

South Metropolitan Cricket Association

Minutes of the Executive Meeting 21 September 2020

Venue: Morris Buzzacott – 6 pm



PRESENT: Paul Speering (Chair), Mark Iannello, Ian Del Rosso, Peter Anderson, Mario Baeli, Graham Santich, Michael Beer, Clifford Joseph, John Griffin (Minutes)

APOLOGIES: Gary Hartman

GUESTS:

MINUTES of PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE MEETING: 6 July 2020

Moved by Paul Speering, seconded by Mario Baeli that that the Minutes of the Executive meeting held on 6 July 2020 be accepted. **CARRIED**

MATTERS ARISING:

Addressed in general business

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: - Season 2020/21 will be an unprecedented season due to COVID. Other matters covered in the Agenda.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Team and ground nominations due by 1 Oct 20

TREASURER'S REPORT: –

Due to the delayed start to the season due to COVID, it was AGREED that:

1. **Club Affiliations fees –(\$750 per club)** that the invoices for club affiliation will be issued after 1 Oct 20 and are to be paid by 31 Oct 2020 – (normally to be paid by start of season).

2. **Team Nominations (\$350 per team)** – that the invoices for team nominations will be issued after start of season and payable by 1 Dec 20 – (normally to be paid by first Saturday in November).

3. **Umpires** – Invoices will be issued to clubs once the umpire appointments are confirmed by the Umpires Advisor. Invoices to be paid within 7 days of invoice being issued.

UMPIRE'S ADVISOR: NTR

CRICKETWEST : JG

1. Return to Play Protocols – as provided by the WACA
Significant requirements are:

1. No Spitting or using body fluid (ie sweat) on the ball

2. No sharing of equipment ie helmets.
3. Player and umpires to provide their own drink bottles - no sharing of cups in eskies etc
4. Players to provide their own afternoon tea -
5. Umpires will not hold player's hats, spectacles, jumpers etc

2. CRICKETWEST Season Launch - the 2020 CricketWest season launch will be held on Wednesday 7th of October 2020 in the Boundary Room at the WACA. The start time is 6.30 for 7.00 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

All clubs are invited to have two representatives attend the function along with the SMCA Committee. For catering purposes RSVPs are required by the Monday 28th September 2020. Please advise your numbers attending to the Secretary me by 10 pm 28 Sep 2020.

3. GOODSPO RTS Forum – A Healthy Club Sporting forum id being held by the City of Armadale, Canning and Gosnells on Wednesday 23rd of September.

4. KLUBPRO - please refer to the attached powerpoint file regarding KLUBPRO A [14 Day Free Trial for KlubPro](#) is offered. A 25% discount on the annual licensing fee to all CricketWest clubs until 31st Oct 2020, reducing the annual licence fee to \$299 + GST (normally \$399 + GST). If you need any further information please visit www.klubpro.com or feel free to contact either [Elton](#) or Jack Bardese at jack@klubpro.com

5. Helmets –will be compulsory for season 2021/22. Association bylaws to reflect this.

6. Goodsports accreditation – All Association clubs are to be accredited with Goodsports by end of season 2021. If an association does not have 100% accreditation, the disbursement from Cricketwest will be decreased.

7. Cricketwest AGM – 28 Oct 2020

8. Affiliation Agreement – The affiliation agreement between Cricketwest and the SMCA has been received. There are 11 key result performance measures, which must be achieved by 30 March 2021 to ensure that funding of up to \$19k will be received by the SMCA. The SMCA has addressed the majority of these and will need to work with the clubs to ensure they are met.

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS:

The updated Bylaws have been circulated to the Executive Committee for endorsement prior to distribution to the clubs.

After discussion it was AGREED that the Bylaws as circulated to the Executive are approved.

Further work is required to update terminology in the Bylaws and the Constitution to make them consistent with each other. Additional work is required in the appeals and tribunal processes and prescribed penalties. This work will occur during the course of the coming season and be presented to the clubs at the General Meeting in May 2021.

Scoring – online scoring is strongly encouraged and will be mandatory in season 2021/22 for 1st and 2nd grade teams. The home team is responsible for online scoring. The team performing online scoring must ensure that the opposition teams manual scorebook is completed.

PROTESTS AND DISPUTES

A P&D is to be held for an offensive social media post that occurred towards the end of last season. The precedence is that this matter will be heard when the first P&D for season 2020/21 is convened.

FIXTURES AND GRADINGS

It was moved by John Griffin and seconded by Mario Baeli that Fixtures and Grading Sub- Committee would comprise of Gary Hartman, John Griffin and Graham Santich.

CARRIED

1. **Playing dates and Competition format**– Discussion on playing dates and the fixtures format occurred. The Executive meeting on 6 Jul 20 agreed to a 7 x 2D and 4 x 1D format and no mid-season one day final or Sunday games. At the AGM held on 17 Aug 20 it was Agreed the priority would be to complete the 2D competition with 7 x 2D matches with other available to be T20 matches if possible. The AFL GF is now confirmed for 24 Oct 20.

