

# South Metropolitan Cricket Association

Minutes of the SMCA Annual General Meeting  
Held at Leeming on Tuesday 1 August 2017



**Meeting commenced at 7:02 pm.**

**PRESENT:** Executive: Graham Santich - President, Graeme Ashley - Treasurer, John Griffin – Secretary and Minutes, Scott Knight, Paul Speering, Ian Hale and Ray Howe – Umpires Advisor

**Clubs - As per attached register**

**APOLOGIES:** Gary Hartman, Joe Facey

**ABSENT CLUBS:** Cannington Tigers, CBC, Cockburn, Kwinana, Perth Tamil, Safety Bay, South Bertram, Willetton

## **MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETING.**

The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2016 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

**Moved: East Fremantle                      Seconded: – Jandakot Park**

**MATTERS ARISING: Nil**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Attachment 1.**

**TREASURERS REPORT: Attachment 2**

The draft budget for 17/18 and the Auditors Report for 16/17 were approved and accepted.

**Moved: Leeming                      Seconded – East Fremantle**

**UMPIRE'S ADVISOR: Attachment 1.**

Ray Howe provided an update on the recent changes to the Laws of Cricket. The changes have been circulated to the clubs. Most of the changes will not impact on the SMCA.

## **CRICKET WEST:**

Graham Santich provided an update on the discussion between Cricket West and the WACA. In particular where does Cricket West sit in WA Cricket and identify the purpose of Cricket West. A working group is meeting to discuss and progress.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

Graham Santich declared all elected positions vacant and canvassed the meeting for nominations.

Ian Hale then opened the election. The following were nominated and elected:

Patron: **Brian Waterer**

President:	<b>Graham Santich</b> was elected unopposed. Moved Armadale      Seconded Kardinya Lakes
Senior Vice President:	<b>Scott Knight</b> was elected unopposed Moved John Griffin      Seconded Paul Speering
Junior Vice President:	Paul Speering was elected unopposed Moved – Phoenix      Seconded East Fremantle
Executive Committee: I	Ian Hale and Mario Baeli were elected Moved -Graham Santich      Seconded East Fremantle
Auditor:	Leanne Galellis Moved Graeme Ashley      Seconded East Fremantle

## **AGENDA ITEMS AND NOTICE OF MOTION**

### **From the SMCA Executive:**

#### **(1) Add to By-Laws – By Law 66 – Other Disputes - new sub para 66 (e).**

e. Questioning the decision of a member of the Executive (Administrator, Treasurer, Umpires Advisor). The following procedure will apply:

- (1). Club raises matter with Administrator/Treasurer/Umpires Advisor who then decide on outcome etc.
- (2). If club is not happy with outcome, the matter is then referred to the SMCA Senior Executive for action. Matters referred to the Senior Executive must be by email and submitted by a member of the Club's Executive.
- (3). Any decision made by the Senior Executive shall be final.

### **Discussion – Agreed**

#### **From Maddington Cricket Club.**

#### **1) From the SMCA's treasurers report presented on the 26th of June. " A Healthways grant of \$2000 per annum is tied in for the next six years"**

From our clubs experience Healthways Grants come with an agreement between both parties that ties the sporting club into requirements around liquor and smoking areas. We would like to be made aware of the requirements the association has apparently signed the club upto.

**Graeme Ashley explained the sponsorship deal and that the money is distributed through the WACA through to Cricket West and then to the SMCA. No criterion has been placed on the SMCA.**

#### **2) The SMCA has released proposed fixtures - In One Day only comps 19 games for an assumed 8 teams.**

The club puts forward an increase to 21 games (i.e. every team plays every team three times; thus making an even draw). The current fixtures have weekends that are currently unfixed which would allow for the addition of two rounds.

**Discussed – Rejected –The majority of clubs support the scheduled Byes in the One Day competition fixtures.**

### **3) From the SMCA Umpires Advisor report presented at their meeting on the 26th of June -**

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 if a batsman is injured?

**Can this rule be brought up as an agenda item.** It seems flawed as the second waist high ball will result in expulsion from bowling within a match. With SMCA umpires this is somewhat bearable but still can be taken too far! With team umpires on the other hand this rule can easily be exploited.

**Ray Howe explained briefly the Laws of Cricket changes and that the SMCA By laws adequately address this matter.**

### **4) Modification of the Executive powers**

Instances where a bylaw is required to be included / changed / removed, all clubs should be involved in the decision process. The Executive should put forward the proposal, by way of communication, provide a due date for comments, and then take a vote. This way, the clubs then have comfort that their opinion is being taken into consideration. Taking nothing away from the Executive, they are performing a great role for the Association, however, have such a small club representation on the Committee, this we believe, will make the process fairer for all.

**Discussion – Not supported.**

#### **From Paul Speering**

(1) – Kookaburra Sponsorship Agreement – The latest agreement between Kookaburra and Cricket West has a requirement for clubs to use Kookaburra Practice balls.

