

South Metropolitan Cricket Association

Minutes of the Executive Meeting 19 APRIL 2021

Venue: Melville Reserve, Melville 6 PM



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

APOLOGIES: M. Beer, C Joseph

GUESTS:

MINUTES of PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE MEETING: 22 February 2021

Moved by Ian Del Ross, seconded by Mark Iannello that that the Minutes of the Executive meeting held on 22 February 2021 be accepted. **CARRIED**

MATTERS ARISING: Addressed in Agenda Items

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Paul reported that he had held a meeting with 13 clubs on Monday 12 April 2021 to gain feedback on the 2020/21 season. The following was noted:

- Preference for 8 team grades with 7 x 2 day and 7 x one day matches format
- 1st and 2nd grade clubs must have at least two x two day competition teams
- The Belt Up Cup to be open to all clubs/teams – the competition format to decide the SMCA club team will need to be worked out. Knock out format or round robin format are some options.
- Strict promotion and relegation criteria to apply across all grades
- Viability of Future F15 competitions
- The mirroring of grades is not easy.
- A grading hierarchy similar to the PCA be strongly considered: for example the top three one-day only grades be graded between the 4th and 5th two-day competition grades.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: GH

Gary advised that all went well with the finals. All results and player scores submitted on time. No fines.

Gary further advised that he was surprised not to be advised of the recent meeting which resulted in no information on the web site. He also expressed some concern about comments made at the last executive meeting that may have referred to some members of the executive being too old and needing to step aside.

Mario advised that there was still an outstanding fine for a forfeit in the last qualifying match - Gary will attend to this.

Paul asked that his contact details be removed from the web site.

It was again agreed that all communication with the executive committee must be through the secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT: MB

- EFT payment to umpires has been successful during the season. Increased workload to process payments and issue invoices to clubs, however clubs do not have to worry about having cash etc.
- SMCA costs are increasing each year, which decreases the Reserve fund.
- Insurance (up from \$15k to \$21k) and Umpire costs are increasing each year and costs are not being fully recovered.
- It is suggested that Club affiliation fees are increased from \$750 to \$1,000 and team nomination fees from \$350 to \$400.
- Umpire costs for semi-finals and finals to be reviewed
- Umpire bonus payments to be made before end of the Financial Year – 30 April 2021.
- Cash at Bank - \$21,166.62 which includes 2nd payment from CrickeWest of \$7,000. Cash Reserve account - \$38,835.13

UMPIRE'S ADVISOR: NH

- Accreditation for umpires scheduled for 9 and 16 May 2021. Cost is \$120 per umpire with 12 umpires to attend.
- Umpire bonuses for finals to be paid. Level 2 umpires received an extra \$10.
- Queried the award payment for best umpires on each grade – to be investigated.
- Tiered system of umpire payments.

CRICKETWEST : JG

1. 2nd tranche of sponsorship funds \$7k to be received- SMCA did not meet the KRA of 80% of clubs at Level 3 Good Sports accreditation so did not qualify for the \$2k. 60% of the SMCA clubs reached the level 3 accreditation.

2. Minutes of CricketWest Meeting held on 31 March 2021 were distributed.

3. Blue print for Cricket – The SMCA generally supported this concept paper, noting that it's scope was narrow and focused community male senior cricket. More work will be required.

Action: Secretary to provide response to CricketWest.

4. Cricketwest Discussion paper – The SMCA generally did not agree or support this paper and felt that the present configuration within the Perth Metro area is working satisfactorily.

Action: Secretary to provide response to CricketWest.

5. Good Sports – accreditation status has now changes to Accredited or Gold – levels have been removed.

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS:

1. Appointment of Administrator, Treasurer, Secretary and Umpires Advisor for 2021/20212. IAW with Clause 40 of the Constitution these positions shall be appointed prior to the AGM. Nominations received were:

Administrator – Gary Hartman
Treasurer – Mario Baeli
Secretary – John Griffin
Umpires Advisor – Norm Harris

Paul Speering questioned why the nomination process wasn't widely advertised and made transparent, with position descriptions and succession planning being needed. Discussion occurred on this. The SMCA Financial Year is from 1 May to 30 April as given in the Constitution and work commences for the next season as soon a season concludes. By the time the AGM is held in August of each year, much work has already been done – ie playing dates, grading's, bylaw updates, Mycricket and website updates etc.

It was Moved by Graham Santich and seconded by Ian Del Rosso that the nominations received for the positions of Administrator, Treasurer, Secretary and Umpires Advisor be approved.

