

South Metropolitan Cricket Association

Minutes of the Executive Meeting 25 March 2019



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

APOLOGIES: Graham Santich, Ray Howe,

Paul Speering opened the meeting at 6.14 pm

MINUTES of PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE MEETING: 11 February 2019

Moved by Graeme Ashley and seconded by Ian Hale that the Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 11 February 2019 be accepted.

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING: To be addressed in Agenda items and General Business

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

Gary reported that:

1. Action needs to be put in place to stop the harassment of Executive Members by various entities.

AGREED- Action: Relevant bylaws need to be reviewed and strengthened.

2. **By law 66 – Other Disputes** – needs to be rewritten as a number of entities are using this bylaw to appeal penalties and other matters applied to them for breaches of By laws 7 and 11. These two bylaws are not relevant to Bylaw 66.

AGREED - Action: Bylaw 66 to be rewritten.

3. **Fines for bylaw breaches** – the penalty for a first time breach of bylaw 7 is a \$100 fine per team, whereas the fine for an early notice forfeit is \$50. This is inconsistent. After discussion it was agreed that
 1. There is no dispensation for any breach of bylaws 7 b (submission of match results, progress scores) and bylaw 7c (submission of player scores)
 2. A 50% discount on the fine for the first breach of bylaws 7b and 7c in the season will be applied per team. Any further breaches of bylaws 7b and 7c will incur the full penalty/fine.

AGREED Action: Bylaws 7b, 7c and 69 to be amended.

4. **Communication:** There is a need to change/amend the Communications with the Executive and the Clubs. After discussion it was agreed that all correspondence from the Clubs and other agencies is to be sent to the Secretary who will then direct the correspondence to the relevant Executive member.

AGREED: Action - Clubs to be advised and Bylaw added in

5. **The Fixtures and Grading Sub-Committee** needs to be ratified as soon as possible after the end of the season so that preparatory work for the next season can commence. A minor change to the Constitution will be required.

AGREED: Action – Constitution to be updated.

6. **Champion Lakes CC now have a home ground** – Creyk Park and as per the SMCA entry requirements articulated a few seasons ago now need to have at two teams next season.

AGREED: Action – Champion Lakes to be notified of the requirement.

7. **Umpires Information of By laws**- There is a need to create a document for the umpires that is similar to the Information for Committees and Information for Captains that is produced and distributed prior to the start of the season. In addition an online training module relevant to the SMCA Bylaws needs to be created so that the umpires can access and be aware of the SMCA match bylaws. A number

AGREED: Action – Information package to be developed along with on-line training module in conjunction with the new Umpires Advisor.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Report as circulated by Graeme. Fines for the season totaled \$5,620, which is less than last seasons figure of \$7,270. Total Income and Expenditure for the season were similar meaning a break-even season.

The Honorariums review to be discussed at the next meeting of the SMCA Executive.

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

CARRIED

UMPIRE'S ADVISOR:

Ray Howe has announced his retirement as SMCA Umpires Advisor wef Sunday 24 March 2019. The Committee thanks Ray for his endeavours over the years and wish him well for the future.

Umpires Advisor – Graham Santich has had a brief discussion with Glen Nivison (President Umpires Association) who suggested we discuss this matter when Graham returns from Cairns. One suggestion is to have two people perform the role (same total cost) with the Principal assuming the responsibility and doing all the admin and allocations etc and the other as an assistant who could roam the grounds and mentor new umpires. This would allow the Principal Advisor to optionally umpire as well.

CRICKET WEST:

1. **Cricket Australia – Insurance per player/registration (refer to attachment)**

- Review of the Online registration method and insurance payment documents provided by WACA and Cricket Australia indicates that for season 2020/21 each player will be required to register online in MyCricket and pay an individual insurance levy (fee not disclosed however Football clubs are currently charged \$30 per player.
- The current method where the SMCA pays the insurance levy to Jardines (JLT) based on the number of teams and charges each Club has worked successfully since it was introduced. The current insurance levy for a senior team is approx \$110. .

- If the insurance payment changes are enacted it could mean a significant increase in costs for clubs and players given the number of players each club uses throughout the season. For example a club that uses say 100 players to field 5 teams in a season could be faced with an insurance of \$3,000 (\$30 per player) as opposed to the current levy of \$550 (\$110 per team).
- The proposed requirement for each player to register and pay individually would result in many players not being registered and create chaos for club registrars, team captains etc.
- The current SMCA player registration requirements in MyCricket has worked well since its introduction and why change it.

DECISION – it was AGREED not to support the Insurance proposal and write to CRICKET WEST informing them that the SMCA does not support the Insurance proposal.

2. Cricket West Affiliation Agreement Documents

- The draft Affiliation Documents between the WACA to Cricket West and then Cricket West to Associations still have many questions to be answered and seem to be an attempt to control cricket in WA.
- If the Affiliation Agreements are enacted will Associations/clubs be forced to comply with WACA requirements ie: sponsorship etc?
- How will the Affiliation Agreements improve/benefit cricket and the clubs in the SMCA?

