

South Metropolitan Cricket Association

Minutes of the Executive Meeting 5 October 2020

Venue: Atwell Oval – 6.30pm



PRESENT: Paul Speering (Chair), Michael Beer, Peter Anderson, Mark Iannello, Norm Harris, Gary Hartman, John Griffin, Graham Santich, Mario Baeli

APOLOGIES: Clifford Joseph

GUESTS:

MINUTES of PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE MEETING: 21 September 2020

Moved by Paul Speering, seconded by Mario Baeli that that the Minutes of the Executive meeting held on 21 September 2020 be accepted.

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING: Addressed in Agenda Items

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: NTR

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: NTR

TREASURER'S REPORT: MB - Umpires shirts – cost \$1600, Club affiliation fee invoices have been sent, Kwinana have paid.

UMPIRE'S ADVISOR: NH - NH – Windup for 2019/21 – this Friday night, First umpire training night for this season 14 Oct 2020 at Melville.

CRICKETWEST : JG

1. Cricketwest -Affiliation agreement –JG apprised the meeting of the requirements of the Agreement. All the key performance requirements are achievable. If all are met the SMCA will get a full disbursement of \$19k as per the agreement, if they are not met the disbursement will be reduced accordingly.

Moved by John Griffin that the Cricketwest Affiliation agreement be agreed to, seconded by Mario Baeli.

CARRIED

2. Cricketwest -AGM – 28 Oct 2020

3. Michael Beer raised the matter of compulsory helmets for season 2021/22 –

This is a Cricket Australia requirement – so compliance with this for player insurance will be required.

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS:

Bylaws:

50e. Prior to the commencement of each season the SMCA Committee will determine the criterion for promotion and relegation criterion between the grades.

Discussion on the promotion and relegation criterion between grades to be applied at the conclusion of the 2020/21 season occurred. Previous seasons criteria were the team that finished last at the end of the regular season would be relegated and the team that finished on top would be promoted to the next higher grade.

This criterion has applied for a number of seasons. Given the team nominations this season and the clubs preference for grade mirroring this criterion does not always apply. This is especially applies for the lower two day grades, as the 2020/21 season is a unique season and a number of clubs only have one two day competition team.

It was Moved by John Griffin that the promotion and relegation criteria for the 2020/21 season is:

1st and 2nd Grade: the team that finishes last in 1st Grade will be relegated to 2nd Grade and the team that finishes on top of 2nd Grade at the end of the regular season will be promoted to 1st grade.

2nd Grade: the team that finishes last in 2nd second grade will be relegated to 4th Grade and if Kardinya Lakes finish in the top two of 3rd Grade they will be promoted to second grade. The eligible team that finishes on top in 4th Grade will only be promoted to 2nd Grade if Kardinya does not finish in the top two of 3rd Grade.

Seconded by Graham Santich

CARRIED 8 to 2.

Action: The clubs to be informed of the Promotion and Relegation criterion for the 2020/21 season.

Discussion on the clubs in first and second grade having minimum of two teams the occurred. Ideally clubs in these two grades should have at least two two-day competition teams as the gap between 1st and 2nd Grade to the one-day grades can be significant.

It was agreed that this requirement would be put to the clubs at the General Meeting in May 2021.

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60. Clubs will be invoiced by the Association Treasurer each week and are required to pay within seven days of receiving the invoice. Failure to pay by the due day will incur a penalty as determined by the SMCA Executive prior to the start of the season.

Given that this was a new initiative, it was AGREED that leniency would apply. Clubs who are repeat offenders in not meeting the 7-day payment requirement would be fined \$20 at the discretion of the Treasurer.

PROTESTS AND DISPUTES

A P&D is to be held for an offensive social media post that occurred towards the end of last season. Given the impact of COVID, the P&D could not be held this case needs to be finalised prior to the start of the season. Tentative date is 13 Oct 2020.

FIXTURES AND GRADINGS

1. **Team and Ground nominations** – were due by 1 Oct 20. All clubs except CBC submitted their nominations by 1 Oct 20. There is a decrease in two-day comp teams and an increase in one-day teams. 47 two-day grade nominations and 60 one-day only grade team nominations had been received. Only five clubs have nominated three two-day competition teams. The impact of COVID and the late season start plus the AFL are contributing factors.

2. **Gradings** – refer to attachment one.

Gradings: The fixtures and grading sub-committee had worked on the team gradings over the weekend and the gradings had been distributed to the Executive for consideration.

Two-day Competition: In the two-day competition there will be 6 grades (5 grades of 8 teams and one grade of 7 teams). Cockburn will have two teams in 5th Grade. 5th and 6th Grade would be 65 over grades.

