

South Metropolitan Cricket Association

MINUTES of the Committee Meeting 30 October 2023

Venue: Thornlie Clubrooms, 6:03pm



PRESENT: Peter Anderson, David King, Steve Kemp, Jacob Landsmeer, Mario Baeli, Joe Covic, Shamez Rashid, Ian Del Rosso, Norm Harris, Mark Iannello, Gary Hartman (minutes).

APOLOGIES: Nil

ABSENT: Nil

MINUTES of PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE MEETING:

Moved by Mario Baeli, seconded by David King that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 18 September 2023 be accepted. **CARRIED**

MATTERS ARISING:

Nil

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Peter brought up the poor attendance of the SMCA at the Cricket West function. May affect future funding.

Sunday cricket is a major issue we need to overcome.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

The Info for Clubs was distributed, some issues due to PlayHQ.

We had 3 two-day teams forfeit on the Sunday fixture. I believe we should consider not playing the Sunday fixture on Sunday 26/11.

I note that all other Cricket West Associations play their last home and away matches on 9 March. They have just the one one-day fixture due to not being able to use 6 January. Seems strange that some of our councils won't let us use grounds later in March when all other Associations can.

Our web site administrator has agreed to continue in the role till the end of the season. I have been in contact with PlayHQ support about the Wix programme and the last I heard was on 6/10 when they advised *Also, in terms of your Wix website, we haven't forgotten, we are still working through it, there's a lot to set up!* I haven't pushed them as we are OK for the remainder of the season. I am not sure Wix will be able to replace the forms we have set up in relation to cautions, reports and the like and I would like to have them remain separate from Wix, unless Wix has a suitable alternative.

Fines

28th October

ODF - Kwinana have forfeited their match against Perth Tamil - \$50

ODG - Roleystone - Karragullen have forfeited their match against Jandakot Park - \$100

ODG - Cockburn have forfeited their match against Leeming Spartan - \$50

ODH - Phoenix have forfeited their match against SJ Blues - \$100

22nd October

Sixth Grade - Kwinana have forfeited their match against Hilton Bicton- \$50.
Seventh Grade - Thornlie have forfeited their match against Cannington Tigers - \$50.
Sixth Grade - Champion Lakes, failure to notify of forfeit - \$200

21st October

ODF - Maddington have forfeited their match against Kelmscott - \$100.
ODG - Roleystone - Karragullen have forfeited their match against Kenwick - \$100.
ODH - Phoenix have forfeited their match against Piara Waters - \$100.

14th October

ODE - Forrestdale have forfeited their match against Leeming Spartan. \$50
ODF - Maddington have forfeited their match against Perth Tamil. \$50
ODG - Roleystone - Karragullen have forfeited their match against Thornlie. \$50
ODH - Phoenix have forfeited their match against Armadale. \$50

On 14th October Perth Tamil failed to claim the ODF forfeit or name a team and were subsequently not awarded forfeit points.

The fines were endorsed by the Executive.

Roleystone - Karragullen and Phoenix have both forfeited their first three matches of the season. Craig Stewart of Phoenix advises that he would like to keep the side as they believe they will eventually be able to get the side on the park. It was agreed that should either of these teams forfeit again this coming Saturday they would be removed from the grade.

PlayHQ is still an issue, very slow getting support responses. Most of the finalising matches issues have been sorted.

Play HQ does not appear to keep a tally of Brian Waterer Shield votes and I am keeping these on a spreadsheet. Further I am not sure how to tally trophy winners such as batting/bowling aggregate and average winners other than perhaps on the app.

PlayHQ does not provide an audit of matches. Can't justify when clubs submit scores, etc.

MyCricket advised when clubs were late submitting match details, player scores etc. PlayHQ does not.

I had a problem where a player with a prescribed penalty finished his penalty after the Saturday where there was separate one day fixture on the Sunday. The club advised they could not select him for the Sunday fixture, so I had to change the penalty which indicated the player had just the one-week penalty and not two, although two was served.

