

South Metropolitan Cricket Association

Minutes of the Executive Meeting 28 October 2019

Venue: Jandakot Park CC – Atwell – 6 pm



PRESENT: Paul Speering (Chair), Clifford Joseph, Mario Baeli, Ian Del Rosso, Ian Hale, Mark Iannello, Norm Harris, John Griffin (Minutes)

GUESTS: Nil

APOLOGIES: Gary Hartman,

Paul Speering opened the meeting at 6 pm and welcomed the attendees.

MINUTES of PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE MEETING: 23 September 2019

Moved by Ian Del Rosso and Ian Hale that the Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 23 September 2019 be accepted.

MATTERS ARISING:

Addressed in Agenda Items.

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Paul Speering informed the meeting that the season had started successfully despite the issues with mycricket at club level which placed additional workloads on the clubs. The Mycricket issues had been lodged with Mycricket and some have been resolved. Competition ladders are still not displaying correctly.

The Fixtures and Gradings were completed and published prior to the season. The majority of the clubs were happy with one-day grade team placements.

The F15 competition will commence at the end of November and fixtures are now work in progress.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: Gary was an apology for the meeting.

TREASURERS REPORT:

The SMCA Bank Account signatories are in the process of being changed. Mario and John have attended Westpac and now waiting on Westpac to activate their access.

Leeming Spartan has ordered the new apparel for the SMCA representative teams. Following the Cricket West meeting of 1 Oct 2019 it was directed that white playing trousers are not allowed. 60 coloured trousers have been ordered along with the veterans clothing. The total cost for SMCA representative apparel will be around the \$11k mark.

Mario reported that the SMCA cheque account balance was \$39,719.26 and the Max account balance was \$48,734.88.

The SMCA had purchased 125 x 1 litre containers of sunscreen as part of the Radio Show sponsorship at a cost of \$2k. The containers of sunscreen are being distributed to the clubs.

Action: Secretary to send letter of thanks and a notice to be placed on the SMCA website.

Clubs by now should have paid their club affiliation fee, with team nomination fees due in mid November.

A number of clubs have claimed reimbursement for the purchase of ipads for scoring. It was noted that not many matches are being live scored and this could be linked to the problems with MyCricket.

UMPIRE'S ADVISOR:

Norm reported that the SMCA umpires had lost 5 umpires from last season and gained 12. An umpires meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 30 October 2019 at Melville.

CRICKET WEST

1. Cricket West Cup – Leeming Spartan CC are coordinating and managing the SMCA – representative teams. The dates of competitions are 4/5 Jan 2020. SMCA player nominations are required. Clubs will be contacted for player nominations and a notice to be placed on the SMCA website.

2. Cricket West meeting on 1 Oct 2019 2019. – Ian Hale, Ian Del Rosso and John Griffin attended this meeting. The Minutes of meeting have not been distributed. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 30 October. Ian Hale and Clifford Joseph to attend on behalf of the SMCA.

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS:

1. Roleystone- Karragullen CC submitted a Grievance Letter on 10 October 2019 in regard to team grading. The matter was discussed and it was agreed that a mediation meeting with RKCC would be held.

Action : Paul Speering, Ian Hale, Clifford Joseph and John Griffin to consider further to provide a resolution.

PROTESTS AND DISPUTES

1. Player Jordan Petrone from Bicton Attadale CC did not attend a P&D hearing on 21 March 2019 and the re-scheduled hearing on 26 March 2019. He was suspended from playing in the SMCA competition and other Associations until he appears before P&D hearing.

Bicton-Attadale CC advised on 18 Sep 2019 that Mr Petrone is now able to appear before a P&D hearing.

The SMCA P&D (Ron MacDonald and David King) have advised that as per precedence in previous seasons the P&D will not meet until a player report for season 2019/20 is received.

A copy of the report of the incident is required for the Umpires Advisor. Given the time frame and the requirement for natural justice, it was agreed that the P&D should convene as soon as convenient.

Action: Secretary to contact P&D and arrange for a hearing. Once a day is confirmed – Bicton Attadale CC to be informed.

FIXTURES AND GRADINGS

There were only 4 complaints received regarding One Day competition gradings received, with one being persistent and a grievance submitted.

Due to ground unavailability and Mycricket issues – the fixturing was very difficult this season and any changes even minor will have a flow on effect to other grades.

Since the season start – three clubs – Kardinya, Kwinana and Bicton Attadale have recently requested that they have an additional one-day team added.

Currently there are 54 two-day competition teams and 58 one-day competition teams.

After discussion it was agreed that the clubs be contacted for a final call for one-day team nominations.

Action: Secretary to email all clubs calling for final team nominations for the one-day competition.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. My Cricket - Issues with MyCricket are still being experienced – ie ladders, player competition registration, team selections and error messages when trying to enter match details. These along with other have been reported and are slowly being addressed. The WACA set up a help centre to assist clubs and Associations.

Action: To be monitored.

2. Good Sports – Alcohol and Drug Foundation - Communication with this organisation is occurring and who would like to meet with a number of the Executive.

The Good Sports – Alcohol and Drug Foundation have been persistent in trying to meet with the SMCA Executive. The SMCA's stance is that is up to the clubs to engage with The Good Sports – Alcohol and Drug Foundation.

Action: Secretary to invite Good Sports – Alcohol and Drug Foundation to attend our first meeting in 2020.

