

Grounds Advisory Group Meeting

Tuesday 13 May 2008 at CCA offices

Present: Paul Case, Nook Ebert, Danny Timpson, Mike Robins (CCA Turf Advisor), Terry Costello, Tom O'Carroll, Lee Germon(CCA), Mike Fisher(chair-CCA).

Apologies: Dave Searle, John Thompson

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: taken as read.

Moved: Danny Timpson

Seconded: Paul Case

Matters Arising

- Cutting lengths-CCC had instructed City Care. The cutting in general was very good with good relationships between ground staff and the mowing men.
- Irrigation-Jill Gordon of CCC responded well to requests for a change to watering patterns.

Season Review

- Those in attendance were asked to give a brief **review of their grounds**

TC (Middleton): concerns over the spiking machine used; created considerable damage to outfield and made parks unplayable viz. Burwood S, Halswell, Middleton. In relation to this, the timing of irrigation was crucial.

To action: MR, MF to discuss with CCC and City Care.

TO'C (Hagley): the good summer had meant good pitches, outfield, practice blocks. No problems. The Hagley group met on a regular basis throughout the season.

MR (Sydenham): had problems with drainage lines through the no. 1 block. Bradford is to be reconstructed (lowered). Work should start in August and be available for play in December.

PC(Redwood): played well; hosted 2 CCA representative games (Kiwi, Under 19) which proved satisfactory. Other CSCA pitches were asked for comment: Rawhiti tended to be unde-prepared. Beckenham was a new block and had ridging problems but should be improved for the coming season. Edger Mackintosh had played well.

NE(Burnside): had played reasonably well. The new half of the block was brought in after Christmas to good effect. The new heavy roller had helped in this regard. Pitch block 4 has been relaid and half of pitch block 2 so there will be limited capacity at Burnside Park until after December 2008.

- **Grounds staff Seminars:** These were of considerable value for sharing problems, ideas. Two per year was about right: in August and December.
- The group were asked to check the CCC aerial maps for accuracy.
- **Soil:** Kevin Williams(CCC) advised that City Care(Waimak) had about 500 cm of Heathcote soil stored and screened; probably about 2 years supply. CCC have sourced a further supply and are working with Paul Avison, NZTSI, on testing.
- MR recommended that **soil procedures** needed to be established with clubs working through the CCA. We need to be proactive in testing procedures. **To action:** MR/MF to meet with Kevin Williams(CCC). Noted that transport costs are very high. Also, that Mangers are looking to supply again.
- **Budgeting for ground/pitch maintenance** was recommended to the Club chairmen at their recent meeting. Grounds staff are encouraged to initiate that process as funding applications were ongoing.
- **Junior cancellations:** concern was expressed over the philosophy of Junior cancellations; impacted on the preparation of junior wickets especially when shared by Adult cricket. Considerable damage.

CEO's Update

- **Venue:** CCC Sports Facility Plan includes Canterbury Cricket: QE 2 is earmarked, although CCA Board preference is at St John of God, Canterbury Park Mayor Parker has raised Hagley Park as an option. The issue will be clearer in 4-6 weeks.

Meeting closed: 6.50pm