

South Metropolitan Cricket Association

MINUTES of the Committee Meeting 17 October 2022

Venue: Thornlie - 6 PM



PRESENT: Peter Anderson (Chair) Mark Innanello, David King, Steven Kemp, Jacob Landsmeer, Norm Harris, Graham Santich, Gary Hartman, Ian Del Rosso, Mario Baeli, John Griffin (Minutes)

APOLOGIES: Paul Speering, Mark Rice, Shamiz Rashid

GUESTS:

MINUTES of PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING: 25 July 2022

Moved: Mario Baeli,

Seconded: Mark Innanello

APPROVED

MATTERS ARISING: Covered in General Business

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mark Rice

The 2022/23 has started well and there haven't been too many issues that have come to light.

A few small hiccups with P&Ds outstanding from last season, however these have now been rectified and the process is being reviewed for the better.

We dealt with the grading and fixtures very well and I want to thank everyone involved for this. Big shout out to Gary for the amazing work he does on the fixtures.

As a committee we need to remember that we need to communicate all issues with everyone. Even if the decision is quick and easy, we need to ensure that we are communicating and consulting with the wider committee. We must remain transparent to our member clubs.

An important note as well is that we as the committee and a wider cricketing community are in support of Paul and his request for time. He has served this association well over the past few seasons and deserves this time to ensure that his family, along with his personal health is concentrated on. We wish him all the best.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Gary Hartman

Thanks to Grading's Committee for job well done.

Fixtures were the usual, tougher as you work your way through the grades. Grounds issues this season were the worst they have ever been – City of Armadale made it tough and there was a flow on effect into all one-day grades.

I have worked on a breakdown of report procedures which has been provided for your consideration. The By-Laws committee may need to look at more consistency in deadline times.

Clearances keep rolling in and I check MyCricket numerous times a day to ensure they are granted as soon as possible. No need to text or email for them to be dealt with.

Regarding texts, I would prefer not to be contacted by text. If you must bypass the Secretary, then please email. All my cricket matters are on my computer and sometimes I may be unable to deal with a text at the time and then may forget it. Emails will always be there when I next go to the computer.

In relation to emails – the admin@smcacricket.com email was turned into the address from which SMCA forms are sent some years ago. I do not monitor the old admin address; clubs were advised at the time. All communication is required to go via the secretary and for this reason I do not have an email address listed on the SMCA web site, most committee members don't.

F15, 6 clubs have nominated. I propose each team plays each other once for a total of 5 rounds and then a semi-final (1 v 4 and 2 v 3) before a grand final. Proposed dates are 22/11, 29/11, 5/12, 12/12 10/1, 17/1 (semis) and final on 24/1.

Fines, just the one fine for failing to provide a captain's report on umpires – I did send a reminder form to the clubs who were late and only one did not submit the form after the reminder. With the committee's permission I would like not to fine the clubs for the forfeits on 8 October or for the team withdrawals which all occurred before the one-day matches started. It has been a tough start to the season.

There were some issues with MyCricket leading up to 1 October. Teams were showing as TBD, I believe MyCricket has resolved this problem. There are still issues with live scoring and also clubs only submitting their own scores and not the oppositions.

I will be away in Melbourne for 5 days from 26 October. Will be monitoring emails and MyCricket as normal.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mario Baeli

13 clubs have paid their club affiliation fees to date.

Recommend that fines incurred to date be waived. **AGREED Unanimously**

IPADS Kenwick have enquired about iPad reimbursement. Mario to check with Graeme Ashely to see if they have been reimbursed previously. Canning Vale CC can be reimbursed for an IPAD - (Note - receipts are required to affect payment).

Current bank balances are:

General Account: \$42,344.94

Cash Reserve Account: \$38,886.50

UMPIRE'S ADVISOR: Norm Harris

1. Umpires in White Shirts for One Day Cricket

Do we survey the Clubs & Team Captains if there are any issues with the White Ball & Umpires existing Shirts?

This being said however, timing of decisions regarding the season made it difficult to organise new shirts for the umpires in time. A simple suggestion would be to wear the blue polo shirt for the remainder of the games if this continues to be an issue.

Discussion occurred on this matter and after consideration, it was decided to see the season out as is and introduce coloured umpire shirts next season.

2. Umpires Match Payment Request

Umpires are requesting for an increase in match payment fees. It was going to be raised with Cricket West to provide information.