Officials HQ, I have sent two emails to the WACA representative and have not received a response. I also asked for David King to have access but did not receive a response. I am aware that Norm is dealing with the WACA. I note that umpires are appearing on the app but not on the PlayHQ web site. Umpires should be able to log in and submit reports and votes, I don't believe this is happening.

Umpires are sending Jim McKenna and Ian Hale votes to me – some umpires are using Officials HQ.

Several votes are still outstanding. I would recommend that umpires do not get paid until they finish their match duties and submit the match votes. After discussion this was agreed.

Champion Lakes failed to submit player scores in ODF, maybe a PlayHQ error.

Penalty points: there is a query on 0.1 penalty point against Perth Tamil 4th Grade 22/1/2023. The umpire was unsure if he made an error – need clarification. *The Game was reduced to a 38 over match due to lost time to rain just after drinks looking now I should allowed extended time, but I didn't which I apologise*

for and with that Perth Tamil only made 37 overs bowling by 3:30pm. It was agreed that this penalty should be imposed.

Also on penalty points, I heard that there were penalty points in a match on Saturday but have not officially heard from umpire or umpire's advisor. Is there an instruction to umpires on procedure for advising of penalty points.

John Griffin, Ian Hale Graham Santich and Graeme Ashley to be invited to the December meeting.

Pennants and medallions have been ordered and should be available for December meeting.

Canning Vale are sharing Ferndale Oval 3 with Ferndale Lynwood from Perth Swan Cricket Association. I waited for that association to create their fixtures and then placed Canning Vale at home on available days. The Perth Swan Cricket Association then changed the fixtures and there are now numerous clashes which I need to fix.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Westpac main account - \$74,413.58

Westpac Reserve - \$39,239.28

Club affiliation due 31 October still clubs outstanding.

Team affiliation due 13 November.

UMPIRE'S ADVISOR:

Numbers are steady. Usually have all grades First to Fourth Grade covered with some ODA.

Umpires wanted posters are out.

It was agreed that umpires should be attending clubs.

There was discussion on Umpire pay rates – Mario to do a budget and report back at December meeting.

Ian Del Rossi suggested that Sabrina may be able to assist Norm with OfficialsHQ.

CRICKETWEST:

Mark Iannello advised that the T20 cup has been postponed for financial reasons and desire not to play on Sundays.

Mark felt there was little funding to Cricket West. There has been no increase in funding in 5 years. Kookaburra is reviewing sponsorship. There is support for women's cricket.

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS:

Updated By-Laws to include PlayHQ was distributed to clubs and the web site updated.

A query from Kardinya Lakes regarding dropping a player from their Fifth grade past their Seventh Grade to their one-day grades. I found By-Law 11b (ii) a little confusing.

- ii. A player in a two-day grade Fifth or below may drop players to any of their one-day only grade teams. Alternatively, a player can drop to the next Two-Day grade within their club structure.

David explained this rule, basically in the scenario described above a club can drop a player to their next two-day grade or to any of their one day grades.

PROTESTS AND DISPUTES

7/10/2023 Mitchell Hines of Phoenix accepted a two-week prescribed penalty – By-Law 65b (iii) Dissent towards an umpire's decision, Minor Dispute - Two (2) playing dates ban.

22/10/2023 Ben Wragg of CBC Third Grade accepted a caution for Misconduct - Minor Equipment Abuse.

THE WACA is aware of the players with overflow penalties from last season. I believe one player may have made enquiries with the Peel Association.

There is a P&D following the meeting.

FIXTURES AND GRADINGS

Gary advised that fixtures were very tough. He is not overly happy with the result but as always it is the best that we could with what we had. We need to do something about ground issues, not allowing clubs to have preference to grounds within their own municipality is very strange.

