

# South Metropolitan Cricket Association

## Minutes of the Executive Meeting 6 July 2020

Venue: Melville Reserve – 6 pm



**PRESENT:** Paul Speering (Chair), Mark Iannello, Norm Harris, Ian Del Rosso, Mario Baeli, Graham Santich, John Griffin (minutes)

**APOLOGIES:** Ian Hale, Gary Hartman, Clifford Joseph

**GUESTS:**

### MINUTES of PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE MEETING: 10 FEBRUARY 2020

Moved by Mark Iannello and Seconded by Mario Baeli that the Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 10 February 2020 accepted. **CARRIED**

### 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.

RKCC had advised that still wanted a meeting with the SMCA Committee.

**Given the passage of time it was agreed that this matter had elapsed.**

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT: PS

Paul reported the sudden cessation of the 2019/20 season by Cricket Australia was an unprecedented and that the decision to award joint premierships was not accepted by all the clubs and some good and some unsavoury emails being received. It was a difficult time and the decisions made at the time were made in the best interests of the Association.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: GH

Gary had completed the Bylaw update and draft gradings for 20/21. These had been distributed to the Committee for comment. Comments had been received and further refinement is required before publication.

### TREASURER'S REPORT: MB

Mario informed the meeting that in regard to last season's financials, the SMCA had made a significant loss last season. This loss was due to the cost of the CricketWest Cup (CWC). Unfortunately the sudden cancellation of the Windup still cost the Association \$8k.

It was agreed that additional premiership pennants would be ordered to give to the clubs at the AGM. The SMCA would pay for these.

The matter of additional premierships medallions had been discussed by email in March 2020. Different scenarios were considered. In regard to the premierships medallions, the cost of one team's worth of medallions is approx. \$210.

The Association has already paid for these. It was AGREED that an additional set of medallions per team would be ordered and the cost of \$105 per 'premiership' team would be levied on the applicable clubs. If a club did not want a set of premierships medallions, then could opt out and the medallions would not be ordered.

**Action: JG to contact clubs and ask who wants a set of Premierships Medallions**

Mario presented the draft budget for season 2020/21. As the CWC in has been amended for this season only, no budget allocation for the CWC was made. Costs are increasing and the SMCA cash reserves are decreasing. After discussion it was agreed that Club affiliation and team nomination fees would remain the same as last season. This is in line with recommendations by Cricket Australia (CA) that costs should not increase.

**Action: Mario to redraft budget for 20/21 and John G to ask Gary to order the pennants.**

**Ian Hale via JG had confirmed that sunscreen would be provided again as part of the Association's sponsorship of the radio show.**

#### **UMPIRE'S ADVISOR: NH**

Norm informed the meeting that the umpires had recently held their AGM with good attendance. Umpires have been encouraged to obtain Level 2 Accreditation. An umpire training programme is being developed in line with accreditation. Peter Sawiak is President and Sean Leighton is Treasurer.

#### **CRICKETWEST (CW) : JG**

JG provided an update on CW happenings. Meetings via Microsoft teams were held during COVID 19 restrictions. Key Points were:

##### **21 April 2020**

1. Associations would be paid their CW disbursement ASAP, disbursements were and payment was received on 30 Apr 2020. The SMCA received \$17,167
2. Grounds for Season 2020/21 - the WACA and CW would undertake to write to all local governments in the Perth Metropolitan area to ascertain what consideration/implications Cricket might expect from the extension of winter sports. Associations were required to submit lists of 'their' grounds, local government agency and other sports users. This was done and distributed for your info.
3. Start of season 2020/21 - Discussion occurred on this and it was indicated that it was preferable that all Associations would commence their 2020/21 season at the same time.

##### **27 May 2020**

1. Finance - The WACA will receive a 25% reduction in payments from Cricket Australia. This will flow onto community cricket and has already affected WACA employees who have been made redundant.
2. Winter/Summer Season changeover – An Agreement between WALGA and the WA Peak Sporting bodies had been signed to determine the starting date for summer sports.

