

South Metropolitan Cricket Association

Minutes of the Executive Meeting 10 December 2018



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

APOLOGIES: Scott Knight

Graham Santich opened the meeting at 6.12 pm

MINUTES of PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE MEETING: 15 October 2018

Moved by Ian Hale and seconded by Graeme Ashley that the Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 15 October 2018 be accepted.

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING: Nil

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

Tough season so far.

Fines listed on web site. Amazing how often the same clubs get fined for the same offence nearly each week.

3 players suspended for playing without a clearance

Venugopal, Praveenkumar Perth Tamil Cricket Club 4 playing dates

Afzaal, Ibrahim Leeming Spartan Cricket Club 4 playing dates

Munish, Munish Willetton Crows Cricket Club 6 playing dates

In the case of Venugopal, Praveenkumar I also placed a forfeit/fine on the club as the difference in names was so small and the date of births were the same that the club must have known the player required a clearance. The club appealed my decision and I forwarded that appeal to senior members of the Executive as per the By-Laws and they overturned the forfeit/fine. In this case the President of the club claimed "how was the player to know that he needed a clearance when he was incorrectly named at his previous club". To me the answer is simple, the player, no matter what name he used, played at another club in the past 3 years and therefore must have known he needed a clearance.

With the other two the names were different as were date of births and I believe the club did the best they can. However, playing without a clearance has to stop and therefore I propose that the matter is with the player. He knows if he played at another club and therefore a forfeit/fine must be invoked and I have brought this up as an agenda item.

Is it time we forced a requirement for photographic ID's, in the case Munish Munish he denied the charge and forced a P&D. If both clubs had photographic ID the problem could be solved much easier.

Prescribed Penalties

Steve Abbott, Kelmscott - Throwing bat, gloves helmet or other equipment in an aggressive manner - Two (2) playing dates ban

Alan Armstrong, Riverton Rostrata - Throwing bat, gloves helmet or other equipment in an aggressive manner - Two (2) playing dates ban

P&D

Giovanni Silvestri, Piara Waters - Aggressive abusive and threatening behaviour towards umpire – 8 playing dates

Caution: Chris Scenini, Cockburn

Some problems with team lists and names in scorebooks. Obvious many teams are not following the By-Laws on this matter but I can only act on what I become aware of.

Recently a club reported that their opposition did not complete their team list correctly and provided photographic evidence. Upon submitting the forfeit I received photographic evidence that the team making the original report had not included first names in the scorebook. I took advice on this one with different opinions given but decided that the By-Laws were clear and therefore placed a forfeit on both teams which upset both teams but it was the right decision.

Willetton Trophies as always are having difficulty in obtaining fabric for the pennants. Is it time to change?

TREASURERS REPORT:

Report as circulated by Graeme. YTD Fines are \$2,460

Moved by John Griffin and seconded by Ian Hale that the Financial Report be accepted

CARRIED

Graham Santich advised the meeting that the Publicity Officer's position that was approved at the General Meeting on 28 May 2018, will be filled by Jacob Landsmeer and will be paid \$1,500.

AGREED

UMPIRE'S ADVISOR:

Ray reported that:

Clubs please be aware and advise your captains accordingly of the following:

- (1) Bylaw 5b - In one-day matches a team cannot declare its innings closed. A match may be called off if a result has been achieved and both captains agree.
- (2) Team Sheets - Laws of Cricket 1.2 - Each captain shall nominate his/her players in writing to one of the umpires before the toss. No player may be replaced after the nomination without the consent of the opposing captain.

(3) F15s rules need to be reviewed before next season to make them simpler for all concerned.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

John reported that he had received numerous emails regarding various matters.

CRICKET WEST:

Graham and Ian had attended the Forum held at the WACA on 7 Nov 18. Attendance by the SMCA was minimal.

Graham requested that a notice regarding the Cricket West inter-association competition on 5/6 Jan 2019 be placed on the SMCA website.

The SMCA needs to promote the Veterans team and find a suitable manager and players in order to re-enter the inter-association competition next season.

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS:

Change to By-Law

Suggested after a recent report where there was some concern as to what time the match finished.

63 a (i)

i. The umpire, member of the opposing team, club official, Association Official or scorer shall notify the captain and/or the offending person verbally as to the nature of the report. The offending player(s) club will be notified by a member of the Association Executive ~~the Administrator~~ by email or SMS ~~within 24 hours of the completion of the match~~ **by 7pm on the day after the match**. If the offending person or their team captain is unavailable, then their club is responsible for notifying the offending player.

and

63 a (ii)

ii. He/she shall also note the name(s) of the offending person/s and the alleged offence in both score books where appropriate. In addition should the person making the report not be an appointed official umpire the details of the report must be conveyed by phone to the Association Administrator ~~Secretary~~ ~~within twenty-four (24) hours of the completion of the days play~~ **by 7pm on the day after the match**.

AGREED

PROTESTS AND DISPUTES: Refer to Administrators report

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Gary Hartman -

Players playing without clearance

I have been grappling with a number of players changing clubs without a clearance. Slight name changes and sometimes subtle differences in dates of birth have caused some clubs to make errors.

Players playing without a clearance has to stop and I seek the Executives support that it is no longer an excuse for clubs to use the differences in name variations or anything else as a reason for playing an uncleared player. It is the person that counts. If a player played for a club in an association affiliated with the WACA in the past 3 years and did not receive a clearance before playing in his SMCA Club, then the player and his team will be penalised as per By-Law 47d.

AGREED

Concern at Executive going outside the By-Laws.

For as long as I have been doing the Administrators job I have used the By-Laws to make my decisions. There are times that clubs are unhappy with a decision, but it has always seemed to me that if you use the By-Laws you can't go wrong.

We have an appeal process whereby a club can appeal a decision I have made. I would assume that the Senior Executive members considering an appeal would need to be mindful of the By-Laws and stay within these rules.

Recent events have seen a matter 'pushed' through without going through the proper process and then members of the Executive made a decision they had no right to make. In the case I refer to the club had a valid point, but the matter still needed to be resolved within the By-Laws.

Clubs need to abide by the By-Laws and so should the Executive.

I would like to see an acknowledgment that the Executive must work within the By-Laws at all times.

Discussion on this followed and the recent events occurred as a result of a special occasion (the Leeming Spartan CC Centenary), it was agreed that the By laws must be followed.

2. John Griffin -

- a. **Team sheets and scorebooks.** It would seem that the majority of teams are now complying with the requirement to list the player ID on the team sheet. **Given this, it was agreed to rescind the By law requirement to have player full names listed in the scorebook. The requirement to list all players named on the team sheet in the batting section of the scorebook remains.** Clubs to be advised of the by law change for scorebooks.
- b. **Deferred ODC match - Bicton Attadale v Leeming** – It was agreed that this deferred match must be completed by 6 Jan 2019 or otherwise a draw will be allocated. The Secretary is to inform both clubs of this requirement.
- c. **Crease markings and 30-yard inner circle markings.** Clubs are being notified by the Secretary of any deficiencies in crease markings and also the requirement to have an inner 30-yard circle for one-day matches in the two-day competition. **It was agreed that a 2nd infringement for any ground will incur a \$50 fine.**
- d. **Teams requesting umpires in lower one- day grades.** Certain teams/clubs are requesting official umpires for lower one-day grade matches. The Association does not have enough umpires to cover all matches. A notice has been placed on the SMCA website regarding umpire duties.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Nil

CLOSURE: Without any further business the meeting closed at 7.05 pm

NEXT MEETING: Monday 11 February 2019 – 6.15 pm – Leeming