

South Metropolitan Cricket Association

Minutes of Special Executive Meeting held at Leeming on
Monday 26th June 2017.

Meeting commenced at 6:00pm



PRESENT: John Griffin, Scott Knight, Ian Hale Paul Speering, Ray Howe, Graeme Ashley, Gary Hartman (Minutes).

APOLOGIES: Graham Santich.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Moved Scott Knight, seconded Graeme Ashley that the minutes of the previous meeting, 8th May, 2017 be accepted as a true and correct record.
CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING: Nil

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Gary brought up correspondence from Forrestdale regarding playing in ODB and an excess number of away matches that club had played in a row.

The Executive agreed that the ODA set up worked well and should continue. There was nothing to say that ODB or ODC would be easier than ODA. In relation to setting a maximum number of days played away in a row, although 3 would be a fair number it was not possible to make this firm given the complexities of our grading system.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Draft Budget had been distributed. Likely \$1000 surplus at the end of the season. A Healthways Grant of \$2000 per annum is tied in for the next six years.

Moved Ray Howe and seconded Scott Knight that the Treasurers Report be accepted. **CARRIED**

UMPIRE'S ADVISOR:

There are draft changes to the Laws of Cricket are likely to be confirmed on 1st October. Ray had previously distributed changes and comment for consideration.

Summary of Changes

(1) Substitutes can now act as wicketkeeper. No problems with this and needs to be implemented. New law 24.1.2

(2) Handled the Ball law has been deleted but it has been incorporated in the Obstruction law. No problems with this and needs to be implemented. New law 37.1.2

(3) Lost Ball law has been deleted but it has been incorporated in the Dead Ball law. No problem with this and needs to be implemented. New law 20.4.2.10

(4) Limits placed on the thickness of bats. I don't see this as being an issue in the SMCA. Be aware of the rule but nothing to implement. New law 5.7

(5) Devices can be used to limit the travel distance of the bails from the stumps. I don't see this as being an issue in the SMCA. Be aware of the rule but nothing to implement. New law 8.3.4

(6) Bowling of Deliberate Front Foot No balls. I don't see this as being an issue in the SMCA but needs to be implemented. New law 41.8

(7) Law regarding the Running Out of Non Striker. No problem with this and needs to be implemented. New law 41.16

(8) Bouncing Bat Law changed. No problem with this and needs to be implemented. New law 30.1.2

(9) No ball - ball bouncing more than once. Changed from bouncing more than twice to bouncing more than once. No problem with this and needs to be implemented. New law 21.7

All of the above I don't see an issue of implementing them in the SMCA. Some of these laws are rarely used and we do not have a video review system to dispute any umpires calls.

Now the law changes that may cause issues. Do we want to implement these into the SMCA? I have my concerns and that is why I am raising them with the Executive before they go to the clubs.

(1) A new Law of the game, Law 42. Players conduct/misconduct that gives in-match consequences for poor on field behaviour. I have my real concerns about this. Allowing the official umpires the ability to impose in-match penalties is dangerous, but unofficial umpires could be a disaster. I think sticking with our current Caution, Prescribed Penalties system is the way to go. If we decide not to implement the new laws then this needs to be inserted in SMCA Bylaws stating as much. Probably bylaw 52 - Local Rules.

(2) Law 24.2 and 24.3 Penalty Time. I don't believe that the SMCA has a problem in this area. I would suggest that we not implement the new laws and insert in SMCA Bylaws stating as much. Probably by 52 - Local Rules.

(3) Ball after pitching, bounces over head height of striker. A No ball is to be called for any delivery which after pitching, passes or would have passed over head height of the striker standing upright at the popping crease. New law 21.10

Currently in 2 day cricket, the SMCA has Bylaws to allow 2 balls per over to be bowled over the shoulder before they are called no balls. Wides can also be called if no contact is not made with the ball and the ball is too high for a normal stroke to be made. In 1 day cricket, 1 ball is allowed.

This change if implemented would have major implications on 'how we play cricket'. If we don't implement the change, are there any legal repercussions if a batsman is injured?