3. COVID-19 impact on Associations and Clubs - Consideration to be given to reducing affiliation fees, team nomination fees etc and other cost reducing strategies in order to retain players and teams. Individual financial circumstances may see players having to work on weekends during the summer as the economy picks up. This may require a change in the competition format. In addition there will be a requirement to comply with COVID-19 guidelines ie hand sanitiser, no spitting etc

### **WACA Update 11 June 2020**

It has been agreed between WALGA and the peak sporting bodies that summer sports would start on 17 October 2020.

SPORTING ACTIVITY	October				Oct / Nov
	3/4	10/11	17/18	24/25	31 / 1
Winter / Summer Seasons (Shared Ground)	Last weekend of Winter Season Fixtures	<i>Ground Maintenance Period</i>	Commencement of Summer Season Fixtures	Home /Away Fixtures	Home /Away Fixtures
Winter Season (Non Shared Ground - subject to Local Agreement )	Home / Away Fixtures or Finals	Home / Away Fixtures or Finals	Final Weekend of Winter Sports	<i>Ground Maintenance Period</i>	<i>Ground Maintenance Period</i>
Summer Season (Non Shared Ground)	<i>Ground Maintenance Period</i>	Commencement of Summer Season Fixtures	Home /Away Fixtures	Home /Away Fixtures	Home /Away Fixtures

### **2. Kookaburra Sponsorship**

Kookaburra has approved the CW five year sponsorship proposal.

The agreement is for a period of five (5) years, commencing 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025. In return for the exclusive use of Kookaburra Cricket Balls both stamped CW Logo (Cricket West) & practice cricket balls. The annual royalty payment would be \$25,000 was with an agreed annual CPI increase per annum.

**3. Beltup Cricketwest Cup** – After consideration it was decided that the CWC format would be changed for season 2020/21 due to the loss of playing days. Associations are to determine a club to play in a T20 semi-final match on Sunday 10 January at Charles Veryard Reserve. A ballot will determine who plays whom. The semi-finals winners will contest the grand final on Sunday 17 January 2020 to be played at the WACA (subject to confirmation).

**Action: The SMCA to determine the criteria and match format for the team to represent the SMCA. The F15 competition is a consideration.**

**4. Player Insurance** - Cricket Australia has advised via emails to the 'Cricket Family' that the MYCRICKET platform will be upgraded/replaced with a two-year timeframe. Given the issues with junior player online registration last season, Cricket Australia would not be proceeding with mandatory online registration until the new platform is introduced.

**Given this, the SMCA will continue to pay the club and player insurance as in previous seasons. Clubs are not to pay Marsh Insurance. If they have issues in getting the Certificate of Currency, they should contact the Secretary.**

NH queried if umpires were covered under the compulsory insurance.

**Action: JG to seek advice from the WACA**

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

JG apprised the meeting on the bylaws and the constitution>

During the COVID restrictions Gary Hartman reviewed and updated the Bylaws taking into account various suggestions and recommendations. The Bylaw Amendments were circulated to the Committee and comments had been received.

Discussion on the bylaws and comments received were discussed and it was agreed that some refinement is required to some Bylaws.

**Action: JG to update bylaw amendments discussed at the meeting and distribute to Committee for agreement.**

The updated bylaws, once agreed to by the Committee, are to be distributed to the clubs at least two weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Any changes to the Constitution need to be approved the Annual General Meeting.

Paul Speering queried the definition of Executive Committee and the definitions provided in the Associations Act.

**Action: JG to check with Associations Online and the SMCA constitution.**

## **PROTESTS AND DISPUTES**

A P&D is to be held for an offensive social media post. **Deferred until a later date.**

The severity of this matter was discussed and what procedure needs to follow. Can the matter be dealt by email consideration by the P&D?

**Action: JG to contact P&D.**

## **FIXTURES AND GRADINGS**

1. **Two-Day Grade Competition Grading for 2020/21.** Given the COVID implications that may affect the 2020/21 season it was agreed that the team gradings for 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> grade would be distributed to clubs. The criterion used in the past three seasons was applied. This criterion was:

- a. Team that finished on bottom of 1<sup>st</sup> grade relegated to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade
- b. Team that finished on top of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> grade
- c. Team that finished on bottom of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade relegated to 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- d. Team that finished on top of 4<sup>th</sup> grade promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.
- e. Clubs that had requested relegation from 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> grade for various reasons were not to be promoted for three seasons.

