

South Metropolitan Cricket Association

Minutes of the Executive Meeting 6 January 2020

Venue: Atwell Oval – 6 pm



PRESENT: Paul Speering (Chair), Clifford Joseph, Ian Hale, Ian Del Rosso, Mario Baeli, Mark Iannello, Graham Santich, John Griffin (minutes)

APOLOGIES: Gary Hartman, Norm Harris

GUESTS: Nil

Paul Speering opened the Meeting at 6.02 pm and welcomed all to the meeting.

MINUTES of PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE MEETING: 9 December 2019

Moved by Paul Speering and Seconded by Mario Baeli that the Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 9 December 2019 be accepted.

MATTERS ARISING

1. Roleystone- Karragullen CC submitted a Grievance Letter on 10 October 2019 in regard to team grading. The matter was discussed again and given the passing of time, it was agreed that the Secretary would write to RKCC asking if they want to still meet and if so nominate a mediator.

Action: Secretary to write to RKCC.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

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ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

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TREASURER'S REPORT

1. Mario presented the SMCA Financial report. The bank balance in the operating account is \$34,624.28 and the balance of the Cash Reserve account is \$48,802.77. Refer to the attached statement for further details.

2. The Belt Up CricketWest competition cost to date has been approx. \$15,834 with some bills still to come. Mario will provide a final cost statement.

3. Three (3) clubs have not paid their Team Affiliation Fees - As per the Constitution Clause 12 (10 (b) 12 Team affiliation fees are to paid by prior to the first day of November in each year.

Action: The Secretary to write to the 3 clubs requesting immediate payment, otherwise Bylaw 68 (b) may be applied.

4. Windup- Mario proposed that windup tickets be invoiced as follows - 1st grade 8 x clubs - \$200 (8 tickets at \$25 each, 2nd grade 8 x clubs - \$150 (6 tickets at \$25 each) and remaining 8 x clubs \$100 (4 tickets each at \$25 each)

Seconded by John Griffin

CARRIED

5. Semi-finals umpires levy. Mario proposed that the semi-finals umpires levy be increased by \$5 from \$65 to \$70 per team

Seconded by John Griffin

CARRIED

6. Discussion then occurred on issuing of invoices to the clubs for clubs, affiliation, team nomination, semi-final umpires levy and windup tickets. There was some thought that a single itemised invoice maybe more practical. To be considered for next season.

UMPIRES ADVISOR

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CRICKETWEST

1. Cricket West Cup. The SMCA had performed well at the Belt Up Cricketwest cup with the Seniors team and Colts team qualifying for the finals to be played at the WACA on this Sunday 12 Jan 2020. Provisional start times are Colts 10 am, Veterans at 2 pm and Seniors at 6 pm.

2. The return of player shirts and trousers was raised as it was thought they would be returned to the Association for next season (if Belt up is still the sponsor). The Secretary to contact Peter Coombs.

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS:

At the 9 Dec 2019 Executive Meeting, discussion occurred in regard to **SMCA Bylaw 63- Disciplinary hearings and procedure for reporting** to address recent incidents that had occurred. It was agreed that Bylaw 63 needed to be strengthened by adding in another subclause to Clause 63 a.

The following draft was circulated to the clubs for comments:

(vi) Should the SMCA Executive become aware of a matter involving an offence contravening a Level 3 offence under these By laws, that matter may be referred to the P&D for consideration and determination.

The only club to provide a response was Cockburn CC recommending that a time limit be included.

After discussion it was AGREED that a timeframe of 48 hours be included and that communication in regard to this category can only be received from Club Committee Executives and SMCA Committee members.

Bylaw 63 (a) is to be amended by adding in subclause (vi)

(vi) Should the SMCA Executive become aware of a matter involving an offence contravening a Level 2 or Level 3 offence under these By laws, that matter may be referred to the P&D for consideration and determination. Notification to the Secretary must be submitted by a Club Executive or SMCA Executive member and must be received by 7pm on the second day after the completion of the day's play.

