

# South Metropolitan Cricket Association

## Minutes of the Committee Meeting 1 November 2021

Venue: Melville Reserve, Melville 6 PM



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

**APOLOGIES:** Ian Hale, Clifford Joseph.

**GUESTS:**

**MINUTES of PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE MEETING:** 4 October 2021

Moved by Graham Santich, Seconded by Mike Beer that the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 4 October 2021 be accepted. **CARRIED**

### **MATTERS ARISING:**

To be discussed in General Business

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT: PS**

1. Some issues regarding player behaviour.
2. Umpire allocations are not in accordance with Minutes of previous meeting (1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> grade, ODA, ODB then 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> grade and then remaining OD grades.

Norm advised that there was an umpire shortage and umpire allocations have been restricted.

3. Inappropriate comments made in current 1<sup>st</sup> grade match between Phoenix and SJ Blues.

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

1. Leeming has withdrawn for ODH, leaving 5 sides. As there are 7 sides in ODG, an Armadale team to be moved to ODG. This will result in no byes in any grades. **AGREED.**

The ODH T20 fixtures to be adjusted and Bye's removed.

2. A complaint about player behaviour in a match (two day match) has been received.

**Action:** Secretary to write to Kwinana CC requesting action to be taken.

3. A Maddington player has received 2 separate prescribed penalties. There were some issues with notification. Subject player suspended for a total of 4 playing days.

Discussion occurred and on this and comments regarding individual umpire appointments are not appropriate.

4. F15 Competition – 10 team nominations – two conferences of 5 teams each. Competition to start in late November/early December and to run over 7 weeks (5 rounds,

semi-finals and Final).

5. Fines – Fines are being issued in accordance with the bylaws.

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

1. All clubs have paid the \$1,000 club affiliation fee
2. Invoices for team nominations have been issued.
3. Invoices for umpires have been issued.
4. Fines as per notification from the Administrator.
5. Bank balance - \$63,086. Reserve account - \$38,837

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

1. Umpire appointments: A lack of numbers- approx. 10 umpires currently unavailable.
2. SMCA Insurance; Umpires to do a Fundraiser (Bunning's BBQ) and require a Certificate of Currency (CoC). Clubs obtain this through My Cricket. It was suggested that the umpires approach a club in the Bunning's store area and use their CoC.
3. Sponsorship for SMCA Umpires – likely to get some umpires sponsorship. Sponsor add can be placed on the SMCA website.

#### **CRICKETWEST : JG**

1. **Cricketwest AGM** held on 27 October 2021. Cricketwest is disappointed with the SMCA helmet policy.
2. **Belt-up Cricketwest Community Cup** – Semi-finals to be played at Charles Veryard on Sunday 12 December 2021 starting in the morning.

The Final and the consultation final (3 v 4) are to be played at the WACA in the afternoon on Sunday 12 December 2021.

#### **CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS:**

1. Work in Progress.

#### **PROTESTS AND DISPUTES**

1. **Mr James Allenby** – EFCC despite being notified prior the start of the season that Mr Allenby was suspended for five matches until 20 November 2021 as a result of a WADCC tribunal at the end of last season argued against the end of suspension date given. EFCC continued to challenge this by email and phone calls and demanded proof of evidence and made threats that they would play Mr Allenby on 6 November 2021 regardless. This matter was referred to the WACA who after consultation with the WADCC the advice was that Mr Allenby's suspension should conclude on 31 October 2021 – the conclusion of round 5 of premier cricket. EFCC were then notified that:

After receiving notification from the WACA, Mr Allenby is suspended from playing until 31 October 2021. He can play in the SMCA competition from Saturday 6 November 2021. Players who are

serving a suspension cannot be named in a team where the match commences during the player's period of suspension.

**2. EFCC – forfeit notification** – EFCC were fined \$200 for not notifying the SMCA that they had forfeited their ODF match against Armadale on 16 Oct 2021. On 20 October 2021 in response to being notified that they had been fined, they responded querying the fine:

I have seen we have been fined \$200 for forfeiting the last One day F grade game against Armadale. We spoke with the Armadale President on Friday letting him know that we were going to forfeit the game. At that time and even at the time of sending this email the SMCA By-Law 12. does not state the procedure for notification of a forfeit is to be done by 9pm "Thursday" or to whom (see attached snip). We did notice however that on Friday afternoon at 2.29pm a statement was made on the SMCA home page citing the by-laws that aren't actually in the by-laws as per website (see attached snip). Shouldn't this have been done at the commencement of the season not on last Friday afternoon?

So just to be clear, are we being fined \$200 for not letting the SMCA know by 9pm Thursday night?

The following response was provided to EFCC

Good evening Todd

The SMCA procedure for forfeiting has not changed in the past five or so seasons and is for the club forfeiting the match to notify the Association Secretary by text or email within the timeframes given in the Bylaws. The Secretary then notifies the other club and the Administrator. The notice of the forfeit is then placed on the SMCA website.

This is has been a standard practice and has worked well over the past seasons and is well known by all clubs.

For Round 1 of the one day competition played on 9 October 21 I received notifications from 5 clubs who were forfeiting matches and for round 2 played on 16 October I received one notification (from Leeming) that they were forfeiting.