Discussion occurred on this matter ensued. Current umpire payments are \$130 per Saturday (paid fortnightly) with a qualification bonus of \$10 per match paid at end of the season for qualified umpires. The agreement with Cricketwest is that umpire payments are the same across all Associations.

After some deliberation, it was AGREED to raise Umpire payments with Cricketwest.

3. Our By Laws - Input & update re some of the new Law changes

Work has been done on improving the bylaws.

It was AGREED that when the P&D is deliberating on the outcome of a P&D after the presentation of the evidence by all parties, no other persons shall be in the room.

4. Umpire numbers are down at present.

Any thoughts as to how we can attract any New Umpires

Umpire numbers are down across all Associations. Strategies are needed to attract and retain umpires. Increased payments may be a solution, advertising through the various media platforms is another.

To be raised at Cricketwest.

5. Recently held P & D's & the penalties handed down.

Different people have expressed their concerns to me personally in a verbal manner about the outcomes from the recent P & D's.

We may need to discuss other penalties to be imposed onto players other than match day suspension.

Discussion occurred on this occurred. Gary has worked on the bylaws to address ambiguities and the processes.

CRICKETWEST: JG

1. Cricketwest Meeting – not held

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS:

1. EFCC – Request for Mr Sammut to have an exemption from wearing a

Helmet.

Thanks for taking time to read this. I just wanted to run this past you as the Umpires Advisor to see if you think it worth pursuing?

Being colourblind I require the use of colour-enhancing glasses to separate the red ball from surrounding green and brown structures in the cricket arena (pitch, grass, trees etc). Unfortunately, with the advent of strict helmet laws it is impossible to wear these glasses within the helmet as they are of the wrap-around design with poor ventilation which of course fog-up inside the humidity of a helmet. For the past 30 years I have safely negotiated my way through countless matches, including top grade, without a helmet for this very reason but I of course appreciate the duty of care incumbent upon Cricket Australia, the SMCA and my local club East Fremantle. However, it a hinderance and increased hazard, especially at age 50, to bat without my glasses not seeing the ball properly.

It is for this reason that I seek an exemption from wearing a helmet, as to be honest, the only alternative for me is to retire from the game completely. I would be more than happy to compromise by way of caveats such as not playing 1st eleven cricket in one- or two-day formats and signing a disclaimer from the Association acknowledging that I play solely at my own risk and cannot seek medical insurance etc for any injuries sustained by myself in the course of playing.

Sorry to burden you with this Norm but I am really at the crossroads of quitting this great game completely which is hard to accept when I still have the passion.

Mark Rice spoke with James from the WACA who said that this would be an issue to be raised with Cricket Australia. The player would need to have all evidence (letter from doctor, proof of reason for exemption and club committee support). This would then be raised to Cricket Australia.

ACTION: EFCC to be notified that no exemption will be granted at this time

Peter Anderson informed the meeting that he was aware that some players in two clubs were not wearing a helmet (no official umpires).

Discussion occurred and it was AGREED that the two clubs be written to notifying that helmets are compulsory in all grades as be Bylaws. It was noted that the two clubs did not attend the AGM or General meeting's held during the year.

BYLAWS

Gary Hartman

REPORT BY OFFICIAL UMPIRE:

The umpire shall make every effort to notify the captain and/or the alleged offending person verbally as to the nature of the report. A SMCA appointed official umpire shall advise the Umpires Advisor immediately after the match. The Umpires Advisor shall submit all details of the report online through the SMCA Web Site (Player Report Form) before 10:00am on the day after play.

Once the report is received by the SMCA Administrator he shall liaise with the SMCA Secretary and Tribunal Chairman to arrange a date for the Tribunal.

The club involved shall be advised by the Player Report Form email or SMS of the report and date/time/location of Tribunal before 1pm on the day after the play. The Player Report Form can

be completed by either the Administrator or the Secretary, using the form previously submitted by the Umpires Advisor adding date/time/location of Tribunal in the Administrators Comments (this part appears at top of email that is sent to recipients). Recipients should include the Umpires Advisor, Umpire, if possible, Tribunal Chairman and at least two members of the Club involved. The Team Captain is also required at the Tribunal. It is the Clubs responsibility to advise the offending player and his captain.

