

SOUTH METROPOLITAN CRICKET ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the SMCA Executive Meeting held at Leeming on Monday 23RD APRIL 2018



Meeting commenced at 5.55 p.m.

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

APOLOGIES: Scott Knight,

MINUTES of PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE MEETING: 29 January 2018

Moved Graeme Ashley and seconded Paul Speering that the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 29 January 2018 be accepted as a true and correct record

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING: Nil

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Gary reported that the season had gone well, despite a few minor issues. Significant amount of fines, with some still in progress, due to non-completion of match reports. The issue of player IDs needs to be addressed. The Association website is generally okay. Some of the forms need to be updated along with logos etc.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Graeme advised that the financials are with the Auditor.

UMPIRES REPORT

Ray reported that the umpires had brilliant season. Some issues that still need to be addressed. The Umpire numbers are not increasing, despite efforts to recruit more umpires from the retired ranks of players.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

John reported that he had received a lot of emails in the lead up to the finals in regard to player qualification, forfeits, player identification and other matters. These were referred to the relevant SMCA Executive member where applicable. The questioning of the bylaws in regard to finals qualification by one club was unacceptable.

CRICKET WEST

Graham advised that he has not attended any Cricket West since the Cricket West AGM on Wednesday 31 Jan 18, where he advised that the SMCA would be withdrawing from the Cricket West competition next season subject to club ratification at the General meeting in May 2018.

Graham commented that a mixed reaction was received when he mentioned the intent to withdraw. Other Associations could also withdraw as they are also struggling to fill teams on a Sunday. It is unlikely that there will be any financial implications.

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS: Nil

PROTESTS AND DISPUTES: Nil

FIXTURES AND GRADINGS – Nil

AGENDA ITEMS

1. From Graham Santich

(1) The Two-day Competition to play 3 two-day games before Christmas and finish the season with 4 two-day games.

Agreed To be put to the clubs for consensus at the General meeting

(2) The Executive's proposal to withdraw from the Cricket West cup as from next season.

Agreed To be put to the clubs for consensus at the General meeting

(3) Review and decide on next season's honorariums.

The honorariums were last reviewed at the end of the 15/16 season and increased for the 16/17 season. Given that the last review was two years ago it was agreed to leave the honorariums as they are and review at the end of the 2018/19 season.

Since the last review the Secretary's position has been created and given the workload it was felt that the Secretary's honorarium be the same as the Treasurer's.

All correspondence from the clubs should be sent to the Secretary who then refers the matters to the relevant Executive Member/Sub committee. Correspondence should come from the executive members of the clubs – ie President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary or Registrar. This is so that the SMCA Executive is aware that a club's executive has authorized the correspondence. It is also crucial for club's to update their contact list on the SMCA website.

Moved Graeme Ashley and seconded Graham Santich that the Secretary's honorarium be increased to \$3,000 per annum and all positions to be reviewed in 2019.

CARRIED

(4) Playing dates for next season.

Draft playing dates for next season were discussed. The season would commence on Saturday 6 Oct 18 with three two-day games prior to Christmas and four prior to the March finals. Given that Christmas Day falls on a Tuesday, matches would be played on Saturday 22 Dec 18. The season would resume on Saturday 12 Jan 2019 for the two-day competition and 19 Jan 2019 for the one-day competition. The mid-season one-day final would be played on Sunday 20 Jan 2019. Australia Day falls on a Saturday so clubs will need to consider this.

To be put to the clubs for agreement at the General meeting

2. From Scott Knight (Via email)

(1) SMCA Social Media

Scott wrote that they way the social world is moving, websites and their purpose have

changed significantly in the last few years and they are no longer pages visited for long periods of time. People are now turning to social media for updates and announcements. Unfortunately for some, if you don't have facebook/twitter/instagram you are the slim minority now.

With this in mind and coinciding with the discussion of scraping the inter association, Scott has suggested appointing a social media coordinator. This would be a paid position and could include most of what we speak about on the radio show, updates during finals, player milestones etc. It doesn't have to be major but again is catering to the majority of our association. To put this into context, more people followed the Shadow in two weeks on Facebook than people who attended the Windup.

