

South Metropolitan Cricket Association

Minutes of the General Meeting 24 May 2021



PRESENT: Paul Speering, Mike Beer, John Griffin, Ian Del Rosso, Ian Hale, Mario Baeli, Graeme Santich, Mark Iannello, Norm Harris

CLUBS: as per attendance register. 18 Clubs present and 5 absent (EFCC, Kelmscott. Kwinana, Perth Tamil and Roleystone- Karagullen

APOLOGIES: Gary Hartman. Mark Goodin (HBCC)

Paul Speering declared the meeting open at 7.03pm and welcomed all attendees and Melissa Evans from Good Sports

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Good Sports Program - Melissa Evans

- Melissa provided a short presentation on the Good Sports program – overview and update on the new portal and the change of accreditation process.
- 22 of the 23 SMCA clubs are accredited with Goodsports. All clubs are encouraged to be accredited.
- It will be requirement of Cricketwest for all clubs in the Association to be accredited for next season.
- Funding from the WACA via Cricketwest is linked to Key Results (KR) with Goodsports accreditation being a component.
- The SMCA forfeited \$2k in funding from the WACA as only 60% of clubs had reached level 3. The KR was 80%.

From the SMCA Executive:

2. Clearances/Transfers to and from Country Associations

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.

General discussion occurred on this and it was generally agreed that Bylaw 47 be amended to allow players registered to an SMCA club to "transfer" to a regional/country association instead of being cleared.

ACTION: Bylaw 47 to be updated and presented at the AGM

- #### 3. Prescribed Penalties -Bylaw 65-
- The poor player behaviour that was evident across all Associations and the WACA needs to be addressed. The prescribed penalties need to be strengthened. Bylaws to be reviewed and presented to the AGM in August 2021.

General discussion occurred on this, Paul Speering mentioned the difficulties of convening

P&Ds and Clubs are responsible for their player behaviour.

ACTION: Relevant Bylaws to be updated and presented at the AGM

- 4. Compulsory Helmets** - It is a Cricket Australia requirement and an Insurance requirement. Some players, especially older players are not happy about being required to wear helmets. Failure to enact this requirement could lead to legal action against the SMCA, Clubs, umpires and players. SMCA Bylaws 53 and 54 to be amended to include the wearing of helmets.

Discussion occurred on this. The introduction of this mandatory rule may see a number of older players prematurely retiring. The key requirement is for all batsman and close in fielders to wear a helmet.

ACTION: Relevant Bylaws to be updated and presented at the AGM. Bylaws to be consistent with the other Cricketwest Associations

- 5. Composition of the Grades** – Clubs with teams in 1st grade and 2nd Grade must have a minimum of two two-day competition teams.

It was agreed that clubs with teams in 1st and 2nd grade must have a minimum of two x two-day competition teams.

ACTION: Relevant Bylaws to be updated and presented at the AGM.

- 6. Draft Playing dates for 2021/22** – attached.

Since the distribution of the draft playing dates, Cricket Australia has announced the Test Match fixtures for 2021/22. An Ashes test match will be played in Perth on 14-18 Jan 22. The SMCA mid-season one day final moved to Sunday 23 Jan 2022 and a general bye for the one-day grades scheduled for 15 Jan 22. The Cricketwest playing dates are tentative and will change.

The playing dates for 2021/22 are a work in progress and are to be updated as information is received.

ACTION: Draft playing dates to be updated.

From Riverton Rostrata CC

- 7. 50-year anniversary celebrations on Saturday 2 October 2021** – request an early start on that day – (note – matches in early October usually start at 12.30 pm).

This request will be supported. Once the season fixtures are known, clubs who are fixtured to play against Riverton-Rostrata are encouraged to accommodate this request.

ACTION: Riverton Rostrata to notify SMCA and Clubs of preferred start time on 2 Oct 21 once fixtures are completed.

- 8. Finals qualifications** – can the wording for qualifications for finals reviewed and changed from “more than 50% to 50% or more.

Discussion on this occurred. The existing bylaw has been in force for many seasons and a number of

clubs have lost finals as they have breached this bylaw. Season 20/21 was a unique season due to COVID and the COVID lockdown on 5 Feb 21 affected the one-day grades. It is hoped that season 2021/22 will see a return to normalcy.

It was generally agreed that the existing bylaw remains as is.

From the Secretary

9. Neutral grounds – Due to circumstances beyond the control of clubs, there are occasions when a club has to use another club's ground for a "home game" whether it is a regular fixture match or finals. In previous seasons the club providing the 'loan ground' has not charged the user club. It is hoped that this arrangement will continue.

General Business

1. On line Scoring - On line scoring is to be mandatory for 1st and 2nd grade for season 21/22 – the uptake in the lower grades in season 20/21 was very pleasing. 1st grade was disappointing. The home team is responsible for online scoring. The same device should be used during a days play, especially where there are two innings. A 'paper' scorebook must be maintained throughout a match. It is expected that a new platform will be available for season 21/22.

2. Afternoon teas - Riverton Rostrata – asked if afternoon teas will be re-instated – at this stage the answer is yes.

3. Online Player Registration - No updates have been received on this. The SMCA is opposed to this requirement. The Secretary is to follow up with Cricketwest and the WACA.

4. Women's Cricket – Ian Del Rosso –encouraged all clubs to take up the challenge of forming women's team. The growth of Women's cricket is phenomenal and attracts funding.

5. SMCA Executive Structure – Peter Anderson queried the appointment and roles of the Secretary, Treasurer and Administrator. In accordance with the constitution, the Committee appoints them at the April meeting in line with the SMCA financial year, which is from 1 May to 30 April. This is so that work can be done for the next season. The AGM historically has been held in August of each year and is too late in the year to appoint persons to these roles.

Discussion occurred and consideration to be given to holding the AGM on the first Monday of May annually so that positions on the Committee can be filled.

CLOSURE: Paul Speering thanked the meeting attendees and closed the meeting at 8.25 pm

NEXT MEETINGS

1. **SMCA Committee Meeting – Monday 5 July 2021 – 6pm – Melville Reserve**
2. **Annual General Meeting Monday 2 August 2021 – 7pm – Atwell Reserve**
3. **SMCA Committee Meeting – Monday 6 September 2021 – 6 pm TBA**
4. **Cricket West Forum – WACA – Wednesday 6 October 2021**