

South Metropolitan Cricket Association

Agenda of the Executive Meeting 12 July 2021

Venue: Melville Reserve, Melville 6 PM



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

APOLOGIES: Gary Hartman, Clifford Joseph

GUESTS:

MINUTES of PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE MEETING: 19 April 2021

Moved by Mark Iannello, Seconded by Graham Santich that the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 19 April 2021 be accepted **CARRIED**

MATTERS ARISING: Addressed in Agenda Items.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Covered in Agenda Items

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: NTR

TREASURER'S REPORT: - Mario Baeli

MB provided the draft budget for 2021/22. Insurance Costs are continuing to increase and impact on expenditure. After some discussion it was agreed that the budget for 2021/22 is endorsed with some minor changes in the layout format. Club affiliation to increase to \$1,000 to cover increased insurance costs and Team affiliation to increase from \$400 to \$500 per team, which will include the umpires' semi final levy.

Draft Budget with formatting changes to be presented at AGM.

UMPIRE'S ADVISOR: Norm Harris

NH informed the meeting that 14 umpires had completed their level 2 accreditation on-line. There are now approx. 20 level 2 accredited umpires.

Has attended a Cricket West umpires seminar recently. Focus on attracting new umpires and retention of umpires.

CRICKETWEST : JG

1. 2nd tranche of sponsorship funds \$7k was received.
2. Crickwest Forum now likely to be held on 22 September 2021 at the WACA. All clubs are required to be represented.
3. The Cricketwest meeting is Wednesday 28 July 2021.

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS:

1. Bylaws – The bylaws are work in progress. The following are to be presented at the AGM. Known amendments required are:

1. **Compulsory Helmets** - Bylaw – 53/54 – The WACA have recommended that all batsman wear helmets along with wicket keepers standing at the stumps regardless of the bowlers bowling speed. This will cause some frustration amongst older players who don't wear helmets. Player safety is priority and to ignore the advice from the WACA could compromise insurance etc.

It was agreed that Helmets will be compulsory in season 2021/22 for batsman and suitable wording to be developed. There would be no exemptions.

2. **Clearances/Transfers** - bylaw 47 – refer attachment 2 - Approved with the following amendment “ Any dispute over a players financial status etc ” to be changed to “Any dispute of the above” etc

3. **Prescribed Penalties** -bylaw 65- This is still work in progress Work in Progress. The consensus from the meeting was that the Bylaw needs to be strengthened by at the addition of a clause stating:

“ If a player elects to take the prescribed penalty a P&D (Tribunal) the penalty will be increased”

2. Bylaws terminology –after discussion it was agreed that the term Tribunal should replace the term P&D where players are required to appear. The term P&D would still apply in regard to other matter where ‘behaviour by players’ is not involved.

PROTESTS AND DISPUTES

1. Nominations for the P&D (Tribunal) to be called for at the AGM. For a number of years SMCA Committee members are not usually members of a P&D. In recent years it has become difficult in finding volunteers to sit on the P&D as the third person. The concept of a roster between the clubs is to be discussed at the AGM.

FIXTURES AND GRADINGS

1. Revised Draft playing dates for season 2021/22 are attached. Sunday matches except for finals have been excluded. The Cricketwest inter-association dates on 8/9 January 2022 clashes with the SMCA fixtures.

JG to clarify with Cricketwest and ask that the inter-association matches be played on Sunday 9 January 2022.

2. The draft Masters Competition to be played in early November 2021 and may impact on SMCA competition.

3. Draft Gradings for 2021/22 for 1st Grade to 4th grade based on the criteria advised at the start of last season are attached. As per the Minutes of previous meetings,

clubs playing in 1st and 2nd grade must have a minimum of two (2) two-day competition teams.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Ian Del Rosso** – provided an update on Goodsports accreditation going from level 3 to gold. Ian advised that this is an onerous task and some clarification is required.

JG to raise this with Cricketwest.

2. **Michael Beer** - player/president feed back from meeting on the agenda- attached.

3. Paul Speering

A. Restructure of SMCA Committee- Refer to attachment 4 - Energetic discussion on this occurred. There was some support for and some against. As the SMCA Committee is responsible for the administration and conduct of cricket in the SMCA, all decisions that affect the running and governance of Association made must be by the whole committee and not select positions on the Committee. Sub-committees such as life members, finance, fixtures and grading's etc can be convened IAW with (Clause 48 of the Constitution).

B. Feedback from Presidents and Captains meeting - Refer to attachment 5. Discussion on this occurred. Paul would like the Presidents and Captains meeting to be formalised. The General Meeting in held in May each year (COVID excepted) was previously the Presidents meeting.

Discussion on the grading structure proposed at the subject meeting was discussed. Player movement between the grades may cause some issues.

To be discussed at the AGM

C. Restructuring the penalties/disciplinary process – Refer to attachment 6.

To be discussed at the AGM

4. Standard responses to club - Coming up with a standard response(s) for Clubs when they request assistance for their Councils to bring the facilities up to scratch, For example, damaged/ dangerous pitches, poorly maintained outfields etc.

When required the SMCA has previously written to Local Government Agencies (LGAs) in regard to this. Some LGAs will only interact with the clubs in the area and not the SMCA.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Ian Hale – apprised the meeting of his progress in the development of a SMCA 25 year history booklet, however due to his health needs to relinquish his duties. The Committee thanked Ian for all of his work.

