

# South Metropolitan Cricket Association

## Minutes of the Executive Meeting 22 February 2021

Venue: – Melville - 6pm



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

**APOLOGIES:** Clifford Joseph, Ian Hale

**GUESTS:**

**MINUTES of PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE MEETING:** 9 December 2020

Moved by Graham Santich, seconded by Mark Iannello that that the Minutes of the Executive meeting held on 9 December 2020 be accepted. **CARRIED**

**MATTERS ARISING:** Addressed in Agenda Items

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Covered in Agenda items.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Usual stuff – queries on finals qualifications and bylaw loopholes. Grounds have been an issue this season due to ground maintenance and unavailability. Clubs adding teams after the season start must provide a ground.

Peter Anderson advised that Sutherland F is available for 27 February 2021 if needed.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT: MB**

Clubs need to be financial prior to the finals. All fines, umpire payments (except for umpires for 20 and 27 Feb 21) need to be paid IAW bylaws 66 I and j.

Westpac Community Solutions Cash Reserve -\$38,834.49

Westpac Community Solutions One – \$68,715.61

The insurance invoice has been received \$21,100, which is a significant cost from last season. The cost is based on last season's team numbers (124 – F15 included) and 25 Committees.

It was agreed to pay the invoice and raise this significant cost increase with the WACA.

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

Season is going okay, a few umpires have left due to player behaviour. This is not ideal and players need to accept responsibility for their behaviour.

The next umpires' meeting is on Wednesday 3 March 2021 at Melville. Umpires required for finals, notice to be placed on the SMCA Website.

Accreditation of umpires to the various levels is progressing well.

Discussion then occurred on the prescribed penalties contained in the Bylaws. These need to be updated and reinforced given player behaviour.

## **CRICKETWEST : JG**

1. Cricketwest –Meeting held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 via Microsoft Teams 1<sup>st</sup> tranche of sponsorship funds \$10k has been received.
2. BELT UP CRICKET WEST FINALS –Grand Final at the WACA was played on Sunday 14 FEBRUARY 2020 – Phoenix CC were successful.
3. Good Sports – accreditation update – SMCA needs to get EFCC and SJ Blues to commence accreditation process in order to receive 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche of funding . SJ Blues have been contacted by Good Sports

## **CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS:**

1. Constitution rewrite – work has slowed.
2. Bylaws – Some clubs have been trying to find loopholes in the Bylaws and exploit them to advantage. As in previous seasons the Bylaws are to reviewed and presented to the Committee at the next meeting before being tabled to the clubs at the May 2021 General meeting.

## **PROTESTS AND DISPUTES**

The following P&Ds have been since the last meeting.

1. 15 December 2020 – C Pietroniro, F Foulkes, M Rice – CBC
2. 5 January 2021 – G Poller -Thornlie, A Turner -Riverton (Appeal)

## **FIXTURES AND GRADINGS –**

### **Michael Beer – Grade Composition 2021/2022**

A ten team per grade competition is suggested for next season, with teams playing 7 x two day matches and 2 x one day matches with a T20 competition to be played on the remaining Saturday's of the regular season.

### **Graham Santich - Fixtures Format 2021/22**

- Over the past six or seven weeks several players have approached me asking if the Association was planning to field a ten team first grade competition next season playing 9 two day fixtures complemented by T20 games.

- I am unaware of the origins of this rumour but we need to dispel this and reinforce to all member clubs that we will continue with the 8 team format and revert to the 7 two and 7 one day format that been operating successfully for a number of years
- If clubs wish to play T20, it should be confined to a Sunday similar to that what is done by the WA Suburban Turf Cricket Association.

Energetic discussion occurred on composition of the grades. Various formats and scenarios were discussed. Ultimately all clubs need to be involved. It was suggested that a survey of all clubs could be conducted.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **Paul Speering**

- P&D structure
- Committee structure
- Creation of a formal By-Laws and Constitution Review Sub-Committee

### **Graham Santich**

- Cricket West Discussion Paper on Potential Merger of Associations.
- Women's Cricket 2021/22

### **Ian Hale**

- Report on progress 25th year anniversary of SMCA and formation of sub-committee to process data, reports and any other relevant information needed.
- Setting a deadline and a function to celebrate the milestone
- I have been in contact with Peter Smith for SSCA history prior to merger and Armadale CC history, Brian Waterer F&DMCA history prior to merger, Rob Sims his time as President SMCA (already completed), Graham Santich his time as President SMCA, Paul Speering current SMCA President.
- I have asked Jacob Landsmeer to pre-prepare short summary of First Grade grand finals, will need help from clubs of several of earlier grand finals
- I have been able to collate most of the former SSCA and F&DMCA premierships and Cricket West Grand Final results.
- Special thanks to Margaret Rayner, Graeme Ashley and several other club representatives for their help.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. Team Behaviour – requests for Umpires in lower grades
2. 2021 – Presentation Function – Tuesday 9 March 2021 at Leeming. \$30 per head, invoices have been issued to all Clubs, MB to contact Leeming regarding catering, presentation etc. Start time is 6 pm
3. Defibrillators – given that there was a recent medical episode in an SMCA

match, all clubs are encouraged to have defib at their grounds.

4. There has been an increase in some clubs requesting Umpires in lower grades due to player behaviour and relationships between certain teams. Clubs are responsible for player behaviour etc and this needs to be addressed for next season.
5. Further discussion occurred on the two-day competition and incentives for clubs to play two-day cricket.
6. Finals Qualifications to be posted on the website – qualification is now 3 playing days. T20 matches do not count as qualification for the end of season finals.
7. Match results and player scores are to be entered as soon as possible on Saturday and no later than 10 am on Sunday morning.
8. Grounds – Ground availability has been problematic this season and clubs must find their own grounds as they do the bookings with the local government authority. No ground – no team.
9. Association Grade batting and bowling averages. It was agreed that the qualifications for the averages be adjusted to 150 runs and 15 wickets and 7 playing days in a particular grade.

**CLOSURE: The Meeting closed at 8.05 pm**

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

**1. Committee Meeting 19 April 2021 at TBA**

**2. General Meeting 24 May 2021 at TBA**