

# South Metropolitan Cricket Association

## Minutes of the Executive Meeting 9 DECEMBER 2020

Venue:– BEELAIR - 6pm



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

**APOLOGIES:** Gary Hartman

**GUESTS:**

**MINUTES of PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE MEETING:** 5 OCTOBER 2020

Moved by Peter Anderson, seconded by Mario Iannello that the Minutes of the Executive meeting held on 5 October 2020 be accepted. **CARRIED**

**MATTERS ARISING:** Addressed in Agenda Items

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT: NTR**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

All fixtures now completed.

Behaviour issues with clubs. One club referred to a matter being so trivial they declined to attend the P&D. The matter was abuse to a player acting as an umpire. Any abuse to umpires, officials or not cannot be tolerated.

Clubs are required to have a plan B if they have issues submitting match reports. Umpires need to do the same. Reports, etc must be submitted in a timely manner so I can carry out my duties in line with the bylaws.

Best wishes to all.

**TREASURER'S REPORT: MB**

All clubs have paid the club affiliation fee. Champion Lakes appeared to have not paid their team nomination fee. The majority of clubs are paying their umpire costs on time. There have been a few hick-ups with umpire payments- bank account details etc.

Westpac Community Solutions Cash Reserve -\$38,831.61

Westpac Community Solutions One – \$50,942.11

**UMPIRE'S ADVISOR: NTR**

**CRICKETWEST : JG**

1. Cricketwest -Affiliation agreement has been signed and Kookaburra sponsorship has been signed - \$25,000 over 5 years.
2. BELT UP CRICKET WEST FINALS – semi finals Sunday 10 January 2021, Grand Final at the WACA now Sunday 14 FEBRUARY 2020 – need to submit nominations for umpires by 20 December 2020 to Danny Andrews.
3. Good Sports – accreditation update. The SMCA needs 80% of clubs to reach level 3 by 31 March 2021.
  - Champion Lakes and Jandakot Park: are at Level 1 and need to start Level 2.
  - Maddington and Roleystone: are progressing well using the online platform.
  - Armadale, Forrestdale and Kwinana: are at Level 2.
  - EFCC and SJ Blues are yet to engage in the program.
4. Women's Cricket – refer to report from Graham Santich.
5. Child Protection – clubs are required to have a policy – can be completed through Mycricket.
6. COVID – be vigilant and follow appropriate WA Government Policy.
7. Cricketwest Discussion Paper - - refer to Agenda Item from Graham Santich.
8. Cricket West AGM held 2 Dec 20 – John Ipsen Vice President, Sabrina Del Rosso Secretary, J Griffin Delegate.

## **CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS:**

1. Constitution rewrite – work in progress.
2. Bylaw 11 – split player options – there have been some queries regarding this bylaw.

## **PROTESTS AND DISPUTES**

The following P&Ds have been held to date:

1. 20 October 20 – A. Turner Riverton - Rostrata CC – carry over from March 2020- Given a 12 week suspension plus previous suspend penalty of 4 weeks invoked giving a total of 16 playing days effective from 17 Oct 20. Riverton have appealed the 4 day suspended penalty. Appeal hearing to be heard soon
2. 17 November 20 – J Owen - Willetton CC – Level 2 offence –(verbal abuse) – 6 week suspension of which 2 playing days suspended until 30 April 2021. \$100 fine for club
3. 1 December 20 – J Basset – Kelmscott CC – Level 2 Offence (verbal abuse) – 6 weeks suspension and \$100 fine for club.

In all three P&DS the reported players did not front the P&D. Two provided written statements while the third did not and via email from his club pleaded guilty.

The P&D are disappointed that reported players are choosing not to appear before the P&D and rely on a email statement from themselves or an email from their club. In addition the tone of some the emails from the clubs has bordered on being disrespectful.

On 5 December 2020 during the 4<sup>th</sup> grade match between Hilton Bicton and Cannington, the umpire walked off the field at 5.15 pm citing unacceptable comments from the fielding team. While the Secretary was informed almost immediately a report was not submitted until 8 December 2020, which is outside the stipulated time in the Bylaws.

After discussion it was AGREED that the Secretary would write to Cannington Tigers CC regarding this matter.

On 5 December 2020, communication was received from CBC regarding player prescribed penalties and cautions. Due to circumstances no reports were entered onto the SMCA website within the specified timeframes. CBC advised that they would appeal the prescribed penalties.

After discussion it was AGREED that a P&D would be held on Tuesday 15 December 2020.

## **FIXTURES AND GRADINGS – JG**

There have been a number of ground and fixture changes for various reasons – these have been promulgated

F15 Comp – 8 teams - starts on Tuesday 12 January 2020

T20 Comp – The dates for 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade finals is Sunday 31 January 2020. Semi-finals to start at 12.30 pm and Grand Final at 3.30 pm. Clubs with two ground or two grounds nearby are encouraged to nominate to host the matches.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **Paul Speering**

- Update on the Kenwick situation – JG informed the meeting that Kenwick CC had taken appropriate action and applied suspensions to two players
- Riverton Rostrata appeal - as provided in P&D report.

### **Graham Santich**

### **Cricket West Discussion Paper on Potential Merger of Associations**

Although it is a long way down the track, I am very wary regarding any benefits this will afford our Association, which we have been very successful operating in our own right. The thought of employing a full time person and its consequences to

administer all 4 Associations is a bit scary and really takes the “Community” out of community cricket run associations

I believe our Association should vigorously oppose this suggestion and continue to operate in the existing manner.

**ACTION:** SMCA to monitor this. It was generally agreed that the SMCA catchment area is bounded by EFCC in the North West, Roleystone Karagullen/SJ Blues in the South East and Kwinana in the South West.

### **Women’s Cricket**

Graham apprised the meeting that he had briefly spoke to Brad Pearce recently regarding WACA’s continued administration of Women’s cricket given their aim was to pass this responsibility to Cricket West or the member Associations

He indicated that from next year (21/22) WACA will absolve their involvement in this competition and hand over to Cricket West who may then decide if they want to delegate it further to the member associations.

Currently SMCA has 3 clubs (Cockburn 2, Roleystone 2 and Kardinya 1) fielding a total of 5 teams in the Perth Scorchers Summer League. On the basis of these numbers it would not be practical to administer our own competition as would require teams from other Associations to compete against our teams as is currently done.

It would appear the only solution at this stage would be for Cricket west to administer the competition but in future years we should be striving for at least 16 teams from our own member clubs so it would be viable to run our own competition. Attached is the present status of clubs participating in the Perth Scorchers competition

I believe we should call for expressions of interest from our clubs to nominate Women’s teams for the next season (21/22) with a view of increasing our membership of women and strengthen our case to administer our own competition

**ACTION:** Notice to be placed on SMCA website regarding Women’s Cricket. SMCA to be proactive in encouraging Women’s Cricket.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**1. Peter Anderson** – raised the issue of player behaviour in the lower grades where official umpires are not assigned. This has been problem for a number of years and needs to be addressed. Players acting as an umpire do not know the rules, which inflames the situation.

**ACTION** – SMCA to monitor, review and develop a strategy to address.

**2. Ian Hale** – the 25 year history of the SMCA is progressing. Information is missing such as SSCA 1<sup>st</sup> grade premiers etc. it is thought clubs may have some of this information.

**CLOSURE: The Meeting closed at 7.40 pm**

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

**1. Executive Meeting 1 February 2021 at Melville**