CARRIED

2. Honorariums for Administrator, Treasurer, Secretary and Umpires Advisor for 2021/22.

Discussion on the Honorariums for these positions occurred. Workloads have changed and increased especially with the payment of umpires by EFT. After some discussion it was agreed that the following Honorarium rates would apply:

Administrator - \$7,000
Umpires Advisor – \$7,040
Secretary \$5,000
Treasurer- \$5,000

CARRIED

3. Bylaws – The bylaws are to reviewed and endorsed by the Committee prior to the AGM in August. Known amendments required are:

1. **Compulsory Helmets** - bylaw – 53/54 – refer to attachment 1 from the WASECA- discussion occurred and while all are not happy about batsmen wearing helmets, it is a Cricket Australia requirement and an Insurance requirement. Failure to enact this requirement could lead to legal action against the SMCA, Clubs, umpires and players.

2. **Clearances/Transfers** - bylaw 47 - restriction on players when effected by COVID shutdown- how to progress next season-restriction on players when effected by COVID shutdown - this is about player clearances to and from Regional/country Associations in WA. The SMCA is considering amending it's bylaws by removing the requirement for a player to be cleared to a club in a regional/country Association and replace with a "transfer". Noting that clearances are required between clubs under CricketWest.

3. **Prescribed Penalties** -bylaw 65- The poor player behaviour that was evident across all Associations and the WACA needs to addressed. The prescribed penalties need to be strengthened.

Action: Bylaws to be reviewed and updated and presented to the AGM in August 2021. Please send any suggestions/amendments to the Secretary.

PROTESTS AND DISPUTES

1. P&D procedures and composition to be reviewed prior to season start.

FIXTURES AND GRADINGS

1. Provisional team grading's for 1st to 4th grade were circulated and some refinement is required. Willetton is promoted to 1st grade replacing Roleystone Karragullen who are relegated to 2nd grade.
2. Clubs in 1st and 2nd grade will be required to have at least two x two-day competition teams. This will require some changes from 3rd grade down. Until team nominations are received, Grading's cannot be confirmed.
3. Draft playing dates for season 2021/22 were circulated. Minor amendments made.
4. Masters Competition to be played in early November 2021 and possible impact on SMCA competition. As in previous seasons, accommodating test matches and other matches/tournaments is difficult due to number of playing dates available.

AGENDA ITEMS

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Noticed received from Maddington that Laurie Boyle a Life Member of the former SSCA and Maddington CC had passed away. Notice to be placed on website.
2. **Ian Hale** – Ian provided an update on the SMCA 25th anniversary booklet. Work has slowed. Information is being provided on an irregular basis. Former SMCA presidents such as Rob Sims Graham Santich and Brian Waterer are contributing. A budget allocation is requested for a Life Members dinner.
3. Mark Innanello – The number of 2 teams to be monitored. It is hoped that with a normal season in 2021/22 – the number of two days will increase.
4. Mario Baeli – Windup costs need to be reviewed. Clubs to be asked if they want to host the event.
5. Paul Speering – Leeming due to their number of teams in the finals, used Karoonda, with CBC charging Leeming \$350. If Leeming agreed to pay the \$350 then they should pay.

It is disappointing that some clubs charge other clubs for ground use when there are ground shortages. In recent years clubs who have provided grounds to other clubs (due to unavailability, damage etc) have not charged the clubs.

CLOSURE: The meeting closed at 8.10 pm

NEXT MEETING:

1. General Meeting 24 May 2021 at Atwell – 7pm

Attachments

1. Minutes of Cricketwest meeting held 31 March 2021
2. Helmets – WSTCA Bylaw
3. Draft Playing dates for season 2021/22

Attachment 2

Helmets

1.1 Batter Helmet Policy

- 1.1.1 A batter must wear a British Standard 7928:2013 compliant helmet at all times when batting against fast or medium-paced bowling.
- 1.1.2 The umpire is the sole judge of whether bowling is classed as fast or medium-paced and will judge the pace of bowling against what is considered “fast”, “medium-paced” or “slow” within the context of the match and ability of the batter.
- (1) The wicketkeeper standing up to or back from the stumps must not be the deciding factor in this decision.*
- 1.1.3 The umpire is responsible for ensuring that a helmet is worn when required by **PC2.19.1** but is not responsible for ensuring that the helmet is compliant to British Standard 7928:2013.
- 1.1.4 The umpire(s) must not allow the match to continue during any period in which a batter fails to wear a helmet when required.
- 1.1.5 An incoming batter must come to the crease wearing a helmet as required.
- 1.1.6 If this requirement is not met the umpires(s) will direct the batter to comply.
- 1.1.7 If, having entered the field of play not wearing a helmet, a batter leaves the field in order to comply, there shall be no loss of time/overs to the match solely due to this delay.
- 1.1.8 If a batter does not to comply with the umpire’s direction given in **PC2.19.6**:
- (1) The umpire shall call time, if necessary.*
- (2) The umpire shall summon and inform the offending player’s captain of the batter’s refusal play and warn that a continuation of refusing to play will result in the match being awarded to the opposition.*
- (3) The umpire shall award 5 penalty runs to the fielding team.*
- (4) The umpire will report the batter involved in accordance with the procedure of **BL8**.*
- 1.1.9 If, after the action in **PC2.19.8** the batter continues to not comply then:
- (1) The batter will be given out, Timed Out and the bowler will not get credit for the wicket.*
- 1.1.10 In the event of an extended delay in which either:
- (1) No batter comes to the wicket wearing a helmet or;*
- (2) The batter given out in accordance with **PC2.19.9** refuses to leave the playing area.*
- (3) Then, the umpire shall award the match to the opposition in accordance with **Law 16.3**.*
- (4) The umpire will report the captain involved in accordance with the procedure of **BL8**.*

1.2 Wicketkeeper Helmet Policy

- 1.2.1 At all times when wicketkeeping up to the stumps, the wicketkeeper must wear a British Standard 7928:2013 compliant helmet.

- 1.2.2 If under 18 years old, the wicketkeeper must wear a compliant helmet when wicketkeeping within 7m of the stumps.
- 1.2.3 The umpire is the sole judge of the distance from the stumps.
- 1.2.4 The umpire is responsible for ensuring that a helmet is worn when required by **PC2.20.1** but is not responsible for ensuring that the helmet is compliant with British Standard 7928:2013.
- 1.2.5 The umpire must not allow the match to continue during any period in which a wicketkeeper fails to wear a helmet when required by **PC2.20.1**.
- 1.2.6 Should a wicketkeeper fail to wear a helmet at any time as required, the umpire shall not permit the game to continue until the wicketkeeper does one of the following:
- (1) Wears a compliant helmet.*
 - (2) Moves his/her position to one that does not require him/ her to wear a helmet.*
 - (3) The fielding team changes wicketkeeper to a different player who is wearing a compliant helmet.*
- 1.2.7 In the event of an extended delay in which the wicketkeeper(s) fail to wear a helmet as required and fail to comply with **PC2.20.6(1-3)**, the umpire shall consider this a refusal to play and the procedure of **Law 16.3.2** can be used to award the match to the opposition.
- (1) The umpire(s) will report the individuals and captain involved in accordance with the procedure of **BL8**.*

1.3 Fielder Helmet Policy

- 1.3.1 At all times when fielding closer than seven (7) metres from the bat and any wider than a standard gully or leg gully, the fielder must wear a British Standard 7928:2013 compliant helmet.
- (1) Fielders fielding finer than gully or leg gully (any slips or leg slips) are not required to wear a helmet.*
- (2) The distance is extended to ten (10) meters if the fielder is under 18 years old.*
- 1.3.2 The umpire is the sole judge of the distance from the stumps.
- 1.3.3 The umpire is responsible for ensuring that a helmet is worn when required by **PC2.21.1** but is not responsible for ensuring that the helmet is compliant with British Standard 7928:2013.
- 1.3.4 The umpire must not allow the match to continue during any period in which a fielder fails to wear a helmet when required by **PC2.21.1**.
- 1.3.5 The exchange of protective equipment between members of the fielding side on the field of play is permitted provided that the umpire does not consider that it constitutes a deliberate waste of playing time.
- 1.3.6 Should a fielder fail to wear a helmet at as required by these Playing Conditions or as directed by an umpire, the umpire shall not permit the game to continue until the fielder does one of the following:
- (1) Wears a compliant helmet.*
 - (2) Moves his/her position to one that does not require him/ her to wear a helmet.*

*(3) The fielding team changes the fielder in the position, to a different player who is complying with **PC2.21.1**.*

1.3.7 In the event of an extended delay in which the fielder(s) fail to wear a helmet as required and fail to comply with **PC2.21.6(1-3)**, the umpire shall consider this a refusal to play and the procedure of **Law 16.3.2** can be used to award the match to the opposition.

*(1) The umpire(s) will report the individuals and captain involved in accordance with the procedure of **BL8**.*