

# South Metropolitan Cricket Association

Minutes of the Pre SGM-Committee Meeting  
19 September 2022



**PRESENT:** Paul Speering, Mark Rice, Peter Anderson, Mario Baeli, Ian Del Rosso, David King, Jacob Landsmeer, Norm Harris, Shamez Salim, Mark Iannello,

**APOLOGIES:** John Griffin, Gary Hartman, Graham Santich, Stephen Kemp

The meeting was opened at 6pm

## **AGENDA ITEMS :**

**Discussion on the SGM motions and the Decision to elevate the JVP to Acting President.**

Paul Speering (PS) discussed how the personal situation he faced resulted in some quick decision making at the time. He felt it was appropriate to ask Peter Anderson (PA), although he is the current Junior Vice President (JVP), to act as President until the situation was resolved. PS believed that it wasn't in the best interests of the Association, or fair on the newly elected Senior Vice President (SVP), to act in this position due to the limited experience he had been able to get on the Executive Committee (EC). This arrangement had been accepted by the EC.

Subsequently the decision making of the EC under this structure was challenged by some member clubs, given it did not strictly follow the Constitution clause 27.6.

PA advised that he had verbal discussions with the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) and they advised this would not have been an issue if challenged as the EC has the right (under section 26 of the SMCA Constitution) to make decisions in the best interests of the EC and manage the affairs of the Association.

Given a motion was initially made to challenge decisions made under this structure, PA decided to vacate the role and allow current SVP Mark Rice (MR) to Act as President as per the Constitution. This alleviated the concerns of the member clubs and any motion around this was withdrawn.

**From Phoenix, Maddington, East Fremantle and Leeming Spartans Cricket Clubs**

- 1. Ratify decision made at last year's presidents and captains meeting with regards to one day A,B,C to be placed in the gradings after 4<sup>th</sup> grade so the gradings would go as follows 1,2,3,4 grade two day grades A,B,C one day grades 5,6,7 two day grades D,E,F,G one day grades**

**Discussion:** General discussion from all on the merits of the above, it was agreed by all that this structure was promised to be trialled and ultimately did not occur, but it was also decided that the structure be presented to clubs as follows:

1234 AB 567 CDEFG as an alternative, it was also discussed that appropriate wording be added to the bylaws to be able to satisfy player movements under this Structure.

*(Possibly change the terminology without changing the intent to something like:*

*The top four (4) Two-Day Grades, followed by the top two (2) One-Day Only Grades, then the remaining Two-Day Grades, followed by the remaining One-Day Grades.*

*This allows for the creation of further One-Day Only Grades (or Two-Day Grade) as needed without causing dramas)*

David King had proposed some wording around this and will revisit this to present to the Executive for consideration and adding to the bylaws for this season.

Norm Harris (NH) advised it helped him with allocations and directing umpires to the one-day grades helped the older guys.

It was agreed that providing the structure alternative and placing 1DC behind 5,6,7<sup>th</sup> grades it maintains the integrity of the 2-day competition as well.

Decision: submit for discussion the alternative plan with the removal of C grade in the initial proposal.

## **2. Challenge the decision made by the executive to make all one-day grades 10 teams and revert to 8 teams**

Discussion: The Grading committee spreadsheet was tabled and discussed. It was agreed by all that this spreadsheet be tabled to the SGM to discuss the provision of 8 team grades where possible and meeting the agreed position of the clubs at the last AGM that the grades be fair and equitable.

It was discussed that there seemed to be correspondence (possibly GH suggestion of 10 team grades, "as much as possible" in the one day only grades, minuted in the GM dated 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022) with 6 team finals format, which there is scope for in the by - laws.

Discussion continued on the clash that a 6 team finals format would have with the final day of the Two Day Grade games of the regular season. It was agreed that having different finals structures within the Grades is not workable.

It was agreed that we do all we can to avoid the situation faced last year in the lower 1-day grades and provide as much "insurance" as possible to allow the grades to remain equitable all year.

It was also agreed that whether it was 8 or 10 it didn't matter so long as grades were equitable, with the unanimous agreement that as many 8 team One-Day Only Grades were provided, in line with Club nominations.

Decision: Present the Grading committee spreadsheet, which avoided the 6-team last grade and based on nominations received so far allows for A-D as 8 team grades and E-G as 10 teams. It was also agreed to a 4 team finals format for all One-Day Grades.

## **3. Debate the best and fairest way to implement the 8 team competition if passed by the members.**

Discussion: It was agreed that we have to work with the nominations received to date and the grades have been developed as fairly as possible.

**Decision: Grading Committee spreadsheet shows the intent to make all grades equitable.**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- 1. Shamez Salim (SS) advised the issues with Armadale refusing to provide clearances to players citing financial reason for refusing the clearances. It was proven these individuals had paid, Armadale claiming their books are being audited.**

**Decision: Clearances cannot be unreasonably withheld evidence of payment should suffice for clearances to be completed, SMCA bylaws take affect or else Mediation under a PnD to be convened.**

- 2: Discussion on any six (6) team Two-Day Grades being made 5 x Two Day matches and 10 x One-Day matches . All present agreed:**

**CLOSURE: The meeting was closed a 720 pm.**

**NEXT MEETINGS**

- 1. Committee Meeting - 17 October 2022**