

# South Metropolitan Cricket Association

Minutes of the General Meeting 20 May 2019 at 7pm



**PRESENT:** As per attendance register

**CHAIR:** Graham Santich

**APOLOGIES:** J. Griffin, G. Hartman

**ABSENT:** Bicton-Attadale, East Fremantle, Kelmscott, Kwinana, Riverton Rostrata, Willetton

**UMPIRE'S ADVISOR:** Meeting advised Norm Harris has been appointed new Umpire's Advisor.

## AGENDA ITEMS

### From the SMCA Executive:

#### 1. Women's Cricket

- Support for women's cricket has grown enormously in recent years and the time is now right for the SMCA through its clubs to try and encourage the participation of women in the sport.
- The Women's competition would be initially played on Sunday afternoons.
- Joe Covic (Cockburn CC) advised Cockburn had nominated a womens team in the Perth Scorchers competition with assistance from the WACA. Joe offered to share information with other clubs.

#### 2. Match format for the Grades 2019/20 season

- It is proposed that 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> grade competition would remain as is (ie 75over and 40 over), 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> grade to be 65 overs and 35 overs, with all one day grades being 35 over matches.
- AGREED to leave 65 over grades at 40 overs for One Day fixtures. All One Day grades to be 35 overs.

#### 3. Over 50's of Age – grade competition

- There is growing impetuous to introduce Over 50's grades in Associations or to be played separately ie (Sunday afternoon). There is already national over 50's, 60's and 70's competitions held annually. In November 2019, Perth will be hosting the over 50's competition
- The number of over 50 years of age players in the SMCA probably does not support a separate grade at the present, however a standalone competition played Sunday afternoons similar to the standalone F15 competition may have merit.
- Further work to be done for this form of cricket.

#### 4. Veterans 20/20 Competition

- Michael Beer President of Phoenix CC submitted an email seeking support for the introduction of a veterans (over 35s) 20/20 competition.
- The current F15 competition held on Tuesday evenings is being supported by clubs and the number of teams entering each season is increasing.
- The Cricket West age for veterans cricket (over 35) is out of kilter with the national competition and needs to be aligned. National competition age groups are over 50s, over 60s and over 70's
- **AGREED to offer T20 option on nomination form to Clubs.**

#### **5. Clearances to and from WACA Clubs and Country Associations**

- During the season there were a number of instances where players playing in the WACA competition were cleared back to their SMCA club and then returned back to their WACA club. In addition there were instances where players playing in country associations and even representing that Association at Country Week playing for their SMCA club as they had not been cleared from their SMCA club.
- It would seem that clubs in the Country Associations are transferring players and not seeking clearances as required by Bylaws 46 and 47. It was also noted that WACA clubs are transferring players without seeking clearances from their SMCA club.
- The Cricket West guidelines are that players can only play for one Association other wise a clearance is required.
- **This matter to be re-visited at AGM – Executive to investigate procedures from other Associations.**

#### **6. Good Sports Program**

- Correspondence had been received from the Alcohol and Drug Foundation seeking club involvement in the Good Sports program by having the Good Sports program placed in the Associations Constitution. Of the 23 SMCA clubs, 3 have attained Level 3, 6 have attained level 2 and 3 have attained level 1, with 11 clubs yet to engage in the program.
- **Clubs advised participation in these type of programmes helps with grant applications.**

#### **7. Online Player Insurance Registration and Payment**

- A review of the Online registration method and insurance payment documents provided by WACA and Cricket Australia indicates that for season 2020/21 each player will be required to register online in MyCricket and pay an individual insurance levy (fee not disclosed however Football clubs are currently charged \$30 per player).
- The current method where the SMCA pays the insurance levy to Jardines (JLT) based on the number of teams and charges each Club has worked successfully since it was introduced. The current insurance levy for a senior team is approx \$110.
- **NOTED at this stage pending information on costs. Matter is being raised at Cricket West.**

#### **8. Introduction of player medal award for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade competition**

- The Association to consider creating a champion player award for the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade competition. The award would be named after a significant SMCA identity. The format to follow the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Jim McKenna medal. If introduced it would recognise outstanding players in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.
- **Some support for this option**
- **AGREED to look at re-vamping Wind Up presentation.**

#### **9. Introduction of Minor Club Championship award**

- The Association to consider creating minor club championship award for clubs who do not meet the qualifying criteria for the Brain Waterer Shield. Qualifying criteria to be developed ie must have 3 teams, one of which must be a two-day competition team etc.
- **Minimal support for this option.**

#### **10. Constitution rewrite –**

- The SMCA Constitution has been updated to reflect the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2015. The current SMCA Constitution has been incorporated into the new format with the required inclusions and is to be submitted by 30 June 2019 to the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety.
- **AGREED to submit Constitution for ratification.**

#### **OTHER BUSINESS: Other matters raised for future consideration**

- Additional field restrictions for One Day games
- Reduce number of matches per season for bottom two One Day grades
- F15 – Smaller groups (3 x 4 teams, etc ) to reduce number of matches
- Reduce team nomination fee for Two Day teams to encourage greater participation in Two Day cricket.
- End One Day matches on achieving result.

**CLOSURE:** The Meeting closed at 9pm.

#### **NEXT MEETINGS**

- 1. Executive – TBA July 2019 – 6pm Leeming**
- 2. Annual General Meeting Monday 5 August 2019 – 7pm – Leeming**