

South Metropolitan Cricket Association

Minutes ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 27th July 2015 – 7:00pm



PRESENT: As per register – absent Clubs Champion Lakes, Jandakot Park, Riverton Rostrata and Thornlie.

APOLOGIES: Jeff Tuthill

At 7:05pm Graham Santich suspended Standing Orders to allow David Clear, General Manager – Game Development at the WACA to address the members present.

David recognised the work of the Clubs and spoke about the Top Club programme. Further information will be emailed to the Clubs.

Standing Orders were resumed at 7:24pm.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the AGM, 5th August 2014, were accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved John Griffin and seconded Scott Knight. **CARRIED.**

MATTERS ARISING: Nil

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am pleased to present my third President's report for SMCA after the completion of a successful 2014/15 season.

The major highlight of the past season was no doubt repeating our performance in taking off the Cricket West Cup defeating Northern Districts Community Cricket Association. Well led by Dave Thomason we won the final by defending a low score. We were also represented at Statewide T20 level and took it right up to Midland Guildford before their professional fielding class showed through to severely restrict our run chase. In the second game Claremont Nedlands demonstrated the difference in class between first grade district and our level of competition by resoundingly defeating us.

I must thank Steve Matkovich for putting his hand up to manage and select the senior team when John Ipsen was forced to relinquish the position he held last year. The competition would almost be impossible to run without the enormous efforts of Graeme Ashley, Rob Sims and Ian Hale. These people devote their Sundays to ensure this competition is a success so we need more helpers so we can evenly share the workload.

My thanks are extended to those players who proudly represented our Association not only at senior level but also to the Colts and Veterans. The veterans led by Will Badger made the final but unfortunately were beaten by a very strong Perth Cricket Association team. The Colts captained by Damon Sheppard were again let down by the unavailability of players. Our aim this year is win the win the Colts final so Mark Holt has agreed to be Manager/Selector for 2015/16 so clubs are urged to advise Mark of their available under 21 cricketers who will gain an opportunity to play on turf wickets against some of the best young players of the metropolitan area.

I wish to thank my fellow Executive members including the Administrator Gary Hartman and Treasurer Graeme Ashley for their contributions throughout the season. With advance of technology over the years Executive members no longer have to endure long or many meetings, instead handling a lot of day-to-day matters by email. Certainly the fixturing has been a one-man task with Gary almost single-handed completing the fixtures in a very timely and professional manner. Thanks also to Scott Knight who is now our representative on the South West Metropolitan Community Cricket Board

The Association welcomed two new clubs Champion Lakes and South Bertram Districts, which now complement a total of 24 clubs that fielded a total of 98 teams in 13 different grades. A big disappointment was Kelmscott's withdrawal from the 2nd grade competition in November resulting in the unenviable situation of a bye for that grade

Congratulations to Kardinya Lakes Cricket Club on their return to First grade to win an exciting grand final against Cockburn in the Cricket and Football Shop First Grade competition. It was a very tense game where either team could have won until Kardinya Lakes batsman Jacob Johnson displayed his prowess. They also clinched the One Day premiership against Leeming Spartan in hot and extreme conditions.

Kardinya Lakes also had a good year with individual medals with Marc Dodds taking out the Jim McKenna medal

Similarly to the last few seasons the 13 premierships on offer were shared between 12 clubs with only CBC (2) snaring multi awards. CBC again enjoyed a very successful year, not only winning 2 premierships but taking out the Brian Waterer Shield over Bicton Attadale and Cockburn.

Congratulations to Maddington Cricket Club on their return to First grade for 2015/16. The minor premiership was an exciting contest with Bicton leading for most of the journey until Maddington won the last round outright to secure the top posting. At the other end of the scale Hilton Palmyra endured a difficult season in first grade but there were signs of improvement in the latter games to suggest they will not be far from returning to the premier grade.

It was very pleasing to see match scores in MyCricket being entered more consistently on Saturday evenings which allows people from all over the world to monitor all Association fixtures. I had the fortune of being overseas in February and it was so convenient to view scores using the MyCricket App. Many thanks to the clubs for their co-operation last season. Some clubs elected to use the On Line Scoring application instead of the traditional scorebooks. With the increased technology I am sure this method will be the norm as soon as clubs become accustomed to it. In an effort to pursue this goal the Association will reimburse the costs to clubs for the purchase of the mobile device as long as their first grade clubs utilise an official scorer

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.

The Umpires Association led by the President, Dirk Leonardt and Advisor Ray Howe have done their best to field as many umpires as possible for all games. However the recruitment of new umpires has reached a critical point where we are now struggling to fill down to 5th grade. If this trend continues the Association may need to resort to having only one umpire for 1st grade matches. If this is not the direction Clubs wish to follow they need to shoulder some responsibility in this area by encouraging their retiring players to don the black trousers.

Best wishes are extended to Dirk who has decided to step down from this position and has been replaced by Glen Nivison who I am sure will do a good job in the position

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 have since been gazetted in the by-laws. Some of the major changes are:

1. Fielding restrictions in One Day Games for 1st grade
2. One Short Pitched Ball per Over in One Day Games
3. Split Payer Option to Include Finals

In conclusion I trust all clubs and umpires have a very successful 2015/16 season

Graham Santich

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

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

Most Office Bearer forms have been received.