Identification of a suitable person to complete Ian's work is required.

A contact list for all Association life members (SMCA, FMCA and SSCA) needs to be kept.

CLOSURE: The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

NEXT MEETINGS:

1. Annual General Meeting 2 August 2021 at Atwell – 7pm

Attachments

1. Helmets – Bylaw - advice from the WACA
2. By law 47 - Clearances
3. Draft Playing dates for season 2021/22
4. Restructure of the SMCA Committee System
5. Feedback and ideas from the Presidents and Captains meeting
6. Restructuring the penalties/disciplinary process

Attachment 1 - HELMETS

Advice from the WACA

Quick introduction, I am James Hewitt, the new Affiliate Services Specialist from the WACA, taking over from Danny Andrews, that supports, guides and assists bodies such as Cricket West as best I can.

My ultimate answer to your queries is: The final decisions land with the SMCA. CA, the WACA or Cricket West do not make your rules and by-laws as we have no way of monitoring them. But we do strongly recommend the mandatory use of British Standard helmets in all competitions. We can and do offer incentives and extremely strong arguments as to why mandatory BS helmets should be adopted.

All Cricket Australia competitions implemented mandatory BS helmet use since October 2015 (a fair few notable names fell foul of the regulation in the early days Alyssa Healy and Shaun Marsh both got Code of Conduct reported for failing to comply). Since then the level of adoption has grown from the top down and the base up.

In answer to your two specific queries:

1. **Turban/other religious headwear: If you are adopting mandatory helmets, then YES, you must wear a helmet.**
2. **Slow bowler:** This is a very, very grey area indeed. It *can* be used as a little sweetener from the Association when the implement mandatory helmets (i.e: "We are implementing mandatory BS helmet use, but not against spinners"). **My personal answer is YES, you must wear a helmet against a slow bowler. It solves so, so many more problems than it causes. What is a slow bowler, when is a slow bowler a spinner, 'keepers stand up to medium pacers. What is a medium pacer? Such a grey area. I know a lot of Associations (WASTCA for example) have the exemption for slow bowling.**

Re: directives and policies available. On the Community Cricket website there are several resources to assist, I have attached the following for you:

- Very comprehensive playing conditions with suggested management/enforcement measures. For batting, 'keeping and fielding. They are very wordy, but so thorough and gives Associations the answer to so many of their questions re implementation, responsibility and sanctions. They leave no player, umpire or administrator in any doubt as to the requirements.
- Simplified Playing conditions and enforcement options.
- A simple one-page summary for associations to promote to their clubs.

Attachment 2

Draft Bylaw-

By-Law 47- Clearances

Clarification: It is the joint responsibility of the new Club and the player to get the clearance issue correct. The player's details must be correct whether or not previous details were correct or not. Where possible player ID numbers and identification documents should be used. Players are required to inform the club they are requesting a clearance to, which club they last played for and when.

All due diligence must be adhered to, and any irregularities should be directed to the SMCA Secretary.

Players who have not played for any other Club the past three calendar years:

a In all cases, a player who has not played for any other club in the past three calendar years does not require a clearance from their former Club. Player details are to be transferred in MyCricket and the player registered to their SMCA affiliated Club.

Players who last played for a club affiliated with Cricket West – other than the SMCA.

b Notwithstanding By-Law 47a, a player transferring from any Association affiliated with Cricket West must provide a clearance from the club in which they last played. The clearance must be finalised, using MyCricket, prior to the commencement of a match in which the player participates. Failure to do so will deem the player not cleared and a forfeit will be the result and penalties applied.

Players who last played for a club not affiliated with Cricket West

c. A player joining a club affiliated with the SMCA directly from an Association not affiliated with Cricket West does not need a clearance to their new club. Player details are to be transferred in MyCricket and the player registered to their new SMCA affiliated Club.

Players who last played for a club affiliated with SMCA

d. Notwithstanding By-Law 47a, a player transferring between clubs within the SMCA must have a clearance completed on MyCricket prior to the commencement of a match in which the player participates. Failure to do so will deem the player not cleared and a forfeit will be the result and penalties applied. No player cleared or transferred to an SMCA Club during the season can be cleared or transferred to another SMCA Club for a period of 28 days.

Players who last played for a club affiliated with WACA

e. Players playing with a WACA club who do not get selected for a fixtured WACA match may be selected to play with their immediate former SMCA club. A clearance is not required when this selection criteria is applied. Player details are to be transferred in MyCricket and the player registered to the SMCA. A player in this category may play in any grade for their former SMCA club subject to By Law 11 where that player has already played for the SMCA club during that same season

The closing date for clearances of a player shall be prior to the commencement of the last two-day qualifying fixture.

f. In the event of any club playing an uncleared player, the match where the offence is first reported shall forfeit against the club playing an uncleared player. See Bylaw 69 for penalties. The uncleared player will be suspended for four (4) playing days.

g. The only grounds on which a player can be refused a clearance by a club are

- i. the financial (owes registration and ball fees), status of the player;
- ii. has club property,
- iii has club intellectual property.

Any dispute of the above, should be forwarded by email to the Association Secretary for consideration by the Association P&D, who shall forward their decision back to the Association Secretary by email. The decision of the P&D shall be final.

h. Any member of an un-financial club on the books of the Association requiring to register with any other Associated Club will be accepted together with a fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) except in the case where the club has been disbanded for more than three (3) years, such player will be permitted to play without the lodgement of any fee.