Discussion on Cockburn having two teams in 5th Grade occurred.

It was moved by Gary Hartman and seconded by Graham Santich that the two-day grades as presented be accepted.

The motion was carried 9 to 1

One day Grade Competition - The one- day grades will comprise of 6 x 8 team grades and 2 x 7 team grades. Discussion occurred and it was agreed that Kelmscott would replace Kardinya in ODB grade as Kelmscott have only nominated one two-day team for the season.

It was moved by John Griffin and seconded by Graham Santich that one day team gradings as presented and amended (Kelmscott to ODB and Kardinya to ODC) be accepted.

The motion was carried unanimously

3. **Playing dates and Competition format–**

Playing dates

It was agreed that the playing dates for 2020/2021 would comprise of 3 limited over matches to be played on 17 Oct, 12 and 19 December 2020 for the two-day competition grades. The one-day competition would have general byes on these playing days.

The playing dates for season 2020/21 are attached.

Limited over match format

Paul Speering apprised the meeting of the results of the meeting held on 1 Oct 20 with first grade clubs. The general consensus from this group is preference for 7 x two day matches plus finals to be played and the remaining Saturdays to have T20 matches played. One-day grades would have general byes on these dates. The two competitions would be separate. Only the two-day matches would count towards the end of season finals held in March.

Each grade in the two-day comp would comprise of 2 x 4 team pools that would play each other (3 matches). The top two teams in each pool would play each other in a semi-final with the winners of each pool semi-final play each other in a GF for a pennant. Points etc gained in the T20 comp would not count in the two-day comp.

The 1st grade T20 comp semi and grand finals would be played on Sunday 20 Dec 2020 with the winner to represent the SMCA at the Cricketwest cup to be played on 10 Jan 2021.

The 2nd to 6th grade T20 semi-finals and grand finals would be played on either Sunday 24 Jan 2021 or 31 Jan 2021 (date to be confirmed).

All T20 matches will be played as 'first past the post format', with the match ending when a result is achieved. Cricketwest T20 rules will be used.

For the first round of T20 matches (to be played on Saturday 17 Oct 20) will comprise of single matches at respective club grounds with a start time of 2 pm.

The 2nd and 3rd round matches to be played on 12 and 19 December 2020 would be double headers where possible. For example, a 1st Grade club with a 3rd Grade team would be fixtured to play another club with the same grade allocations at the same ground. Start times for the lower grade would be 12.30 pm and the higher grade 3.30 pm. As the grades are not mirrored this would not be achievable for all T20 matches.

J Griffin advised the meeting that after emailing the clubs on competition formats for the two day grades, 14 Cubs had responded with 8 preferring option 1, 3 preferring option 2 and 2 preferring option 1.

Further discussion followed.

Michael Beer moved that the competition format for the two-day grades would be –seven (7) x two-day matches with finals in March 2021 and a separate T20 competition with three (3) matches with finals to be played on Sundays - as the two-day competition grades format for season 2020/21.

**Seconded by Paul Speering
AGENDA ITEMS: Nil**

Motion CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Bylaw 41 - Qualification for end of season finals

As the 2020/21 season has been reduced, the number of playing days for qualification for the end of season finals needs to be amended, as playing days had been reduced from 21 to 14.

Gary Hartman moved that 4 playing days is the qualification period for the end of season finals for all grades with T20 matches not being eligible.

Seconded by John Griffin

CARRIED

2. Bylaw 41 a.i. Gary Hartman proposed that clubs with three or more teams, the qualifying period for their lowest one- day grade will be between 3 and 4 playing days provide that player has no days in any other grade.

Seconded by John Griffin

CARRIED

Action: These finals qualification requirements to be placed in the information package provided to club.

3. Bylaw 73 and 74 – the current criteria are for a player to have played at least eleven playing days in that grade to qualify for a batting or bowling trophy.

Gary Hartman moved that the playing day qualification for Association batting and bowling trophies be amended to 8 playing days for the 2020/21 season

Seconded by Graham Santich

CARRIED

4. Umpire payments

Discussion on umpires match payments and bonus payments for accredited umpires occurred.

Norm Harris moved that the match payments for the T20 matches would be \$65, bonus payment for community level accredited umpires \$5 per match and \$10 per match for level 2 accredited umpires.

Seconded by Mario Baeli

CARRIED

5. Concussion Rule

Peter Anderson sought clarification on the concussion rule that now used in international cricket. Discussion occurred and it was decided to refer this matter to Cricketwest.

CLOSURE: Paul declared the meeting closed at 8.20 pm

NEXT MEETINGS:

1. Executive Meeting 23 November 2020 or Monday 5 December