

South Metropolitan Cricket Association

Minutes of Executive Meeting held at Leeming on
Monday 27th June 2016

Meeting commenced at 6:00pm



PRESENT: Graham Santich, Scott Knight, Ian Hale, Paul Speering, Graeme Ashley, Gary Hartman (Minutes).

APOLOGIES: John Griffin, Ray Howe.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Moved Graeme Ashley, seconded Ian Hale that the minutes of the previous meeting, 3rd May 2016 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING: The Executive endorsed changes to the By-Laws as approved by the clubs at the General Meeting 3rd May, 2016 – see attached.

Gary brought up grading issues as discussed at the general meeting. This resulted in discussion which further revealed the complexities of grading and there was no apparent formula or simple fix for the issue.

Bicton Attadale had still not accepted promotion to First Grade. They requested a guarantee that their second side would remain in Fourth Grade, which the Fixtures and Gradings Committee were not prepared to guarantee. Gary to advise the club that should they not make a decision by 1st July they will be promoted to First Grade.

Given the drawn out promotion/demotion process between First Grade and Second Grade from this past season it was agreed that the perception that the two clubs involved can chose to remain in their existing grades will be removed and the clubs involved will be advised that they are to be promoted/demoted.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Following Clubs have submitted their Office Bearer forms.

Bicton Attadale, Cockburn, East Fremantle, Forrestdale, Jandakot Park, Hilton Palmyra, Kardinya Lakes, Kwinana, Leeming Spartan, Maddington, Phoenix, Riverton Rostrata, SJ Blues, Thornlie.

The deadline for team and ground nominations is 5pm 16th September 2016.

The Mills Park development has been completed.

The Executive noted the passing of Kenwick Cricket Club Life Member Doug Tink.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The draft budget had been distributed.

It was agreed that team nominations should remain at \$325 per team. The Club nomination to be raised to \$700 per club.

Draft budget to be submitted to the clubs for consideration at the AGM.

UMPIRE'S ADVISOR:

Graham advised that there had been no change to the Umpires Association Committee at their recent AGM.

CRICKET WEST:

Graham had attended a recent Cricket West meeting and as a consequence the SMCA will not be participating in the Colts competition in the coming season.

CONSTITUTION and BY LAWS:

The By-Laws have been updated after the May meeting, they have been distributed to Executive members. Now pending any possible updates resulting out of the AGM.

GRADINGS and FIXTURES:

Discussed during Business Arising.

PROTESTS and DISPUTES:

Nil

AGENDA ITEMS

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS

Paul brought up the issue of player safety and the following By-Law changes are to be brought to the AGM for consideration;

Can be slotted into Section 20 (Fitness of Ground, Weather and Light), or Section 52 (Local Rules - The Playing Field, Facilities and Equipment)

Insert wording to the effect of:

1. The pitch must have no surface repairs carried out in areas where a ball is likely to pitch (between popping creases), as it could cause a dangerous bounce and create a tripping hazard.

- Paraphrased from the document Artificial Grass for Sport Guide, which is part of the National Club Risk Protection Program (used by JLT - who insure both local councils and cricket associations)
- In practice, this will mean that there shouldn't be any 'patches' where a ball can pitch while being bowled, or where a player can potentially trip or fall

2. *The grass outfield and the artificial pitch surface must be maintained in such a way that they meet flush along all edges, including the bowler's run-ups. The grass may need to be bevelled or shaped.*

- Three reasons for this:
 - Safety of the players - slips, trips and falls
 - Allows for the pitch to dry better
 - Improves value for shot

As no comments had been received in relation to the draft playing dates they were accepted as confirmed.

The preferred number of teams in the one day grades was confirmed as 8.

The F15 competition is to start 15 minutes later at 5:15pm.

NEXT MEETING:

Annual General Meeting – 26th July, 7:00pm – Leeming – Agenda items to be submitted to the Administrator before 5pm on Friday 8th July.

MEETING CLOSED:

As there being no further business the meeting closed at 7:01pm.

Following items approved by Clubs at the 3rd May meeting were endorsed by the Executive:

7. Match results

- a. Both teams shall be responsible for submitting a team list, using MyCricket, before the commencement of the match. The home team is responsible for submitting an in progress score on day one of a two-day match and the full score and result at the completion of all matches, using MyCricket, by 10am on the day after each day's play. Failure to meet these deadlines will incur a fine of \$100.00 per offending club.
Discussion – agreed.

19. Weather and other effected games - two day games First Day

- ii. Teams are not required to provide a team list or toss the coin on day one until there is a possibility of play. In the event no play is possible this toss and team list shall become null and void and on day two another team list shall be submitted and a new coin toss. Players who played in any other grade on day one of the match are not eligible to play on day two.

Existing part ii to become part iii

Discussion – agreed.

Amend By-Law 25b

- b. In the event of a match starting late or where play has been suspended or delayed through weather or other circumstances beyond the control of either team, the Captains shall confer to agree on a compulsory declaration allowing equal batting time or reduced overs for both teams subject to a minimum of twenty (20) overs be bowled to each team.
Discussion – agreed.

Amend By-Law 27c

- c. Any off side delivery which in the opinion of the umpires, does not give the batsman a reasonable opportunity to score shall be called a "wide". Any delivery that passes outside the leg stump and behind the striker shall be called a "wide".

Discussion – agreed with amendment from original version.

Delete By-Law 27d (no longer required if amendment to 27c is approved)

49. Eligibility of players for colts competition

To be eligible to play in the Colts competition registered players must be under 21 years of age on **30th September**, prior to the commencement of each season. Any player taking part in these competitions must submit proof of age to the Association Administrator.

Discussion – agreed.

53 and 54. Cricket attire

d. SOCKS - Predominantly white or cream socks. **Delete**

e. FOOTWEAR – **Appropriate sports shoes**

Discussion – agreed.

62. Protests and disputes

e. At any P&D hearing, the matter shall be heard and determined by the Board Chairman and **one** other appointed or co-opted **person**.

Delete 62 c vi otherwise not take part in the deliberations of any hearing or determination of the P&D.

Discussion – agreed.

62. Protests and disputes

m. The P&D may impose a penalty of not more than \$100.00 and/or a **six (6) day suspension** upon any person or persons who in dealing with the P&D, deliberately obstructs, misleads, or acts in a manner detrimental to the effective or efficient running of a hearing.

Discussion – agreed.

64. Cautions

h. The Caution system applies only to games that have an official SMCA sanctioned umpire appointed by the Umpires Advisor and does not dilute the umpire's ability to report a player for any offence as deemed outside the spirit of the game and the laws of cricket.

This does not dilute the right of the association to reject this acceptance and have the matter heard by the P&D if it deems appropriate to have the matter heard.

Discussion – agreed.

65. Prescribed penalties

a. Any player offered a Prescribed Penalty may elect to accept the penalty for the offence which that player is reported by signing the Prescribed Penalty form. This does not dilute the right of the association to reject this acceptance and have the matter heard by the P&D if it deems appropriate to have the matter heard.

Should a player wish the matter be heard by the P&D notification should be made to the Association Administrator, by e-mail or text message, prior to 9.00pm on the day of play in which the player was reported. A lack of notification to the Association Administrator by the deadline will invoke the penalty for the offence which that player was reported for.

Discussion – agreed.

65b. Reportable offences and penalties:

Abusing or swearing at an opposition player, teammate **or spectator** - Six (6) playing dates ban,

Fieldsmen directing batmen off the ground by gestures or words - **Four (4) playing dates ban.**

Discussion – agreed.