#### **Paul Speering explained that:**

The long standing 5 year agreement between Kookaburra and Cricket West (which includes the SMCA) was up for renewal during this off season. Very little had changed in the detail, and there was no increase in the royalty payment for the exclusive use of Kookaburra match balls throughout the competition.

However, Kookaburra changed the Royalty section of the agreement from:

*In return for the exclusive use of Kookaburra Cricket Balls stamped CW Logo (Cricket West), we are prepared to offer Cricket West an annual royalty payment of **\$20,000 (11/03/2012)***

to

*In return for the exclusive use of Kookaburra Cricket Balls both stamped CW Logo (Cricket West) &*

*practice cricket balls, we are prepared to offer Cricket West an annual royalty payment of \$20,000 (01/06/2017)*

Due to the timeframes involved, this agreement was signed without the unanimous support of the SMCA Executive before it could be discussed at the SMCA AGM.

Prior to the agreement being signed, an opportunity existed for the SMCA to extricate itself from the restrictive conditions and seek a cheaper match ball for the clubs to use (above and beyond the practice ball issue). Various ball manufacturers have had their match balls approved by various state bodies, including the WACA, such as Dukes, Tiflex, and Gray-Nicolls. Prices for the approved balls range from \$27-\$42, and compare favourably to the price of a Kookaburra Tuf Pitch, which ranges from \$42-\$46.

Match balls are quite likely to be the biggest expense that a cricket club has, and any potential saving should be considered. For example, a club with three two-day teams and three one-day-only teams will use 99 balls, not including finals or second innings. Using the figures above, this club could save up to \$1,800 across the season, just on match balls alone. Across the 106 teams in the association, that is a potential saving of more than \$30,000. The \$4,000 that the SMCA gets from Kookaburra pales into insignificance.

There appears to be no penalty for removing ourselves from the agreement with Kookaburra at any time (apart from missing out on the \$4,000) and is something that should be considered either now or as the season progresses.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**From Ian Hale** - Ian informed the meeting that the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the SMCA is only a few seasons away and it intended to write a short history of the Association in booklet format. Information is sought on F&DMCA and SSCA Life members, premiership winners, club and team histories. Any clubs with relevant information are asked to send information to John Griffin, SMCA Secretary.

**From Piara Waters** - Piara Waters asked if the 65 over format in the Two day Competition would continue. Graham Santich advised that the 65 over format would continue in the lower two- day grades subject to team nominations. The SMCA Bylaws have been updated to include 65 over match formats

**F15 Competition** – Graham Santich advised that the F15 competition would continue and that pink balls would be used.

All clubs at the meeting were reminded to submit their team nominations and grounds via the SMCA Website by 22 September 2017.

The Kookaburra Raffle was drawn and won by East Fremantle

**CLOSURE: 7.50 pm**

**NEXT MEETING : Monday 18 September 2017 – 6pm Executive Meeting**

## **Attachments**

- 1. Presidents Report and Umpires Advisor Report**
- 2. 17/18 Budget**
- 3. 16/17 Audit Report**



Graham Santich

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2016-17**

I am pleased to present my fifth President's report for SMCA after the completion of another successful 2016/17 season.

Congratulations to Armadale Cricket Club who won the First grade premiership for the first time since the formation of the Association resulting from the merger of South Suburban and Fremantle & Districts Mercantile Cricket Associations in the mid 1990's.

Armadale defeated Leeming Spartan in what can only be described as an amazing game of cricket at John Connell Reserve. Little used bowler and man of the match Mark Rice chipped in with 5 wickets without conceding a run to turn the game on its heels after Leeming were cruising to what seemed a certain premiership win

The first grade competition welcomed two new clubs in the 16/17 season as Bicton Attadale, who had earned their promotion by finishing as minor premiers in second grade, were joined by Thornlie who put their hand up after Kardinya were forced to withdraw its team from 2015/16. Thornlie were the surprise packets of the season finishing second on the premiership ladder before falling to eventual premiers Armadale in a closely fought semi final

In second grade, Hilton Palmyra won an exciting contest against Kelmscott in a low scoring one wicket win. Hilton came from fourth after accounting for minor premiers Cockburn in the semi-final.

The First grade mid-season one day final was also an exciting contest after Cockburn successfully defended just 153 and was able to hold off Armadale to win by a solitary wicket with captain Chris Kercheval leading the scoring with a valuable 43.