Subject to final endorsement by the SMCA Committee.

PROTESTS AND DISPUTES

1. Player Jordan Petrone fronted the P&D hearing on 10 Dec 2019.

FIXTURES AND GRADINGS

1. Ian Hale presented a draft team gradings for the 2020-21 season. The draft is based on 3 tiers of grading with mirrored grades where possible. With 23 clubs out of 24 clubs having two- day teams the draft is quite workable.

Discussion then occurred on Bylaw 51(b).

Bylaw 51 (b) - Any club wishing to have a team or teams to play one day fixtures only must apply to do so in writing. Clubs with three or more teams must nominate at least one team in a two--day grade.

As Two-day cricket is still a priority for the SMCA, clubs are encouraged to have two-day teams.

To be reconsidered at the end of the season.

Action: At the completion of the home and away season – the Fixtures and Grading subcommittee to provide draft gradings for 1st to 5th grade for the end of Season SMCA Executive Meeting to be held on 30 Mar 2020 and then distributed to the clubs once endorsed.

AGENDA ITEMS

Paul Speering

1. Ball Trial – Paul informed the meeting that he is still waiting for some balls to be returned from the last round. Generally the Gray Nicholls balls are unacceptable, while the Kookaburra Crown maybe suitable for the one- day grades. Further work is required. The Dukes brand of balls could not be sourced.

Ian Hale

1. - Update on the 25 Year Celebration and book for 2020/2021 season. Ian apprised the meeting of the SMCA 25 Year booklet. The intent is to have it published prior to the start of the 2020/21 season. Clubs will asked to provide information such as formation, history, name changes, significant players and milestones. This info would be limited to approx 3 pages. Derek Mott has been asked to provide guidance on the production of the book. The history on the FDMCA and the SSCA would be included.

Action: Secretary to write to clubs asking them to provide the information.

John Griffin

1. Team arriving late for the scheduled start of matches. The start time for SMCA matches is 1 pm unless other arrangements have been made. There have been instances where some teams have not turned up to play until a few minutes prior to 1 pm and a delayed start occurs.

Discussion occurs as this is unacceptable and it was agreed that the relevant bylaw needs to be reviewed at the end of the season.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Graham Santich –

a. Umpire payments

Graham raised the matter of EFT payments to umpires. As the amount of “hard cash” in clubs diminishes, paying the umpires in cash each week is becoming difficult for clubs. A solution could be for the SMCA to pay the 1st grade umpires by EFT once umpire appointments are made and prior to the start of a match. Clubs would be then invoiced for umpire payments.

It was generally agreed that payment of EFT is now the preferred method and that this be referred to the Umpires Association for discussion.

b. Women’s Cricket

Graham apprised the meeting on the progress of Women’s Cricket. Currently it is administered by the WACA and the intent is for each Association to run their own women’s competition in time.

Matches would be played on Sunday afternoons with an open competition and a participation competition. 3 clubs from the SMCA are represented in the current WACA run competition. A working group is to be formed to promote women’s cricket in the SMCA area.

Graham Santich and Ian Del Rosso are the primary SMCA contacts should clubs have any enquiries.

2. Windup

Discussion on the Windup format occurred. CBC had submitted some suggestions to improve the function.

Mario has ‘booked’ the event with Leeming Spartan CC for Tuesday 17 March 2020.

Some suggestions discussed included:

1. Individual Trophies to be presented in bulk – ie all one day comp trophies, then 3rd to 7th grade and then 2nd grade and finally 1st grade.

2. Medal count format to be reviewed – (no change to 1st grade) and with the introduction of the Ian Hale medal for 2nd grade – the format needs to be considered.

Further work on the Windup format to be discussed at the next meeting.

CLOSURE: Paul thanked all for attending. The meeting closed at 8.06 pm

NEXT MEETINGS:

Executive Meetings:

1. Monday 10 February 2020 – 6pm at Melville Reserve

2. Monday 30 March 2020 – 6 pm at Atwell Reserve