**It was AGREED that the draft gradings for 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> grade are.**

## **PROPOSED TWO DAY GRADE GRADING 2020-21**

FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH
CBC	Hilton Palmyra	Cockburn	Armada
Leeming Spartan	Riverton Rostrata	Maddington	Cockburn
Phoenix	Bicton Attadale	East Fremantle	Kardinya Lakes
East Fremantle	Jandakot Park	CBC	Hilton Palmyra
Cockburn	Kelmscott	SJ Blues	Piara Waters
Piara Waters	Willetton Crows	Phoenix	Bicton Attadale
SJ Blues	Kwinana	Leeming Spartan	Riverton Rostrata
Roleystone	Thornlie	Roleystone	Kenwick

Teams in red moved either up or down

**2. Playing dates for 2020/21 and fixture format**– The earliest start date for the 20/21 season is 17 October 2020. The AFL GF is playing havoc with the 2020/21 season. A revised season playing dates is attached and will be subject to change.

The match format for the two-day competition was discussed. Based on a start date of 17 Oct 20 and a finish date of 6 March 21 (finals excluded), a 7 x two-day and 7 x one day format would not be possible. Various formats were discussed including playing T20 matches on Saturday afternoons and were put to a vote.

**Option 1** - JG proposed that the format for the two-day competition should be 7 x two-day and 4 x one-day matches. Seconded by GS.

**Option 2** - PS proposed that the format should be 7 x two-day and 8 x T20 matches, seconded by MI.

With a majority of 4 votes to 3 votes the Option 1 will be the match format for season 2020/21 for the two-day competition.

Due to the restricted season and the uncertainty of the AFL GF date, it was agreed that the season would start and finish with one- day matches and there would be no mid-season one- day final and no Sunday matches (except for semi and grand finals in Match 2020).

At this stage the one-day grades will commence on 31 Oct 2020 (subject to AFL GF).

**Draft playing dates had been distributed and it was agreed that GS and JG would update these based on the two-day match format that was agreed to.**

## AGENDA ITEMS

### Paul Speering –carried over from cancelled March Meeting

By-Law and Constitution review -

1.
  - a. Set up a sub-committee
  - b. Key points:

- i. By-Laws - **To be included in the Bylaws for consideration/approval**
  - 1. Registration/ Clearance/ Transfer
  - 2. Protests & Disputes
  - 3. Rain interrupted finals (Two-Day matches)
  - 4. Grand Finals – no result due to things other than rain
- ii. Constitution -
  - 1. Committee definitions
    - a. What/ who is the 'Senior Executive Committee'?
    - b. Who/ what is the 'Executive Committee'?
    - c. Should we consider moving the nomination of paid positions until after AGMs, so that they can be selected from within the newly elected Committee?

### **Gary Hartman –carried over from cancelled March meeting**

1. After recent events we again need to inform clubs of the requirement for player clearances. A couple of years ago we recognised that it was both the club and the player's responsibility to get this right. The player knows where he last played and in recognition of this we brought in a 4 playing date penalty should the player not be cleared. It was recognised that there was sometimes a name issue but it was up to the club and player to get it right and if there was any doubt at all the Administrator should be contacted to investigate the matter. I suggest we again bring this to the clubs attention before the start of next season and on an ongoing basis.

2. By-Law 66e was brought in a couple of years ago to deal with matters such as fines and points penalties. It allows members of the executive to deal with an appeal from a decision made by a member of the executive and that decision is final. It stops things from dragging on. Although I think the wording is strong it probably needs a look at and perhaps located in a better part of the By-Laws.

3. As most of you are aware, until a couple of years ago I carried out all the duties currently being carried out by the Secretary and the Administrator. I think it is fair to say that in the end I was harassed to such an extent that my health started to suffer and I felt it was necessary to step back. By-Law 66e was brought in an attempt to relieve some of these issues. I believe we still need to address the issue of members of the executive being harassed. Perhaps something John and I could work on to recommend adding something is added to the by-laws.