In a similar vein to the last few seasons, the 14 end of year premierships on offer were shared between 11 clubs with only Armadale, Kardinya and Piara Waters winning more than one. SJ Blues enjoyed a very successful year winning the Brian Waterer Shield together with earning promotion to 1<sup>st</sup> grade

Congratulations to SJ Blues Cricket Club on their promotion to First grade for 2017/18 after a lengthy absence from the premier grade. SJ will replace Phoenix who have competed in First grade for many consecutive years. I am sure Phoenix will regroup and not be far away from a return

After mixed recent seasons we continue to face a challenging task of fielding teams contesting the Inter Association Cricket West Cup. In the 16/17 season we were left with no alternative than to withdraw our Colts team and just field the Seniors and

Veterans sides. I would like to commend both James Matkovich who captained the Seniors and Noel Raymond who managed the Vets team. While the Seniors had limited success, the Vets failed by just one 1 run in the last game of the season to reach the final. I am hoping we can improve next year as both John Ipsen and Noel Raymond have agreed to take on the management of the Seniors and Vets respectively

Thanks also to Graeme Ashley who was always there to provide the uniforms, drinks and do the scoring. The efforts by all players who participated in Inter Association cricket are well appreciated

I wish to thank my fellow Executive members including the Administrator, Gary Hartman and Treasurer, Graeme Ashley for their outstanding contributions throughout the season. The fixturing has again 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 our representative on the South West Metropolitan Community Cricket Board. Thanks are also extended to Ian Hale, John Griffin, Paul Speering and Ray Howe who complement the Executive

Towards the end of the season the Executive decided to separate the roles of the Administrator with John Griffin taking on the duties of Secretary handling day to day operations of the Association

The Association again fielded a total of 106 teams of which 52 were in the two-day competition. This season we introduced a two-day format comprising 65 overs instead of the usual 75. This option proved to a popular innovation as more clubs have indicated a nomination to this grade next season

The new Formula 15 concept continued its second year which attracted 10 teams. The Grand Final between Phoenix and Cockburn at Goodchild Reserve was watched by a reasonably large crowd which saw Phoenix bat first and successfully defend their total.

The highest individual award this year went to Todd Gill in taking out the Jim McKenna medal. Todd, who changed clubs this season to play for Leeming Spartan is a worthy winner

The Protests & Disputes Tribunal was again chaired by Ronald McDonald this season and unfortunately there was a marked increase in the number of cases being heard. This is extremely disappointing given the improvement of player behaviour over recent years.

The Umpires Association led by the President, Glen Nivison and Advisor Ray Howe provides an essential support arm to the Association. Numbers are reasonable but there is still an acute shortage of personnel so I would encourage any players who have retired from playing, perhaps consider donning the black trousers so we can have every game officiated

Towards the end of the season the Executive was asked to respond to a request from a legal practitioner arising from a Protests & Disputes Board decision that was

handed down. The following is an extract of the Association auditor's management letter:

***" Threat of Legal Disputes***

*As a result of my standard audit testing and processes I found in the minutes that there was a dispute over a penalty which went so far as a cricket club engaging legal representation. I can confirm I have sighted evidence from the club stating, 'Our club will not take this matter further' however this is an important management issue I must bring to your attention as it could potentially have resulted in a financial obligation that would be difficult to quantify in order to allocate a contingency value in the financial statements"*

This places the Association (and its member clubs) in an invidious position where legal action has been initiated in an endeavour to reverse a decision of the Association after all avenues of appeal were exhausted. The objects of this Association are to administer the sport of cricket at grass roots level where the sources of funds are not boundless. Clubs need to be mindful that the cost of defending our actions can be very expensive when having to meet the costs of potential legal and court action

In conclusion, I trust all clubs and umpires had a very successful 2016/17 season and wish you well for 2017/18

Graham Santich  
President SMCA



**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT 2016-17**

After 10 years of being the main contact at the SMCA, I have stepped back to a behind the scenes role this season. I thank the Executive for their support in allowing this transition. Being the "front man" is very demanding and I wish John Griffin all the best in his term as Association Secretary.

Most Office Bearer updates have been received.

Gary Hartman

Clubs should nominate their team nominations on the form provided on the SMCA web site no later than 5pm on Friday 22nd September 2017.

I wish all Clubs well for the coming season.

Gary Hartman  
Administrator



Ray Howe

## **UMPIRES REPORT 2016-17**

Umpiring numbers were maintained at previous season's levels. A total of 41 umpires officiated at various stages of the season.

Due to a number of senior umpire retirements and umpires being unavailable, 17 umpires were used in first grade. Opportunities were given to those who have the skills required, have been working hard to improve and showing commitment. Experience gained will help to maintain the high umpiring standards into future seasons.

The Laws of Cricket was last re-written in 2000 and has recently had a major re-write. This will come into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017.

I have circulated a summary of the changes that will have implications on the SMCA to the Executive and to clubs. Most will not cause us any implementation problems but decisions have to be made concerning the No Ball rules for short pitching deliveries and balls on the full above waist height. Also Law 42 has been greatly increased to deal with bad behaviour.

My recommendations are that we continue with the current SMCA bylaws for No Balls for both one and two day cricket.

I believe that the current SMCA by-laws are adequate to address any player behaviour issues and no changes are required to the Cautions, Prescribed Penalties and P&D procedures.

I look forward to working with all clubs in the forthcoming season.

Ray Howe  
Umpires Advisor