Gary has had a couple of queries about neutral grounds. As mentioned in my notice to clubs, On some days only two allocated grounds are available for the four matches. This means you have to go down to the club's next available ground - if they have one. On other days there may be six grounds available for the four matches. This may create a situation where one week a club plays at their second ground and the next week their allocated ground is not used. Sometimes there is no ground available for either team, so we need to go to a neutral venue. Hours are spent trying to resolve problems and we are never totally satisfied with the result, but it is the best we can come up with. When clubs look at the fixtures they look specifically at their club's perspective and probably scratch their heads as to why things are done the way they are.

There was a query on why Riverton Rostrata dropped to ODB after playing off in ODA Grand Final the previous season. Also, why Armadale remained in Fifth Grade after being so successful the previous season. David King explained the reasons including the fact that Perth Tamil and Kelmscott had requested Fourth Grade.

AGENDA ITEMS

From Peter Anderson

Peter requested that Norm provide a Position Description for the Umpires Advisor at the next meeting.

Peter was concerned about an incident caught on Frogbox where it appears there something said to an umpire who reacts to the words but does not make a report of any kind. Norm has spoken to both umpires who believe a report was not required. Peter felt that the umpires had missed an opportunity to continue what the SMCA has been trying to enforce in relation to player behaviour. Peter requested that Norm communicate to the umpires that they must make reports where player behaviour warrants it.

There are still clubs who have not contacted previous clubs for Transfers. Will need to issue a reminder, otherwise we will look to impose penalties.

Champion Lakes; their Committee and there lack of administration is a concern; Round 1 and Round 4 as examples. There was discussion on this. Champion Lakes had approached Cricket West with a request to go to any other association which was declined. Round 1 they did not have a ball at the time to start play. Round 4 they didn't turn up for a Sunday match. Although they nominated a two-day side they are still unhappy that they only found out about this side from another club. It was agreed that the President write to the club with a 'show cause' notice from Champion Lakes as to how the club will prevent incidences of a similar nature from occurring in the future?

Correspondence from Alec Grainger; would like to flesh this concept out more as there is merit around the proposal - Will need to go to General Meeting for discussion and then AGM for ratification.

From Graeme Knapp SJ Blues

Has the SMCA considered that due to these changes in fixturing to reduce the qualification for one day games in the grades sides to games to 3.

Currently you must have played 4 games to qualify in the one day competition. As there are 2 sets of Saturday/Sunday fixtures and all of them being one dayers, this is distinctively unfair to players who work away who in normal fixtures would only miss 2 matches but now miss 4 and would be now ineligible to play finals. It should be a minimum of 3 matches in the 1 day competition to give clubs an opportunity to qualify these players based on their availability due to work commitments.

If the required playing days is not flexible for the 4 days then any 2 day games with in the one day calendar should be included. As you only require 6 playing days, out of a possible 21, to play in the 2 day finals this hardly makes sense. To play in the 1 day final you would require to play 57% of matches but for the 2 day final you only need to play 28.5%.

The alternative would be to drop our players from 2nd grade and play them in our ODD team which makes no sense in regards to the competition for them to qualify.

Not sure if this is something that has been raised previous but has been brought to my attention to seek clarification on. We don't feel as though we will be the only team impacted by these fixturing challenges and want to ensure that we are operating within the spirit of the game in selecting our sides.

After discussion it was agreed to leave the qualification for the one-day final as is.

From Alec Grainger

Could you pass this on the SMCA committee please. This is the general feedback from speaking to plenty over the weekend including some opposition.

I believe the Sunday matches went down a treat as they had multiple forfeits. I know we struggled to put a 3s on the park and had no interest so may as well have been a forfeit as no one wants to play Sunday cricket and the overall SMCA committee just doesn't seem to get it. I can't guarantee we won't just forfeit 3s in 5 weeks time as it's fairly ridiculous and that just makes the comp somewhat of a joke. We had 57 say n/a to Sunday and those that played and are married with kids etc are all in marriage counselling now.

Instead of it continually being a "we have no choice but to play a Sunday or two with 21 days of cricket needed", can there just be some sensible consideration going forward by the SMCA committee. I suggest as below the most simple of solutions.

The F15 format already provides the method and now it's first past the post and the points are all different this would work going forward...

