increasing each tournament. The retention program established 2 years ago seems to be working but more must be done.

Junior State Cup

2010 saw no teams entered into the Junior State Cup therefore no need to supply any referees. We hope to change this for 2011 and beyond.

Park

There has been some interest by the Rouse Hill Rhinos to put some young players through there level 1 certificate. I have spoken to numerous people about holding a level 1 course at Hills but with no luck. The best option was Deb Bridgeman who was willing to assist in running the course. Maybe follow this option up.

Coaching Report

General

The introduction of teams training against each other prior to State Cup was a success and should be something that continues into the future.

Coaching Upgrades

Congratulations to the following coaches who received upgrades throughout 2010;

Level 2 - Anthony Jack

Level 2 – Brad Mitchell

Coaching Achievements

Congratulations to Bruce Ager who successfully coached the Australian Mens 45s team to a series victory over New Zealand in the Masters Trans Tasman held in Townsville. This is a great effort and we thank Bruce for lending his time to Hills Hornets as he continually assists teams throughout Vawdon and State Cup without any requests.

Coaching Education

There is plenty of material on coaching available to any coaches. For any DVD's or information on any coaching area please see Bruce Ager as he has a wealth of knowledge and resources at his disposal.

Due to the new rule changes starting to take effect, we need to push our current level 1 coaches up to a level 2 standard. The next course is to be held in June 2011 before Vawdon Cup and we need at least another 3 to take this step.

I will keep the Hills Hornets website up to date with course details, links or any other information I think is important to any coaches.

Coaching Recruitment

This was touched on in previous discussions and needs to be revisited. If the Hills Hornets are going to compete at the next level then we need dedicated coaches to run our teams. Our current situation has worked thus far but with the growing number of teams and players I believe this option needs serious attention, especially in the Opens divisions.

Areas for Improvement

- Dedicated coaches per team
- Increase in coaches levels
- More communication between team coaches / captains

Technical Report

Co-ordination and Supervision

- Push for a junior competition with the assistance of Rouse Hill Rhinos
- Work closely with the Rhinos executive to ensure a path for junior talent
- Talent ID any possible juniors and secure their commitment
- Work closely to ensure that Hills Hornets gains a Division 1 Vawdon Cup team in 2011
- Ensure that rep player numbers continue to rise and retain current players by working closely with coaches and captains

Courses

Information is continually being offered by Hills Hornets via the website for the following courses;

- Introductory Referee and upgrades
- Introductory Coaching and upgrades
- Introductory Selectors and upgrades

With a number of rule changes by NSWTA over the past year, there needs to be a push to upgrade as many coaches and referees as possible to secure our stocks.

Developments

- Hills Hornets Touch left the existing management of Belgravia Leisure and branched off on its own under a new management structure.
- Secured the grounds at Green Up Park, Castle Hill for winter 2010.
- After much lobbying to Council and with the help of NSWTA we were able to secure the shared access to Wrights Road Reserve, Kellyville for the summer period.
- Team numbers were down for winter but picked up to near capacity for summer at Green Up Park
- Rep team numbers hit record levels for Hills Hornets at SC 2010 with 6 teams in total.
- Ref numbers matched for SC 2010 with a total of 6 with 3 new faces coming on board.

Comments

Items for General Discussion

- Club uniform manufacturer is Sinalli unless approved by board. Renew next voting AGM in 2013
- Club uniform needs to be standardized across all teams
- Referee retention – is everyone still happy with current setup?
- New referees to Hills Park Comp – how to entice them?
- Aussie and NSW rep funding – proposal
- State cup – what worked and what didn't
- Coaching – increase numbers being accredited due to new rules
- Sponsorship – rep club sponsorship, park sponsorship
- Winter park comp dates (Monday or Wednesday)
- Payment of rep fees deadline (State Cup example)
- Forfeits at park level (add a \$100 bond and each forfeit is \$50 lost. More than 2 and you are withdrawn)
- Trials for teams (both Vawdon and State Cup)
- Possibility of a Vawdon Cup division 1 team
- Hills Hornets 25th anniversary