

South Metropolitan Cricket Association
MINUTES
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
5th August 2014



PRESENT: As per register –

APOLOGIES: Brendan Jones, Gary Hartman

ABSENT: The following Clubs were absent from the AGM: CBC, Kelmscott and Thornlie

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Accepted as a true and correct record. Moved Armadale and seconded Leeming Spartan.

MATTERS ARISING: Nil

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

I am pleased to present my third President's report for SMCA after the completion of a successful 2013/14 season.

The major highlight of the past season was no doubt winning the Cricket West Cup competing against the four Cricket West Associations. In past seasons we have been unable to get our best players on the park, but this year through the enormous efforts from John Ipsen, Rob Sims, Graeme Ashley, Ian Hale and their eager band of helpers we were able to attract our leading first and second grade players to play and eventually win the grand final.

My thanks are extended to those players who proudly represented our Association not only at senior level but also to the Colts and Veterans. Both the Colts and veterans were also very competitive only just missing out on the Final. This season I urge all Under 21's to put your name forward to play in the Colts competition. It is an enormous opportunity to play on turf wickets against some of the best young players of the state. The inter association games are T20 so to those players who can spare 3 hours on 4 Sundays during the season we would like to hear from you

The Association entered the season with 22 clubs fielding a total of 98 teams in 12 different grades. Although there were some withdrawals of teams in the lower grades during the course of the season other clubs filled the void by entering additional teams to avoid fixturing byes

Over the past few years there has been a gradual drift towards the 40 over one day games and away from the longer version of the game. It is a little disappointing that clubs are preferring the shorter version, which in my view, inhibits the development of young cricketers at a time when batsmen should be learning to value their wickets and bowlers being allowed to bowl more than 8 overs in a day. I urge clubs to nominate more two day teams in an effort to again field 7 grades

The newest club to the Association, Jandakot Park found the going a bit tough in 5th grade so hopefully they will be able to field better in a lower grade this year

I would like convey my appreciation to the Gradings Committee for again presenting the fixtures again in a very timely manner. Their role is probably one of the most important within the Association and impacts all clubs. Several difficult decisions are made but in the end it is for the benefit of the Association and clubs alike.

East Fremantle proved to be the dominant team of the First grade competition winning the premiership this year by easily accounting for the minor premiers Armadale in one day. It must be disappointing for Armadale to lose in that fashion but certainly their opposition played some good cricket on the day and were finding their best form at the end of the season.

Similarly to the last couple of seasons the 12 premierships on offer were shared between 9 clubs with only CBC (3) and Thornlie (2) snaring multi awards. CBC enjoyed a very successful year, not only winning 3 premierships but taking out the Brian Waterer Shield over Thornlie and East Fremantle

Congratulations to Kardinya Cricket Club on their return to First grade in 2014/15. It was an exciting three way tussle between the winners, Kwinana and SJ Blues for the second grade minor premiership and entry into first grade. At the other end of the scale Maddington failed to win sufficient games and were unfortunate to make way for Kardinya.

It was very pleasing to see match scores in MyCricket being entered on Saturday evenings on a consistent basis which allows people from all over the world to monitor all Association fixtures. Many thanks to the clubs for their co-operation last year.

The Protests & Disputes Tribunal was again chaired by Ronald McDonald this season and thankfully only had to oversee a few cases of indiscretions by players. There were however several prescribed penalties and cautions issued by umpires during the season.

I would like to thank the Umpires Association President Dirk Leonardt and Advisor Ray Howe for their efforts as they continue to increase the number of umpires. Unfortunately the demise of umpire numbers is still a serious concern and there is no easy fix. Clubs need to shoulder some responsibility in this area by encouraging their retiring players to don the black trousers. After Steve Nichols decided to step down as Umpires Advisor at the end of the 12/13 season it was pleasing to be able to appoint Ray Howe to this position for 13/14. Ray has been a former Umpires Advisor for several years and was clearly welcomed back to the fold.

After the close of the season, a General Meeting of all clubs was again held to review the season just completed. Several ideas were discussed which gave the Executive some direction on how we should proceed.

I wish to thank the Executive members including the Administrator Gary Hartman and Treasurer Graeme Ashley for their superb efforts throughout the season. The individual efforts of all the Executive members have made my task a relatively simple one.

In conclusion I trust all clubs and umpires have a very successful 2014/15 season

Graham Santich
PRESIDENT
August 5 2014

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

As always I thank the clubs and the umpires association for their support over the past 12 months.

This past season matches were locked on My Cricket when made official. This was done to stop Clubs from changing their listed players sometime later in the season but caused problems with Clubs unable to make adjustments to player scores later. This coming season matches will not be locked but a new by-law has been introduced to stop clubs from changing their listed players after the match is made official. By-Law 7e states e. No change shall be made to the listed team members once the match has been deemed "Official". Penalty will be forfeiture of the match in which the list was changed.

To avoid disappointment, Clubs are encouraged to submit any players whose qualification for a final may not be certain to me for a ruling as to the player's eligibility.

A reminder that all submissions to the Association are online. Please submit office bearers and team and ground nominations using the online form.