Split the two day comp one day matches in to two pools of 4 for the one day games in 1st to 7th grade (if there's a 6 team comp then they just get an extra week free and stiff).

3 games head to head, top 2 from each pool in to a semi final on the 4th day. Grand final on the 5th day. 19 week comp and no Sundays needed. No one cares or should be given a choice that 4 teams will effectively be in a bye on the Semi final week and 6 teams on the Grand final week, that's just how it works out and you can get clubs to have social days and support whoever is in the finals on those days. The finals can be played on the last two Saturdays prior to the Christmas break also which means those byes for some teams have minimal impact as it's Christmas time and school holidays and people can have a life. Clubs also have less struggle filling one day grades on those weeks with a greater pool of players to pick from.

It really is a head in the sand concept otherwise to think Sundays are still a solution going forward and this MUST play 21 days and MUST play every single Saturday died many moons ago when the working and social life of many changed. For all those that don't want a day or two off during the season, they can

still go to a one day grade on that week if they must and there would be plenty that won't complain about a day or two break near Christmas and also allow for greater club social days once or twice.

To be considered further

From Gary Hartman

I think we need to proceed with no Sunday cricket, except finals, for the future.

My suggestion is to save a week by playing one of the seven two day matches as a one-day match under two-day conditions. This has been discounted in the past because clubs may miss out on points as they can't win by an outright or gain extra points in the second innings.

I believe this may be overcome by having a bonus points system in this two-day match played on the one day. 40 overs each, no bowling restrictions and no second innings.

- If the game is won in less than 20 overs the winning team receives 10 bonus points.
- If the game is won in between 20 to 25 overs the winning team receives 8 bonus points.
- If the game is won in between 25 to 30 overs the winning team receives 6 bonus points.
- If the game is won in between 30 to 35 overs the winning team receives 4 bonus points.
- If the game is won in between 35 to 39 overs the winning team receives 2 bonus points.
- If the game is won in the 40th over, then no bonus points will be awarded.

These over and points can be adjusted if not what is wanted, and this idea may be stupid, but I offer it as a suggestion.

I ran this idea past Graeme Ashley and his response was;
There is no doubt almost no one wants Sunday games.

Having said that I am not happy with tampering with a two day fixture. Perhaps we could just have 6 one day fixtures !! I know this will get the usual it isn't fair because we get to play a top side and others play bottom sides. With the less points on offer for a one day fixture I'm not sure this is too much of an issue.

I also don't believe you can't change anything for this season. By all means work on this for future seasons, but to change things to this degree isn't ideal I believe.

I think the one day final should be on a Sunday - people understand they have to play finals on Sunday. Players generally try to be available for finals.

From David King

I would to add to Gary's idea that we play a One-Day game under his proposed Bonus set.

We need to remove that Sunday fixture. Two options we have are.

Option 1

- Move round 10 fixture 9/12/23-16/12/23 to 6/1/24 play under the proposed rules
- Move Round 8 fixture 26/11/23 to 9/12/23
- No fixtures 16/12/23 grades 1-7
- Play One Day Grand Finals 17/12/23

Option 2

- Play Round 10 fixture under the proposed rules 16/12/23
- Move Round 8 fixture to 26/11/23 to 9/12/23
- Play One Day Grand Finals 17/12/23

I think it can be done and we have the power to do it.

There was lengthy discussion on both Gary's item and David's suggestion to get around the coming Sunday fixture.

The options were to leave the fixtures as they are, drop the coming Sunday fixture all together or use Gary's option with Option 2 from David's suggestions. There was further discussion on if this should be taken to the clubs by email or decided upon by the committee.\

It was finally agreed to leave the fixtures as they are, with the Sunday fixture on 26 November.

From Norm Harris

All matters from Norm had already been covered.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Jacob Landsmeer wanted two items discussed at the next meeting. White balls and 12:30pm start for all matches.

CLOSURE: The meeting closed at 7:39pm.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Executive Meeting 4 December – 6:00pm.