Discussion on this matter occurred and it was agreed that the Association needs to use the various social media formats disseminate information etc. Moderation of the SMCA social media platforms would be required to ensure content and posts are in accordance with the relevant By laws.

Action: The Executive to pursue this further. Clubs to be apprised at the General meeting

(2) Association Wide sponsorship:

Scott has been approached by Gage Roads Brewing for initial discussions on how they can expand their brand and we spit ball a few ideas around them sponsoring the SMCA where the clubs get discounted rates on their stock and they in turn will get a \$\$ rebate. It is similar to how CUB was for years with local sports clubs. He wanted to ask and see if anything like this had been done previously or would association wide sponsorship be something that we would look into? It is something that interests Scott and might be a portfolio that he could take on and bring findings / opportunities back for discussion.

Discussion on this occurred and while the concept is worthwhile, the individual clubs with liquor licences have their own sponsorship agreements. The SMCA does not want to intrude on each clubs arrangements. Very few clubs in the Association have keg beer on tap. Some clubs have already taken up sponsorship with Gage Roads Brewing.

Action – Clubs to be apprised at the General meeting about the potential sponsorship from Gage Roads Brewing.

3. From Gary Hartman

(1) Review of paid positions: Item already addressed.

(2) South Bertram DCC future (and others)

Given that South Bertram Districts forfeited their round 14 7th grade match instead of forfeiting their lowest grade team, plus the unsuitability of Bertram Oval, the future and viability of the club continuing in the Association is questionable. There maybe some other clubs in the same category.

Action: Secretary to write to SBDCC and other clubs in regard to their viability and tenure in the SMCA.

4. From Ray Howe

(1) **Full Tosses above waist height.** As minuted in the Executive meeting held on 11 December 2017 relating to full tosses above waist height. My suggestions were:

- (a) 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.
 - (b) We enforce the suspension of the bowler and adopt the new Laws of Cricket (2 balls).
 - (c) We enforce the suspension of the bowler and make it after 3 balls (old Laws of Cricket).
- If the decision is to suspend bowlers, does this apply for Official umpires only or to all player/umpires?

After energetic discussion is agreed that the Association must follow the Laws of Cricket in regard to this matter and that any ball that is bowled above waist height with the batsman at the crease, it is to be called a no ball and if the bowler bowls a second full toss above waist height, they then cannot bowl any further in the innings.

Action: The Association adopts the New Laws of Cricket.

(2) Substitute Fielders - Previously the Laws of Cricket allowed a fielder to leave the field for up to 15 minutes without affecting his ability to bowl when he resumed the field of play. If the period was over 15 minutes then he had to be back on the field for the same amount of time before he could bowl.

With the introduction of the new Laws of Cricket this changed substantially by not allowing the fielder to resume bowling for every minute off the field. This is called Penalty Time.

In the past there was no need to have a clause in the bylaws because it was covered in the Laws of Cricket.

What we need to decide is, do we follow the new Laws of Cricket or insert a clause into the bylaws?

If we insert a bylaw, my suggestion is:

Fielder leaving the field - If a fielder leaves the field of play during a session of play,

- (a) The umpire shall be informed of the reason for the absence.
- (b) The fielder shall not thereafter resume on the field during a session of play, without the consent of the umpire. The umpire shall give such consent as soon as practicable.
- (c) The fielder shall not be permitted to bowl until they have resumed on the field for at least that length of playing time for which they were absent.

Action: After discussion of this item, it was Agreed to and to be added into the Bylaws, either By law 8 or By Law 15.

(3) Bylaw 14 c (Tea Interval) needs to be changed to - Laws of Cricket 11.7. This clause numbering changed with the new Laws of Cricket operative from 1st October 2017.

Agreed

5. From John Griffin

(1) – By Law amendments

11. Dropping players to lower grades

a. In all qualifying matches, no player can drop more than one grade at a time within his Club structure other than a player promoted to a higher grade who can return to his original grade provided it is in the next fixture that the player plays in.