3. Kenwick Cricket Club – Have written to the Association seeking a financial contribution to assist in their 70th anniversary.

The SMCA precedence has been to make a small donation to clubs reaching their 50, 75, 100 and 125 year milestones.

Action: Secretary to advise Kenwick CC that their request for donation has not been approved. .

4. SJ Blues - Have requested a day night match at Briggs Park on 14 Dec 2019 against EFCC in 1st grade.

This request was discussed and approved subject to both clubs agreement. The SMCA umpires have been advised.

Action: Secretary to advise SJ Blues CC that their request has been sanctioned subject to both teams agreement.

5. What's App - Ian Del Rosso has suggested the SMCA create a What's App group for communications.

Not all of the SMCA Executive Committee use or have access to What's App.

6. Promotion and Relegation for 2020/21 Season – Criteria for promotion and relegation for the 2020/21 season needs to be confirmed and the clubs informed.

The promotion and relegation criterion that has been used in previous seasons was discussed. Given the diverse team structure of the clubs, the grade mirroring effect that assists the creation of the fixtures has been altered for various reasons.

It was agreed that in regard to the two-day competition the precedence that has been applied in previous seasons would continue. That is:

1. The team that finishes eighth in 1st grade will be relegated to 2nd grade and the team that finishes 1st at the end of the home and away season in 2nd grade will be promoted to 1st grade. Where possible the 3rd grade composition will follow 1st grade.
2. The team that finishes eighth in 2nd grade may be relegated to 4th grade if either of the two teams in 4th grade who are not represented (Kardinya and Thornlie) in 2nd grade finish on top of the 4th grade ladder at the end of the home and away season. Consideration will also be given to 3rd grade, as Maddington are not represented in 1st or 2nd grade.
3. The remaining two-day grades (65 overs) will be subject to team nominations and grounds.
4. As in previous seasons the two-day grade competition structure for the next season will be promulgated as soon as possible at the conclusion of the current season.

In regard to the one-day grades competition it was agreed that the following criteria would apply: grading:

1. At least one grade spacing between a clubs teams, for example ODA, ODC, and ODE where possible
2. Except in ODA and the lowest one-day grade, the top two teams in each grade at the end of the home and away season will replace the bottom two teams in the immediately higher grade, unless a club already has a team in that grade. For example, the teams that finish 7th and 8th in ODA will be replaced by the teams that finish 1st and 2nd in ODB, unless that club is already represented in the relevant grade.
3. The number of teams and ground availability etc will affect the team grading's in the one-day grade competition.

At the General Meeting the clubs to be asked for any input into the one-day grade competition.

7. LBWs - the number of LBW dismissals seems to be increasing and has resulted in some phone calls etc.

Discussion occurred on this, with the Umpires Advisor to refresh umpires on the LBW laws.

8. Replacement Players. Can players who are playing in a two-day match who get called up at short notice to play for a WACA club be replaced for day 2 of the SMCA match. Is there precedence or guidelines?

To be considered at General Meeting in May 2020

9. Players turning up late – Already there has been instances of some teams having their players arrive late for the match and then dispute the relevant bylaw 3 (If the Captain or deputy is not available to toss 15 minutes before the scheduled start time then that team loses the toss and shall be fined in accordance with Bylaw 69).

After discussion it was agreed that Bylaw 3 to be considered at General meeting in May 2020.

Action: Secretary to remind clubs of Bylaw 3.

10. Ball Trial for lower Two-day grades – The applicable round and type of balls need to be decided.

It was agreed that the ball trial would take in 5th and 6th grades on 30 Nov and 7 Dec 2019, which are one-day matches.

The SMCA will provide the trial balls to the umpires for the matches. The match balls are to be retained by the umpires at the end of the matches and evaluated by the SMCA Committee.

Action: Paul and Mark to procure trial match the balls. Trial match balls will be distributed at the next Umpires meeting.

11. F15 competition structure. There were 15 team nominations – the number of teams and conferences needs to be agreed to and the run rate formula to change to either:

Option 1: (Runs For / Wickets Lost) / (Runs Against / Wickets Taken) - or

Option 2: (Runs For / Overs Faced) - (Runs Against / Overs Bowled) - This is a NET RUN RATE type percentage calculation

It was agreed that 3 x 5 team conferences would be the format, with the top team from each conference and the best-placed second team would contest the semi-finals. Where possible, conferences would be based on geographical locations.

It was agreed that option 2 would be used for ladder calculations.

As in previous seasons a pink ball is to be used, the SMCA would provide and pay the umpires.

It was also agreed that the start time for matches would be 5.15 pm.

12. 2nd Grade champion player medal 'Name'. Individual responses from the SMCA Committee have been received and unanimous agreement was reached.

The SMCA Executive Committee unanimously agreed that the SMCA 2nd Grade champion player medal be named the “Ian Hale Medal”.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Executive Shirts. Executive shirts have not been provided to the new members of the Committee and to be followed up.

2. Willetton v Armadale 2nd grade – Willetton have request an 1130 am start for the Round 4 match against Armadale. Both clubs have agreed and the Umpires notified.

3. Renovations at Morris Buzzacott. An upgrade of the clubrooms at Morris Buzzacott is expected to commence in early 2020.

CLOSURE: The meeting closed at 7.55 pm

NEXT MEETINGS:

Executive Meeting – 9 December 2019