4. It has been a tough month for various reasons. I understand that the secretary has received numerous harassing emails/calls. I believe he deserves of vote of support from the executive for a job well done.

**Amendments to Bylaws have been included in the draft bylaws that are still work in progress.**

### **Graham Santich – carried over from cancelled March Meeting**

1. Mandatory On Line Scoring for 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades. -

2. Payment for umpires in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2 grade to be made by Association (Direct credit) and on-billed to clubs.

3. Weather affected two day finals have a minimum of 20 overs similar to one-day games.  
**To be included in the Bylaws for consideration/approval**

**Amendments to Bylaws have been included in the draft bylaws that are still work in progress.**

**Mark Iannello - carried over from cancelled March Meeting**

1. Review of the Association bylaws and constitution for the changing face of cricket.

**Amendments to Bylaws have been included in the draft bylaws that are still work in progress.**

**Norm Harris -carried over from cancelled March meeting**

1. Possible contribution to Peter Harding from SMCA -

**This has been resolved.**

**John Griffin**

**Carried over from cancelled March Meeting**

1. Harassment and vilification of SMCA Committee members.

**Amendments to Bylaws have been included in the draft bylaws that are still work in progress.**

2. Behavior at P&Ds –

**Amendments to Bylaws have been included in the draft bylaws that are still work in progress.**

3. **Deferred Presentation Night/Windup** – Once the all clear is given it is suggested that a restricted function be held to present this season's pennants and trophies etc. This could be on a Friday night depending on venue availability.

**Decision:** Given that COVID restrictions are continuing and the loss the SMCA incurred for the cancelled presentation night it was agreed that this would not occur.

**New Items**

4. **Healthy Clubs update** – 19 SMCA clubs are now accredited with Good Sports. Bicton Attadale, East Fremantle, Maddington, Roleystone-Karragullen and Serpentine-Jarrahdale are yet engage. With WACA and Cricket West funding linked to the number of clubs being accredited it has been suggested that the affiliation fees and team nominations fees for accredited clubs be reduced. Riverton Rostrata came second place in the WACA's Alcohol Think Again Senior Club Program and won \$2,000.

5. **Appointment of Administrator, Secretary and Treasurer.** These positions have been appointed at the March meeting of the SMCA Committee in readiness for the next season.

PS nominated Gary Hartman as the Administrator, Mario Baeli as the Treasurer and John Griffin as the Secretary. Seconded by Mark Iannello.

### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### **6. Clubs seeking reimbursement for the cancelled windup.**

Given that the SMCA had 'lost' \$8.5k due to the cancellation of the Windup (very short notice given) and that additional pennants are being provided to the joint premiers it was agreed that clubs would not be refunded for windup tickets.

#### **7. Additional pennants for 2019/20 joint premiers. To be ordered.**

**8. Suspect Bowling Action** – a player who was reported for a suspect bowling action by an opposition club towards the end of last season was assessed by Luke Wimbridge and cleared has been cleared to bowl. When a player is reported for suspect bowling action, the matter is to be treated as confidential. Opposition clubs should not pester the Association secretary or other members of the Committee about a player's bowling action.

### **Ian Del Rosso**

1. Suspect bowling action - Ian asked if there were any other agencies that could assess a player's bowling action when required.

**Action: JG to contact the WACA for a list of accredited assessors.**

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. GS- Women's cricket – the WACA still run the women's comp for next season. Teams are encouraged
2. Ian DR – clubs need to be aware of COVID training requirements
3. MB – the Atwell oval lighting has been upgraded significantly
4. JG – apprised the meeting that due to medical appointments Ian Hale could not attend meetings, however is still keen to remain on the Committee and act as the match day referee for 2020/21.

**CLOSURE: The meeting closed at 8.20 pm**

### **NEXT MEETINGS:**

1. **Monday 17 August 2020 – Annual General Meeting – 7pm at Atwell Reserve**

### **Attachments**

1. Draft playing dates 2020/21