DECISION – it was AGREED NOT TO support the Affiliation Agreement Documents in their current form and write to CRICKET WEST informing them that the SMCA does not support the Affiliation Agreements.

3. Women's cricket (Graham Santich)

- Support for women's cricket has grown enormously in recent years and I feel the time is now right for the SMCA through its clubs to try and encourage the participation of women in the sport. I have spoken to the President of Roleystone who have two teams that participate in the Perth Scorchers competition. I have asked the Roleystone President speak to the members on this subject at our General Meeting in May.
- The Women's competition to be initially played on Sunday afternoons.
- Unfortunately the majority of club facilities (ie changerooms and toilets) sadly do not meet the required standard (individual lockable toilets and showers). The local councils own the facilities.

4. Over 50 years of age grade/competitions

- There is growing impetuous to introduce Over 50's grades in Associations or to be played separately ie (Sunday afternoon). There is already national over 50's, 60's and 70's competitions held annually. In November 2019, Perth will be hosting the over 50's competition
- The number of over 50 years of age players in the SMCA probably does not support a separate grade at the present, however a standalone competition played Sunday afternoons similar to the standalone F15 competition may have merit.

DECISION – The level of support from the clubs needs to be gauged. To be put to the clubs at the May 2019 General Meeting.

5. Clearances to and from WACA clubs and Country Associations

During the season there were a number of instances where players playing in the WACA competition were cleared back to their SMCA club and then returned back to their WACA club. In addition there were instances where players playing in country associations and even representing the Association at Country Week playing for their SMCA club as they had not been cleared from their SMCA club.

It would seem that clubs in the Country Associations are transferring players and not seeking clearances as required by Bylaws 46 and 47. It was also noted that WACA clubs are transferring players without seeking clearances from their SMCA club.

The Cricket West guidelines are that players can only play for one Association other wise a clearance is required.

DECISION – Matter to be discussed at the May 2019 General meeting and also at Cricket WEST.

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS:

1. The re-numbering the paragraphs in the Constitution is nearly complete and will be presented to the Executive at the next meeting. Note - All clubs and associations are required to realign their Constitutions to comply with WA State Government Acts.

2. Work has commenced on the update of the Bylaws and will be presented at the next meeting of the Executive.

3. Bylaw 63 has been rewritten and submitted for approval:

63. Disciplinary hearings and procedure for reporting

a. Any affiliated member of a club or body can be reported by an Umpire, member of the opposing team, Club Official, Association Official or Scorer for disciplinary action, using the following procedure:

i. The umpire, member of the opposing team, club official, Association Official or scorer shall make every effort to notify the captain and/or the alleged offending person verbally as to the nature of the report. **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 Secretary by 10pm on the day of the match. A SMCA appointed official umpire shall advise the Umpires Advisor immediately after the match.**

ii **The alleged offending player/s club will be notified of the report/s by a member of the Association Executive by email or SMS by 1pm on the day after the match. It shall be the alleged offending player/s club's responsibility to ensure the alleged offending player/s and the team captain attend the P&D hearing.**

iii. Remove.

AGREED

PROTESTS AND DISPUTES:

1. Report of Player by Cockburn CC in regard to alleged social media comments.

- Correspondence had been received regarding the alleged inappropriate comments made on social media by a player about an opposition player. From the information provided in the emails, it is believed that a report was lodged with the WA Police Force.
 - The information provided to the Executive was from third parties and no actual evidence was provided.
 - Given this lack of evidence and any Police involvement it was decided that there was insufficient evidence for a P&D to proceed.
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2. Due to the unavailability of a reported player to attend a P&D within the normal time frames, the P&D for this matter is being held on Tuesday 26 Mar 2019.

FIXTURES AND GRADING:

1. Gradings for the 2019/20 season

Gary presented the team gradings for 1st to 4th grade for next season that the Fixtures and Gradings Sub-Committee had deliberated on.

Piara Waters have been promoted to 1st grade to replace Bicton Attadale who have been relegated to 2nd grade. Roleystone Karragullen have been placed in 2nd grade, while Jandakot Park have been promoted to 2nd grade to replace Kardinya who have been relegated to 4th grade.

<u>FIRST GRADE</u>	<u>SECOND GRADE</u>	<u>THIRD GRADE</u>	<u>FOURTH GRADE</u>
CBC	ARMADALE	CBC	BICTON ATTADALE
COCKBURN	BICTON ATTADALE	COCKBURN	COCKBURN
EAST FREMANTLE	JANDAKOT PARK	EAST FREMANTLE	KARDINYA LAKES
HILTON PALMYRA	KWINANA	HILTON PALMYRA	KWINANA
LEEMING SPARTAN	KELMSCOTT	MADDINGTON	PIARA WATERS
PHOENIX	RIVERTON ROSTRATA	LEEMING SPARTAN	ROLEYSTONE
PIARA WATERS	ROLEYSTONE	PHOENIX	THORNLIE
SJ BLUES	WILLETTON CROWS	SJ BLUES	WILLETTON CROWS

AGREED – Clubs to be notified as soon as possible.