Team and Ground Nominations are due, using the on-line form, by 18th September.

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.

Don't forget to register for insurance, this is done on MyCricket.

I wish all Clubs well for the coming season.

Gary Hartman

TREASURERS REPORT:

Graeme had distributed the unaudited report and budget.

Expected surplus of around \$3000 and budgeting for a nil balance this season.

It was moved Armadale and seconded John Griffin that the Treasurers Report be accepted.

CARRIED

UMPIRE'S ADVISOR:

Umpiring numbers were slightly down from previous years. Umpires numbers were 26 at the end of the season.

Recruiting new umpires has been difficult. If clubs know of any retiring players who may wish to umpire, please let me know.

The level of accuracy of the Captains Report on Umpires has not improved with many captains submitting reports just to avoid a fine. First grade are obvious offenders and are not interested in making comments or assessments. This is disappointing as this information is used for umpire development, training and finals appointment. Thank you to the captains of all clubs who tried to be honest and constructive with their reports.

Overall the level of player behaviour appeared to have improved on the previous season. Keep up the good work.

Thank you to the Executive for their professional support throughout the year.

Ray Howe

CRICKET WEST:

Successful season mostly covered in the President's Report.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

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

President: Graham Santich was elected unopposed.

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

Patron: Brian Waterer.

Senior Vice President: John Griffin

Junior Vice President: Scott Knight

Executive Committee: Ian Hale, Paul Speering.

Auditor: Leanne Galellis

AGENDA ITEMS – all items placed in order of being received.

ITEMS FROM ARMADALE

1. The Armadale Cricket Club wishes to submit the following notice of motions for discussion at the SMCA AGM.

1.1. Replace Rule 41.1 of the SMCA constitution "Power to make By-laws: The Executive may resolve to add, modify or delete by-laws in such manner as:" with the following: "Power to make By-laws: The Executive may recommend on making by-laws in such manner as"

The motion was seconded by Hilton Palmyra.

Joe Facey of Armadale spoke for the motion. Scott Knight spoke against the motion.

The motion was put and was lost.

1.2. That a moratorium be placed on Mandatory On-line scoring using 'mycricket' until all user glitches and editing issues are sorted out by mycricket.

1,3. That a moratorium be placed on Mandatory On-line scoring using any system until battery life of ipads & tablets is of sufficient quality to last a game.

Graham Santich assured those present that it was not the Executive's intention to make on-line scoring compulsory but to encourage those who wished to use the option.

ITEM FROM MADDINGTON CRICKET CLUB

2. The Maddington Cricket Club (MCC) would like to submit the following agenda items:

2.1 *Amendment to By-Law 15a. It currently reads:*

a. Each batting side unless dismissed for less, shall receive seventy-five (75) overs in the first innings. If seventy-five (75) over's have been bowled prior to the scheduled close of play, play shall cease. If seventy-five (75) over's have not been bowled prior to the scheduled close of play, play will continue until the stipulated over's have been bowled. On completion of seventy-five (75) overs the innings shall be closed. On the first day, if the team batting first is all out, or declares before the completion of seventy five (75) overs, and there is time remaining for the opposition to go in to bat, then stumps will be drawn at the scheduled close of play, irrespective of whether seventy five (75) overs have been bowled or not. On the second day, the team batting second is entitled to further seventy-five (75) overs. If the side fielding first in a two day game dismisses the batting side within 30 minutes of the scheduled close of play, it will have the option of deciding if it will bat until the close of play.

MCC believes the 30 minute rule should be removed so that if the side fielding first in a two day game dismisses the batting side prior to the scheduled close of play, the fielding side will bat until the close of play. The amendment would be to remove the last sentence of the above By-Law.

The motion was seconded by Kenwick.

Alec Lacey of Maddington spoke for the motion. Nobody spoke against the motion. Graham Santich clarified the by-law.

The motion was put and was lost.

(2.2 The MCC is aware of other competitions requiring cricket clubs to have a defibrillator at club grounds. For health and safety reasons, the MCC seeks the SMCA's view on this.

All clubs were encouraged to do all they could to improve safety at their clubs.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

There was discussion regarding the decision of the Executive, at the June meeting, to fixture some T20 matches in the lower one-day grades. There was general disagreement with this decision and it was decided not to progress this matter until it can be voted on for the 2016-17 season.

It was agreed that a midweek competition with matches shortened to no longer than 2 hours in duration be considered.

Ian Hale sought sponsors for the SMCA Radio Show, \$2000 plus GST was required to run the show – this could perhaps be split into 4 groups of \$500 each.

Graham Santich reminded clubs that Cricket West had approved in increase in umpires pay to \$120 per day.

The Kookaburra Raffle was drawn and won by Willetton.

CLOSURE:

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8:14pm.

NEXT MEETING:

Executive meeting Monday 28th August, 6:00pm