

## **SOUTH METROPOLITAN CRICKET ASSOCIATION**

### **Minutes of the SMCA Executive Meeting held at Kardinya on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017**



Meeting commenced at 6.00pm

**PRESENT:** Graham Santich, (Chair) Gary Hartman, Ray Howe, Paul Speering Graeme Ashley, Ian Hale, Mario Baeli, Scott Knight, John Griffin (Minutes)

#### **APOLOGIES:**

#### **MINUTES of PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE MEETING: 16 October 2017**

Moved Graeme Ashley and seconded Ian Hale that the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 October 2017 be accepted as a true and correct record

**CARRIED**

#### **MATTERS ARISING: Nil**

**ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:** Gary Hartman presented his report.

Amazing number of fines this season. Clubs are still unwilling to accept the decision made. That is the big difference in the job since I started many years ago.

Some clubs using online issues for not getting scores online by the deadline, must have a plan B. The By-Laws are clear.

The By-Laws are clear on most things and make decisions fair and easy. I have always considered the one day grades as one grade in relation to dropping players in one day grades in a bye situation. By-Law 10 and 11 cover this and all of sudden seems to have become a grey area.

Clubs need to ensure that they name just 11 players in a side, 12 if they are using the split player option. Subs must be listed as subs. Teams naming more than 11 players may have some players removed at my discretion.

I have recently become aware of a player playing for two Associations at the same time. No clearances applied for as he swaps between a WACA club and a SMCA Club. At this stage I have not contacted the club involved but I believe the player should be banned from playing in the SMCA for the remainder of the season.

The By-Law are clear that players may not play for SMCA Clubs on a temporary basis, there has been communication between a player/club and the Association in relation to a player who wants to play for a WACA Club and an SMCA Club when not selected for his WACA Club.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Attached

**Treasurers Report**

**ACCEPTED**

### **UMPIRES REPORT:**

Issues with the bowling of high full-pitched balls and to be discussed in Constitution and By laws.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT –**

Have received numerous emails, phone calls and text messages in regard to fines, player clearances, allegations of cheating, by law interpretations and issues with My Cricket – player registration. Most queries have been dealt with, however a few that require discussion are listed in By Laws and Agenda Items.

### **CRICKET WEST**

Graham Santich informed the meeting the SMCAs Cricket West season is all but over. As in previous seasons team selection has been difficult. Consideration to be given during the off-season to withdraw from the inter-association competition

The Cricket West AGM is still to be held

### **CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS:**

**1. By Law 47 Clearances** – By Law 47ci – states- *“Players from other affiliated competitions are not permitted to play on a temporary basis. Clearance requests will be denied under these circumstances.”*

This matter already covered in Administrators report.

**It was reiterated that the SMCA By Laws are definitive on this matter and that players cannot move between WACA clubs and SMCA clubs on a temporary basis.**

**2. By Law 18 c – bowling of high full-pitched balls** - a number of emails were received from Kenwick CC regarding this matter. Responses in line with the Bylaws and Umpires Advisor’s briefing at General Meeting and AGM were provided.

### **Umpires Advisors’s Response:**

**“As we cannot make the change this season, in my opinion going forward we:**

- (1) As these high balls are generally skill errors and not intentional, don't make the call at all to suspend the bowler and just keep calling "no balls" and the associated penalty.
- (2) We enforce suspension of the bowler and adopt the new Laws of Cricket (2 balls).
- (3) We enforce suspension of the bowler and make it after (3 balls).
- (4) We allow the clubs to vote at the meetings prior to next season, if they wish all umpires to have that power or just official umpires.
- (5) Whatever the decision made, the bylaws must be updated to reflect the decision.

The Executive have said on many occasions that we will review the changes to the Laws of Cricket and which ones the SMCA will adopt next season.”

**ACTION – By Laws to be reviewed at the end of season**

**PROTESTS AND DISPUTES – Nil**

**FIXTURES AND GRADINGS – Nil**

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. From John Griffin** – the following correspondence has been received and requires consideration and decision as required:

**a. From Bicton Attadale - request to have some fines waived.**

*Nominated 4 sides this season with the lowest being One Day E. When the club fees (Affiliation and Team), these were paid upfront and on time. Since then BACC could not managed to get that lowest side filled each week and unfortunately had to forfeit multiple times and then withdraw the side all together.*

*There are fines associated with forfeiting and withdrawing sides and Bicton Attadale are seeking assistance from the association to wave the fines and withdraw fees. We paid our affiliation upfront for the side that did not pay a fixture at all and to also get fined for the withdrawal hurts our small club particularly when we were not able to recoup costs in the way of memberships, match fees etc.*

*With the affiliation fees paid, we are hoping that the fines can be waived on this occasion.*

Other clubs have also sought waiver of fines due to issues (illness, NBN issues, ipad problems with My Cricket etc) in the meeting the deadlines.

**Discussion: It was reiterated that the By Laws are set and agreed to by the clubs each season and that there will be no waiver of fines.**

**DECISION: No Waiver of Fines**

**b. From CBC – Request to change date of Mid-season one day final**

CBC have requested that the mid-season one day final not be played on 11 Feb 18.

**Discussion** – given that BBL and WBBL matches have now been fixtured around this time and preceding weeks, it was agreed to move the mid-season one day final to 18 Feb 2018.

**DECISION – Mid-season one day final to be played on Sunday 18 Feb 18**

## **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**Paul Speering** - Has had issues with ipad scoring – there are occasions where ipads lock up and scores cannot be entered.

**Discussion – Clubs are required to have a back up system to enter match results and player scores by the required deadlines given in the By Laws.**

**Paul Speering** – Sought clarification on the number of qualifying matches for finals a player must play in the One Day grades now that there are Byes in ODB and ODE Grades

**Discussion** – Given that teams in these grades will still play 16 matches out of a possible 19 this season, it was agreed that the no change or variation to the relevant By Law will apply.

**DECISION – The relevant By laws regarding player finals qualification apply.**

**Ian Hale** – as match day referee has been contacted by a number of clubs in regard to team selections, dropping players to lower grades and 11A and 11 B players.

**Discussion** – these matters are not the Match Day Referees responsibility.

**Any matters raised by clubs are to be sent by email or text message to the Secretary who will then refer the matter to the relevant person(s) on the SMCA Executive.**

**Graham Santich** – There have been a number of instances this season of allegations of cheating, player identification and ill feeling between teams during some matches.

The Association does not have enough umpires to provide official umpires to every match each week. Clubs must be recognizant of the Spirit of Cricket and a notice to be placed on SMCA website.

**The Executive will continue to monitor the situation as required and any breaches of the Association By laws will be acted on.**

**NEXT MEETING:**

5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – 6 pm – at Leeming - **Executive Meeting**

**MEETING CLOSED:**

As there being no further business the meeting closed at 6.42pm.