~~During qualifying matches only, in the case of Fifth Grade and below, all one-day only grades~~

~~shall collectively be deemed to be one grade.~~

Clarification:

During qualifying matches, a club with three or more two-day grade teams may drop players from their lowest two-day grade team to any of their one-day only grade teams.

During qualifying matches, a club with only two (2) or one (1) two-day grade team(s) can only drop players from their lowest two-day grade team to their highest one-day grade team

~~Clarification: This means that if a Club's lowest two-day grade is in First to Fourth grade no player can drop more than one grade at a time within his Club structure.~~

Discussion: Last season Kwinana and Kelmscott who only had two two-day teams had their second two-day team in fifth grade were able to drop players to any of their one day teams, while Bicton Attadale and Hilton who also only had two two-day teams who were in 1st to 4th grade were not able to drop players to any of their one day grades. This suggested amendment removes the ambiguity that has arisen.

Agreed

41. Qualifying for end of season finals

a. A player ~~must take part~~ must **be named in the team 11** in at least six (6) days of fixtured matches with his club to be eligible for finals. Should a season be shortened due to unforeseen circumstances the Executive may restate the number of qualifying days.

Agreed

47. Clearances

a. Any player transferring from any Association affiliated with the W.A.C.A. (Metropolitan or Country based), must provide a clearance from the club in which he last played. Where this association uses MyCricket then the clearance must be finalised prior to the commencement of a match in which the player participates.

b. Should the Association not use MyCricket the clearance form, which must be dated prior to participation in any match organised by the Association, is to be passed to the Administrator no later than seven (7) days after the completion of the first match in which the player competes. This rule shall not apply to a player joining the Association directly from a State other than Western Australia. The Association Administrator will contact MyCricket to have that player details transferred from the previous club if the previous club uses MyCricket. Otherwise a new registration can be done by the new club.

c. Any player transferring between clubs within the SMCA must have a clearance completed on MyCricket prior to the commencement of a match in which the player participates. Failure to do so will deem the player not cleared and a forfeit will be the result and penalties applied. The Association Administrator will transfer the said player's details to the new club as soon as is practical. No player cleared or transferred to an SMCA Club during the season can be cleared or transferred to another SMCA Club for a period of 28 days.

i. Players from other affiliated competitions are not permitted to play on a temporary basis. Clearance requests will be denied under these

circumstances.

- ii. Junior players (who qualify to play in the junior competitions) and who are playing District Cricket in the WACA competition are allowed to play with their SMCA origin club when not selected for their WACA club.

Comment: This addendum allows junior players who play WACA District juniors and get selected for the WACA Club senior teams on an irregular basis to continue play with their SMCA club as required.

Agreed

d. In the event of any club playing an uncleared player, the match where the offence is first reported shall forfeit against the club playing an uncleared player. See Bylaw 69 for penalties. The uncleared player will be suspended for four (4) playing days.

e. Players who have not played in the past three seasons do not need a clearance to their new club, provided they are not registered with the SMCA as unfinancial with a previous club.

Comment: This item is covered in the Information package provided to clubs at the start of the season and needs to be included in the By laws

Agreed

f The only grounds on which a player can be refused a clearance, concern the financial status of the player. Any player, who feels disadvantaged by any hold up in their clearance, may apply to the Association Administrator for a temporary permit to play for the new club until the matter is settled. If there is any dispute over the financial status of the player, the sum in dispute shall be lodged with the Association by the player. When the dispute has been settled by the Protest, Disputes and Appeals Board, the monies being held by the Association will be dispensed according to the decision of the Board. The Association will not retain any of the money.

g. Any member of an un-financial club on the books of the Association requiring to register with any other Associated Club will be accepted together with a fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) except in the case where the club has been disbanded for more than three (3) years, such player will be permitted to play without the lodgement of any fee.