A number of clubs are holding AFL GF events and it was agreed that no matches would be played on the 24 Oct 20. With a season start date of 17 Oct 20, confirmation of what match formats would be played on the remaining Saturdays available during the season.

Since the AGM, the Secretary had received a number of phone calls from clubs who advised that their playing group did not want to play T20s on a Saturday afternoon. Riverton Rostrata had also proposed a knock out competition to replace the traditional one-day competition (attachment 1).

Energetic and vigorous discussion occurred on the season format for the two-day grades.

Given that the impact of COVID, it was decided that a number of playing dates and match options need to developed and provided to the clubs for consideration.

3. **Team and Ground nominations** – due by 1 Oct 20. From a number of queries received to date, it would appear that there will be a decrease in the number of two-day teams this season.

4. **Grounds** – a number of local government authorities have advised of ground unavailability

From Armadale Council

Both William Skeet and Creyk Park are likely to be unavailable for the entire cricket season.

Forrestdale CC will be able to use Harrisdale High School Oval for home games while Champion Lakes CC will be able to use Rushton Top Oval for home games. We have also advised Piara Waters CC and Kelmscott CC that they may lose first access to their overflow grounds (Harrisdale HS and Rushton Top Oval) due to the relocation of other clubs. However, ultimately, the fixturing lies with the SMCA.

Rushton Lower oval will also be out of action until 1 January 2021.

From EFCC

The Town of East Fremantle will be renovating Preston Point Reserve, which will make the ground unavailable for use until 2021 (Henry Jeffery is still ok to use).

AGENDA ITEMS

Paul Speering –

Contingency planning for when a player (or member of a club) is diagnosed with Covid-19, there may be something that comes down from on high about this, but we should have a process to follow

Cricket Australia had sent out COVID requirements for the 2020/21 season. These had been sent to the clubs. The key requirements are:

1. No Spitting or using body fluid (ie sweat) on the ball
2. No sharing of equipment ie helmets.
3. Player and umpires to provide their own drink bottles - no sharing of cups in eskies etc
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Given that umpires will not be able to hold a bowlers hat/jumper etc, these items can be placed behind the wicket keeper and the five run penalty that applies if the ball whilst in play strikes these items would not apply. It should be noted that the wicket keepers helmet is placed behind them and if struck by a ball in play the current five run penalty still applies.

Discussion then occurred on contingencies for the situations if a player is COVID positive or is in contact with the person who has COVID. If the WA hard borders are opened and there is community transmission then matches could be affected.

It was AGREED that if an SMCA match is affected by COVID (infected player etc) and the mandatory 14-day self-isolation and testing is enacted then a match in progress would have to be abandoned and the match drawn. Clubs/teams would not be penalised, as COVID is an unprecedented situation.

Ian Del Rosso

1. Suspect bowling action - Endorsement of Elite Cricket Training as recognized assessor of bowling actions.

Ian Del Rosso moved that Elite Cricket be endorsed as an approved assessor of bowlers with a suspect action. Second by John Griffin **CARRIED**

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Michael Beer – apprised the meeting of a mental health program that is available to clubs. Given the incidence of mental health issues across the cricket community. The program is OUTSIDE THE LOCKER ROOM (OTLR). Details are attached

CLOSURE: The meeting closed at 0805 pm

NEXT MEETINGS:

1. Executive Meeting - 5 October 2020 at Atwell – 6.30 pm start

Attachments

- 1. T20 proposal from Riverton Rostrata CC**
- 2. Outside the Locker Room – information**

Attachments

From Riverton Rostrata

Hi John and Paul,

Our club wanted to run past an idea for limited overs cricket at the back end of the season.

What about a knock out one day comp? Start with the 8 teams or however many in a grade and then have an elimination style tournament. You'll only need 3 or 4 weekends and I believe this option provides an element of prestige.

The SMCA could use this as a replacement to the one-day competition for this season.

Just an idea and we feel it would be better than a 20/20 competition for the sake of it. Especially if the SMCA intends to persist with F15 for this season

Josh
President - Riverton Rostrata Cricket Club

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OUTSIDE THE LOCKER ROOM

OTLR is a registered charity, which delivers mental health education and welfare support to sporting clubs, schools and workplaces across Australia.

In Western Australia, OTLR has been funded by the Australian Government Department of Health to deliver our program to up to 100 sporting clubs this financial year. Our program delivers critical mental health education and welfare support to sporting clubs.

This service is delivered at no cost to clubs.

Participating clubs will receive two mental health education sessions per group (as required), along with 12 months of welfare support and access to our unique welfare app (for people 13 yrs+). All at no cost.

For more information please see our program overview linked [here](#).

Opportunities for new clubs to be involved commence immediately.

If this is of interest, please complete this [Expression of Interest Booking Form](#) and/or reply at your earliest convenience with any questions you may have.