2. Playing dates for the 2019/20 season

The playing dates for the 2019/20 season were AGREED to as presented (refer to Attachment 2).

AGREED – Clubs to be notified as soon as possible.

3. Match format 2019/20.

Discussion occurred on the match format for the 2019/20 season. It was proposed that 1st to 4th grade would remain as is (ie 75over and 40 over), 5th to 7th grade be 65 overs and 35 overs, with all one day grades being 35 over matches. This format to be put to the clubs for consideration at the May 2019 General Meeting

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Graeme Ashley**

1. Tribunal reporting procedures review:
 - After recent P&D hearings, Graeme requested that the relevant bylaws in regard to P&Ds and reporting be reviewed and updated.

AGREED

2. Update the choice for holding Tribunal hearings:
 - After recent P&D hearings, Graeme requested that the relevant bylaws in regard to the choice for holding Tribunal hearings be reviewed.

AGREED

3. Defibrillators for clubs – Graeme had received the following suggestion from Alec Lacy:

Maddington have a suggestion on what to spend some of the SMCA monies on. We suggest a defibrillator for every club, they are more expensive than when we looked ages ago they range from \$1500 to \$3000. So maybe the SMCA could go halves with the clubs if that's going to be too expensive. So SMCA could approach clubs to see if they are prepared to go halves SMCA to purchase them and invoice clubs for the half they owe then hand them out when you receive money from the clubs not before?

Discussion: A number of suggestions have been received from the clubs in regard to spending SMCA funds. These suggestions are to be put to the clubs at the May 2019 General Meeting.

However the very recent correspondence received from the WACA via Cricket West regarding a significant change in the way player/team insurance is to be paid and calculated may have financial impact on the SMCA and the clubs. Given the uncertainty of the Insurance it was agreed that the SMCA might need to put on hold any spending strategies until the outcome of the Insurance changes are known

3. **John Griffin -**

1. **By law amendments/changes** – covered in Administrators report and Constitution and By Laws
2. **Communications** – clubs to the SMCA Executive etc – covered in Administrators' report

3. **Club Good Sports Program – smoking restrictions etc**

Correspondence had been received from the Alcohol and Drug Foundation seeking club involvement in the Good Sports program by having the Good Sports program placed in the Associations Constitution. Of the 23 SMCA clubs, 3 have attained Level 3, 6 have attained level 2 and 3 have attained level 1, with 11 clubs yet to engage in the program.

Discussion: While the Executive is supportive of the Good Sports Program and other programs it does not want to interfere with the club operations including sponsorship etc . Clubs to be apprised of the Good Sports Program at the General meeting in May 2019.

4. **Playing dates 2019/20 season** - covered in Fixtures and Gradings.
5. **Introduction of player medal for 2nd grade competition**. The Association to consider creating a champion player award for the 2nd grade competition. The award would be named after a significant SMCA identity. The format to follow the 1st Grade Jim McKenna medal. If introduced it would recognise outstanding players in 2nd grade.

ACTION: To be put the clubs for consideration at the May 2019 General Meeting

In addition to a champion player award for 2nd grade, consideration to be given to creating minor club championship award for clubs who do not meet the qualifying criteria for the Brain Waterer Shield. Qualifying criteria to be developed ie must have 3 teams, one of which must be a two-day competition team.

ACTION: To be put the clubs for consideration at the May 2019 General Meeting

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Paul Speering – Veterans 20/20 competition.** Michael Beer President of Phoenix CC had sent an email seeking support for the introduction of a veterans (over 35s) 20/20 competition.

Discussion: Previous attempts to have a 20/20 competition played on Sunday afternoons or even on Saturday afternoons have not been supported due to lack of interest. The current F15 competition held on Tuesday evenings is being supported by clubs and the number of teams entering each season is increasing

The Cricket West age for veterans cricket (over 35) is out of kilter with the national competition and needs to be aligned. National competition age groups are over 50s, over 60s and over 70's.

ACTION: To be put the clubs for consideration at the May 2019 General Meeting

2. **Ian Hale - SMCA 25th Anniversary** - Ian advised the meeting that he is working on the history of the SMCA competition in readiness for the 25th anniversary of the SMCA. It is intended to publish a booklet containing history, clubs, premierships winners and other general interest information. Season 2020/21 will be the 25 season of the SMCA competition.

After further discussion it was AGREED that a budget \$5k be put aside for the SMCA 25th year anniversary.

3. **Gary Hartman** – Gary congratulated Graeme Ashley on being awarded Life Membership of the SMCA. Clubs are encouraged to submit nominations for Life Membership of the Association. The guidelines are contained in the Constitution.

CLOSURE: Without any further business the meeting closed at 8.00 pm

NEXT MEETINGS:

Executive - Monday 29 April 2019 – 6.15 pm – Leeming

General meeting – Monday 20 May 2019 - 7 pm – Leeming

Annual General meeting – Monday 5 August 2019 – 7 pm – Leeming

Attachments:

1. **Changes to Insurance Document**
2. **Playing dates for 2019/20**