69. Fines

Rule	Description	Penalty
1	Non-return of office bearers to the Association at or before the Annual General Meeting	\$100
2	Non-attendance of member club at a General meeting – first occurrence	\$50
3	Non-attendance of member club at General meeting – second consecutive occurrence	\$100
4	Withdrawal of team after nomination (per team)	\$200

5	Failure to follow correct clearance procedures	\$50
6	Playing an unregistered, uncleared or unqualified player (per player)	\$50 & loss of match and points
7	Playing a player in a grade in which that player is not entitled to play (per player)	\$50 & loss of match and points
8	Late submission of completed match report	\$100
9	Late submission of completed match report – not submitted within five (5) days after the completion of the match	Loss of Match and points
10	Non-return or late return of captain's report on umpire -8pm Monday A further \$10 fine per week applies for each week this report remains outstanding.	\$20 \$10
11	Forfeiture of match – first offence doubling with any subsequent offence to a maximum of \$100.00	\$50
12	Late notification of forfeiture - first offence doubling with any subsequent offence to a maximum of \$200.00	\$100
13	Failure to notify of forfeiture - first offence doubling with any subsequent offence to a maximum of \$400.00	\$200
14	Players wearing incorrect attire (per player)	\$20
15	Inadequate pitch or ground markings (home team)	\$50
16	Failure to advise of venue change	\$50
17	Any other contravention of Association rules or by-laws	\$50
18	Failure to submit team list on MyCricket before the commencement of match.	\$100

Agreed

(2) Failure to submit player scores

Kelmscott CC still have not submitted their player scores from 2016/17 season 2nd grade grand final. They were asked to do so on a number of occasions and still have not done it. The current SMCA penalty is a \$100 fine (By law 7 c). It would appear that this penalty is inadequate and the matter remains outstanding.

After discussion it was decided to take no further action on this matter.

(3) Player Identification

Player Identification and misuse of player ID numbers has become a significant issue. There are instances where a player has played in two different teams for the same club on the same day as evidenced in player scores. In addition there are differences in the names

entered in the hand written team list that is exchanged between captains, and the player scores entered into my cricket and the team list entered into my cricket prior to the start of a match as required by By law 7(a).

Action: To be Discussed at the General Meeting.

(4) Cheating

Allegations of cheating in some matches and in particular grades are a major concern. With some teams (ie One Day D grade) repeatedly requesting official umpires when playing against certain teams. This matter continued throughout the season and anecdotally has been occurring in certain areas of the competition for a number of seasons. This is despite the SMCA advising all clubs to respect and follow the "Spirit of Cricket" guidelines.

Action : To be discussed at the General Meeting

(5) Draft Playing dates for 2018/19 –Refer to Attachment One

Action : To be put to the clubs for agreement at the General meeting

(6) Request from Leeming Spartan CC – Leeming Spartan CC have requested a BYE for all their teams on Saturday 17 Nov 18 as they are holding their Centenary Ball in the evening. They have asked to play their fixtured matches for the 17th on either the Sunday (11th) before or the Sunday after (25th). It is understood that Cockburn CC may be willing to play Leeming on the Sunday's

Discussion. The achievement of 100 years as a club is a significant milestone. It was agreed that the Association would endeavor to accommodate the Leeming Spartan CC request. The number of teams and grade allocations will impact on this. Looking ahead at the proposed 2018/19 playing dates the weekend 24/25 November is probably the most suitable time with play on a Sunday for those affected teams.

Action: Clubs to be apprised at the General meeting

(7) Draft gradings for 2019/18 –

It was agreed that in accordance with the relevant By laws and advice provided to the clubs prior to the commencement of the 2017/18 season that:

- i. **Hilton Palmyra CC to be promoted to 1st and 3rd grades**
- ii. **Phoenix CC to be relegated to 2nd and 4th grades**
- iii. **Piara Waters CC to be promoted to 2nd grade.**

Action: Secretary to notify the clubs concerned.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Nil

NEXT MEETING: GENERAL MEETING 7 PM MONDAY 28 MAY 2018 AT LEEMING

MEETING CLOSED: As there being no further business the meeting closed at 7.42pm.