In this matter the Secretary and the Administrator were not informed of the forfeit and only found out about the forfeit when results were entered and matches locked by the Administrator. We were also not aware that EFCC informed Armadale on the Friday that EFCC were forfeiting

When the \$200 fine was applied no explanation or notification had been received by me, that EFCC were forfeiting and that Armadale had been notified of the forfeit on Friday 15 October 2021.

I will raise this matter at the SMCA Committee Meeting on next Monday.

Regards

EFCC's latest response was:

The procedure you have explained is not how the By-Laws are worded and that is our issue as we have been charged for breaking a by-law not an unwritten procedure. May I suggest you consider adjusting the By-laws to suit the practice you have described but until then I believe that we didn't break the by-laws as they were published on the website at the time.

I would still like to refer this to the P+D committee if you believe a \$200 fine is the SMCAs position and let's clear this up.

**After Discussion it was agreed that the fine be reduced to \$100 and EFCC reminded of the correct forfeit notification procedure.**

## **FIXTURES AND GRADINGS**

**1. Gradings** – The second Armadale team in ODG wants to play in a higher OD grade where an Armadale team is not placed either in ODA or ODD – this would create a BYE and require the fixtures to be redone.

**NOT AGREED**

2. **Grounds** – The availability of grounds is critical. There is a shortage and some clubs are playing at neutral venues. Local Government Agencies (LGAs) are receiving requests from other users (ie Perth Bengal Club) to use various local grounds in the SMCA on Sundays for T20s competitions, Christmas parties, fairs etc. As no SMCA matches are currently allocated the LGAs hire them out.

Anning Park is unavailable on Saturday 4 December 2021 – Christmas Function

3. **One Day T20 fixtures** – Proposed Sunday Final on 12 December 2021 – clubs to be consulted advised – note the Beltup Community Cup Final is now 12 December 2021.

**Action: Secretary to email Clubs asking if they want a T20 final (semi or final) to be played on a Sunday as there are no available Saturdays.**

4. **One Day T20 results** – Some matches have been completed when a result has been achieved while others have continued. At the end of match when a result has been achieved or the match continues until the allotted overs are bowled?

T20 matches are completed once a result has been achieved. The net run rate is used to ladder positions.

**Action: Secretary to email clubs notifying them that the One Day T20 matches end when a result has been achieved.**

5. **Standalone 1<sup>st</sup> grade Final** The City of Cockburn has notified the SMCA that after 20 March 2022 - grounds will be prepared for winter sports and no grounds can be booked. This affects Phoenix and Cockburn should they make the 1<sup>st</sup> grade grand final.

Discussion on this occurred and it was generally agreed that 1<sup>st</sup> grade stand-alone finals (mid-season one day and end of season) have been well accepted in the past. Despite there may be ground issues, the 1<sup>st</sup> grade clubs need to be asked if they agree to fixture changes.

**Action: Secretary to email 1<sup>st</sup> grade clubs asking if they agree to a stand alone mid-season final to be played on Sunday 30 January 2022 and the end of season final to be played on 26/27 March 2022, with semi-finals to be played on 12 and 19 March 2022.**

6. **6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> grade mid –season OD final** – the final one-day match for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade are fixtured for Saturday 22 January 2022. The mid-season one-day finals are fixtured for Sunday 23 January 2022. Consideration for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade final to be played on Sunday 30 January 2021 or leave as is and play on Sunday 23 January 2022.

**Action: Secretary to email clubs in 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade informing them of the options and for their preference.**

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Expressions of Interest for nominations for club to mentor the SMCA representative teams. Notice was placed on SMCA website – to date Phoenix are the only club to have nominated.
2. Expressions of Interest for clubs to host end of season windup/presentation function on Tuesday 15 March 2021. Notice was placed on SMCA website. Expressions of interest received from Kardinya and Thornlie.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. **Player behaviour** – The player code of conduct is published on the SMCA website and in the Bylaws. Breaches of the code of conduct will not be tolerated and severely dealt with.
2. **Scoring** – pleasing to see many teams live scoring –despite technical faults. Live scoring is mandatory for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teams this season. The home team should live score and the same device (ipad etc) should be used throughout the day's play even when there is a change of innings. The away teams' scorebook is to be used and is the backup if there is a glitch with live scoring.
3. **11A/11B** – players named as an 11A/11B can be used as a substitute fielder (12<sup>th</sup> man) if their availability changes one the match as started. Refer to bylaw 11b.
4. **Working With Children (WWC)** - Umpires are required to have a WWC check – Clubs need to adhere to the Cricket Australia requirements published on MyCricket – club sites.
5. **Concussion Rules** - Norm Harris raised this matter following a recent incident. The player's club/team is responsible for the management of any player injuries including concussion.

**Action: Player concussion protocols to be placed on SMCA website**

6. **Ground Markings** - Some grounds have not has boundaries etc marked. Nil reports from umpires regarding ground markings.

**CLOSURE: The meeting closed at 7.52 pm**

## **NEXT MEETING:**

1. **Committee Meeting Monday 6 December 2021 at TBA**
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