Again this past season we sent information for distribution to club captains and club committees.

Many thanks also to the Executive for their work and support.

Congratulations to the successful Clubs in the past season.

Office Bearers: The Association requires three active e-mail addresses to ensure the Clubs receives all communications.

I wish all Clubs well for the coming season.

Gary Hartman

TREASURERS REPORT:

Graeme had distributed the audited report and budget.

It was moved Canning Districts and seconded Hilton Palmyra that the Treasurers Report and Budget be accepted. **CARRIED:**

UMPIRE'S ADVISOR:

I was able to maintain 30/35 umpires during the season. Like all clubs, numbers fluctuated during the season mainly due to work commitments.

I am concerned about the accuracy of the Captains Report on Umpires. Some clubs submit reports only to avoid being fined. These reports are used by me to make final appointments, assist umpire development and identify areas for training purposes. Could clubs/captains please address this issue.

I am also concerned about the type of P&D reports and the level of aggressive player behaviour by some players in the past season. This player behaviour cannot be allowed to continue. I will be addressing P&D issues before the start of next season with all umpires.

Barrie Rennie Umpiring Manager from the WACA has advised that there are no rule changes this season.

Ray Howe
Umpires Advisor

CRICKET WEST:

Congratulations to the Seniors, who won the new format T20 competition.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

Graham Santich declared all elected positions vacant, Ian Hale then opened the election.

Patron: Brian Waterer was elected unopposed.

President: Graham Santich was elected unopposed.

The President then resumed the chair and the following positions were filled unopposed from nominations received.

Senior Vice President: John Griffin

Junior Vice President: Scott Knight

Executive Committee: Ian Hale, Kiel Sigley, Mario Baeli, Jim Hawley, Jeff Tuthill

Auditor: Leanne Galellis

AGENDA

ITEMS FROM SMCA EXECUTIVE

Make the following changes to the Constitution.

Change Constitution Rule 9 with the following:

9. Life Membership

9.1 Life Membership may be awarded for significant contributions and exemplary service for the advancement of cricket to the South Metropolitan Cricket Association.

9.2 The criteria for consideration are as follows:

- 9.2.1. Playing and representing the Association in inter-Association matches.
- 9.2.2 Coaching/Managing Association teams.
- 9.2.3 Administration of the Association
- 9.2.4 Umpiring within the Association and representative level
- 9.2.5 General contribution – including fund raising, supporting and any other criteria that a Committee may see as relevant that directly supports the Association.

9.3 The nominee must have demonstrated outstanding contribution in at least one of these criterions or a combination of the criterions.

9.4 Nominations for Life Membership must be forwarded in writing to the SMCA Administrator by the completion of the current cricket season. Nominations will then be considered by the Life Membership Sub Committee (Rule 34).

9.4.1 Any member of the Association may nominate a person for Life Membership of the Association.

9.4.2 Nominations should include the reasons for nominating the person for Life Membership as per the criterion given in Rule 9.2.

9.5 In determining the level of significance, the Associations Life Membership Sub-Committee should consider this in light of very high quality service for the advancement of cricket. While a considerable length of time of service is important, the overall criterion is the quality of service.

9.6 The Association's Life Membership Sub-Committee shall consider any nominations received at the end of the cricket season and recommend any nominations deemed suitable to Association Executive.

9.6.1 The Association Executive will consider any nominations received from the Life Membership Sub-Committee.

9.6.2 A nominated person(s) may not be present during the consideration on their recommendation for Life Membership.

9.7 A Life Member may attend any meeting of the Association. They may speak upon any motion but shall not have a vote, unless acting as a delegate of an Associated Club or Affiliated Body.

9.8 A maximum of one new Life Member per year will be appointed unless exceptional or special circumstances exist.

9.9 A new Life Member of the Association will be presented a Life Member's badge at the Association's Annual Presentation Night.

9.10 Life Membership may be retracted where the recipients have conducted themselves or behaved in a manner that reflects directly and adversely on the image or activities of the Association. This provision will only be excised in exceptional circumstances and will require complete consensus of the Association Executive.

CARRIED:

Make the following changes to the Constitution.

Change Constitution Rule 34 with the following:

34. Life Membership Sub-Committee

The Life Membership Sub-Committee shall be made up of at least three members of the Association who will consider any nominations received at the end of the cricket season (Rule 9).

CARRIED:

GENERAL BUSINESS:

East Fremantle: Advised that improvements would soon be made to the Preston Point Oval, which would involve some disruption to change room and bar facilities. Possibility of moving 1st/3rd grade matches to Henry Jeffery and playing lower grade matches at Preston Point being investigated.

Jandakot: Requesting Executive re-consider provisions for juniors to play WACA seniors and also be available to SMCA Clubs.

Bye for World Cup fixture Saturday 28th February 2015 – following discussion agreed proposals would be circulated to Clubs for suggestions as to suitable outcome.

Southern River: Advised they have moved to a new facility corner of Warton/Wright Roads and have changed their name to Piara Waters Cricket Club.

CLOSURE:

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 7:50pm.

NEXT MEETING:

Executive meeting in September.