(4) Bowling of Dangerous and Unfair Non-Pitching Deliveries. New law 41.7

A No ball is to be called for any delivery, which passes or would have passed, without pitching above waist height is to be considered as dangerous. On the first occasion, the umpire is required to give a caution to the bowler and give a first and final warning. Any further ball in that innings, will result in the bowler being removed immediately and reported to the SMCA. The captain is also reported.

Currently the SMCA bylaws allows for fast high pitched deliveries above waist height to be called as no balls. Slow balls are called above shoulder height.

The bowler or captain is not reported. Again this change if implemented would have major implications on "how we play cricket". If we don't implement the change, are there any legal repercussions is a batsman is injured?

In relation to the no ball rules it was agreed to see how it develops in international cricket.

The penalties for misconduct are not being considered by the SMCA at this time.

CRICKET WEST:

Next meeting is Wednesday 28th June

CONSTITUTION and BY LAWS:

It was moved John Griffin and seconded Paul Speering that the By-Law changes as agreed at the General Meeting on 8th May be confirmed. **CARRIED**

The By-Laws will not be distributed to the clubs pending possible further changes at the AGM.

John Griffin will arrange Constitution changes as required by Department of Commerce.

GRADINGS and FIXTURES:

It was again agreed that 8 Clubs should make up First Grade and a different 8 Clubs make up Second Grade.

Third Grade to mirror First Grade and as much as possible Fourth Grade is to mirror Second Grade.

PROTESTS and DISPUTES:

Nil

AGENDA ITEMS:

There was discussion regarding a request from the Gosnells District Cricket Club to submit a team in the SMCA one day competition. Due to the requirement that new clubs to the Association should have three teams, as well as By-Law restrictions, the request was denied.

It was agreed to follow up with existing one team clubs Champion Lakes and Safety Bay, both of whom indicated they would submit more than one team when allowed entry into the SMCA. Other clubs who gained entry in the past 4 years to be monitored.

There was a discussion on the introduction of the position of Secretary. This position will become the new contact between the clubs and the Association.

It was moved Ray Howe and seconded Ian Hale that John Griffin be appointed Association Secretary from the 1st July, 2017. AGREED

John stepped down from the position of Senior Vice President with Scott Knight becoming the sole Vice President till the coming AGM.

It was agreed that the Administrators salary will remain the same. The Secretaries salary will be set at \$2000 for the coming season and be reviewed at the end of the season.

Playing dates were discussed with the season to commence on 7th October for the two-day grades and 14th October for the one-day grades. The 8 team mid season final to be played on 21st January and the 6 team mid season final to be played on 11th February.

Clearances not approved by the players former club will be cleared upon request to the Secretary after 1st July.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Ray Howe felt that another person should take on the role of Match Day Referee. Ian Hale agreed to take on the role.

There was discussion regarding Life Membership. A number of existing Life Members were not invited to the Windup. The Secretary to write to the Clubs seeking an update of contact details for Association Life members.

It was further agreed that the Secretary write to the clubs reminding them of the criteria for Life membership of the SMCA and the procedure to submit names for consideration.

NEXT MEETING:

1st August 2017 – 7:00pm – Annual General Meeting.

MEETING CLOSED:

As there being no further business the meeting closed at 7:18pm.

Playing Dates Below

SMCA PLAYING DATES 2017-18

	2day 8	2day 6	OD
7-Oct	1	1	
14-Oct	2	2	1
21-Oct	3	3	2
28-Oct	3	3	3
4-Nov	4	4	4
11-Nov	4	4	5
18-Nov	5	5	6
25-Nov	5	6	7
2-Dec	6	7	8
9-Dec	7	8	9
16-Dec	8	9	10
23-Dec			
30-Dec			
6-Jan	9		
13-Jan	10	10	11
20-Jan	11	11	12
21-Jan	MSF		
27-Jan	11	12	13
3-Feb	12	13	14
10-Feb	12	13	15
11-Feb		MSF	
17-Feb	13	14	16
24-Feb	13	14	17
3-Mar	14	15	18
10-Mar	14	15	19
17-Mar	SF	SF	SF
18-Mar	SF	SF	
24-Mar	GF	GF	GF
25-Mar	GF	GF	
31-Mar	EASTER	EASTER	EASTER

2 Day Match

1 Day Match

Sunday

No Play

MSF - Mid Season Final

WACA Test 14-18 Dec

WACA ODI 28th Jan