

# **South Metropolitan Cricket Association**

Minutes of Executive Meeting held at Leeming on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2012. Meeting commenced at 6:00pm.

**PRESENT:** Graham Santich (Chairman), Ian Hale, John Griffin, Brendan Jones, Kiel Sigley, Graeme Ashley, Steve Nichols, Gary Hartman (minutes).

**APOLOGIES:** Brian Waterer.

**ABSENT:** Nil

**The Chairman welcomed new member to the committee, Kiel Sigley**

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

It was moved Graeme Ashley and seconded Steve Nichols that the minutes of the previous meeting, 12<sup>th</sup> September, be approved. **CARRIED**

## **MATTERS ARISING:**

Cricket West shirts; Steve Michael advised that he was still waiting for Executive members to provide their sizes.

The Constitution change is still pending.

Clubs have been advised of changes to points for Club Champion, no comments received.

Wet weather guidelines distributed to Clubs as part of Info for Captains document.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Information documents for captains and committees have been created and distributed to Clubs.

Grading and fixturing issues dealt with. Armadale dropped from Seventh Grade and replaced by SJ Blues. Minor changes to Bicton-Attadale home grounds, South and North grounds swapped. There had been problems with Berehaven Oval on week one after vandalism; matches were swapped to Cassidy St and Hume Rd.

There were numerous correspondences regarding Kardinya Lakes dropping from First Grade. After discussion it was agreed that Kardinya Lakes request was too late and given the season had already started no change would be supported by the SMCA.

One Club has requested an extra team. After discussion it was agreed that a bye be avoided and Clubs only added if there was an even number or if a team was withdrawn.

SMCA Windup – Leeming have advised that they are again OK to host the final if requested. To be fair it was decided to offer the Windup to all Clubs. The Windup is to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> March and expression of interest from interested Clubs would need to be submitted before 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Clubs were provided with a MyCricket list of items not dealt with after week one. Two Second Grade matches did not have match scores and one Club had not provided a Captains Report on Umpires in ODA Grade.

Clubs advised of increase in umpire's fees after some confusion week one.

Southern Districts wore their coloured playing shirts week one. These are not approved and Southern Districts have been advised.

Gary advised he will be away from 28<sup>th</sup> October to the 26<sup>th</sup> November but will be checking emails every day and dealing with match reports as normal. Any necessary phone communication should be directed to Graeme Ashley.

#### **TREASURERS REPORT:**

Graeme presented the Treasurers Report.

The Auditor had been located and the audited report had been distributed to Clubs.

Graeme had received a request from East Fremantle for members of that Club to do a WACA Coaching course. The SMCA had previously offered to pay for these courses. Steve Michael advised the club should first contact their WACA district club who may pay for the courses.

#### **UMPIRE'S ADVISOR:**

Steve Nichols reported that there had been a good start to the season. There was good attendance at the recent Umpires meeting.

Adverting for Umpires in the Community News had not really worked. Only 2 umpires picked up.

Lost 4 experienced umpires at late notice but hope to have umpires through to Fifth Grade.

There was discussion regarding people such as injured players umpiring.

#### **CRICKET WEST:**

Steve Michael reported there are matches scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> October, 11<sup>th</sup> November (home), 16<sup>th</sup> December, 13<sup>th</sup> January (home) and the final on 24<sup>th</sup> February.

SMCA to play in the Statewide T20 competition – match to played in Kalgoorlie.

Need to advertise for players on web site.

The old stock of balls is nearly exhausted and balls with Cricket West logos will start to become more available.

The Kookaburra equipment should be available soon.

Cricket West was considering the issue of Clubs not clearing players.

#### **FIXTURES AND GRADINGS:**

Grading for the season has again been a problem. Hard to make teams play in a grade if they refuse. One Club, who felt they were 'singled out' was very damning of the Association with comments such as "we will not lie down and take it without fighting for what is right for us". That Club was also damning of using last seasons results as a guideline, when this is the way the Association has tried to grade for many years. There were other clubs as well that basically refused to play in a particular grade and this is a problem. The Fixture and Grading Committee stands by its original decision.

The Fixture and Grading Committee acknowledges the support of Canning Districts.

The Fixture and Grading Committee has tried to come up with a guideline for some of the other grading issues.

- At the end of this season the Grading's Committee set a suggested First to Fifth Grade and ODA. These grades be based on this seasons standing and distributed to Clubs for comment.
- These Grades be set by 1<sup>st</sup> July.

- Nominations for other Grades will be accepted until 1<sup>st</sup> September.
- Teams that have 3 or more teams must have a two-day grade.
- Every effort be made to have 8 team two-day grades below Fifth Grade. Should there be uneven number of teams, or a need to drop teams to the one-day grades for grading purposes, the following criteria be used;
  - 1 team only – lowest points scored in this seasons Sixth and Seventh Grade.
  - 2 teams – bottom team from Sixth Grade and bottom team from Seventh Grade.
  - 3 teams – bottom team from Sixth Grade and bottom team from Seventh Grade and next team with lowest points from both these grades.

After discussion it was agreed that this would be the policy for the next season.

### **PROTESTS AND DISPUTES**

The P&D had met recently to adjudicate on a clearance issue.

It was moved Steve Michael and seconded Kiel Sigley that all reports be accepted.

**CARRIED**

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Steve Michael spoke on the District Cricket Board. Still waiting for the constitution to be drawn up.

Ian Hale spoke on the Cricket Show. He is looking for someone to assist him on air.

John Griffin reported that there had been thefts from the change rooms at Hilton South and Melville Reserve.

Likely wet weather this weekend Clubs to be reminded of the wet weather guidelines.

Ian Hale spoke on the issue of having a one-day grade where the teams played a combination of 40 over and T20 matches with a mid season T20 Grand Final. This to be considered for next season.

Ian Hale also discussed the possibility of having the one-day grades start a week later to allow for the higher grades to complete their first match. This may assist with numbers. This to be considered for next season

**CLOSURE:** As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 7:10pm

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Executive Meeting will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 6:00pm.