At the Tribunal the umpire should provide the hard copy form completed at the time of the report. The Convener shall take details of the hearing and submit them via the online Protests and Disputes form. The Tribunal should set any penalty as playing dates and not games or matches. An end date for the penalty should be included.

Any appeal to the decision of the Tribunal must be submitted to the Association Secretary within 24 hours of the decision by the original Tribunal – see By-Law 67 for further details.

A Tribunal, made up of different members from the original Tribunal other than the Convener, shall then be arranged. The result of any appeal to this Tribunal shall be final.

REPORT BY UNOFFICIAL UMPIRE AND OTHERS:

An unofficial umpire, member of the opposing team, club official, Association Official or scorer shall make every effort to notify the captain and/or the alleged offending person verbally as to the nature of the report. The report should then be made to the Association Secretary, through the club committee, by e-mail, prior to 10.00pm on the day of play in which the player was reported. The Secretary shall then provide access to the club submitting the report to log in to the SMCA Web Site so the report can be submitted on-line.

Once the report is received by the SMCA Administrator he shall liaise with the SMCA Secretary and Tribunal Chairman to arrange a date for the Tribunal.

Same procedure from here as per report from an official umpire.

QUESTIONING FINE/PENALTY/SUSPENSION BY-LAW 69

Any appeal to a fine/penalty/suspension imposed on items listed in By-Law 69 must be submitted, by email, to the Tribunal, through the SMCA Secretary. The appeal email is the submission to the Tribunal and should include full details of the reason for the appeal.

The Tribunal will consider the appeal and give their decision, by email, to the SMCA Secretary. Any appeal made must be submitted within 24 hours of the notification of penalty. The decision of the Tribunal shall be final.

The Tribunal may request an in-person hearing should they deem more information is necessary.

PRESCRIBED PENALTIES (Official umpires only)

BY-LAW 65: Should an official umpire deem it necessary to provide a player/s with a Prescribed Penalty he should fill out the two hard copy forms and give one to the player, or his team captain or a club representative and make a note in the scorebook.

The official umpire shall then advise the Umpires Advisor immediately after the match. The Umpires Advisor shall submit all details of the Prescribed Penalty online through the SMCA Web Site (Prescribed Penalty Form) before 10:00am on the day after play.

Once the notice is received by the SMCA Administrator he shall arrange for the notice to be forwarded to the players club by noon on the day after play.

Any player offered a Prescribed Penalty may elect to accept the penalty for the offence which that player is reported. Should a player wish the matter to be heard by the Tribunal, notification should be made to the Association Secretary by email or SMS prior to 2.00pm on the day after play in which the player was reported.

A lack of notification to the Association by the deadline will invoke the penalty for the offence which that player was reported for.

CAUTIONS (Official umpires only)

BY-LAW 64: Official umpires may issue a caution to any player who has committed a minor breach of the code of conduct, spirit of cricket or the playing rules of the SMCA. The umpire shall request the player to sign the Player Caution Form to signify his notification of the caution.

Refusal to sign the Player Caution Form will invoke an immediate four (4) playing date suspension on the player cautioned and the offending player's team captain.

The official umpire shall advise the Umpires Advisor immediately after the match. The Umpires Advisor shall submit all details of the Caution online through the SMCA Web Site (Caution Form) before 10:00am on the day after play.

Once the notice is received by the SMCA Administrator he shall arrange for the notice to be forwarded to the players club by noon on the day after play.

The Bylaw amendments were agreed to with some changes.

PROTESTS AND DISPUTES

1. Mr Dwarakonath Conakgnala – Aramdale CC – matter has been dealt with.

2. Matthew Leipold – SJ Blues- matter have been dealt with.

Both these incidences were carry overs from last season due to the effect of COVID, late submissions of reports, unavailability of P&D members and misinterpretation of relevant bylaws.

FIXTURES AND GRADINGS

1. **Team withdrawals** – CBC, Willetton, Phoenix and Armadale from One day Competition.

2.Belt Up Community Cup Fixtures – 7 team have nominated, recommended playing dates. During meeting, notification received from SJ Blues that they were not entering team. Fixtures to be reconfigured now that it is a six team (elimination) competition

Round 1 - 23rd October

Round 2 – 13th November

Round 3 – 4th December

AGENDA ITEMS

Nil Received

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Ground Issues** – This season has saw an abnormal number of grounds being unavailable and has made fixturing difficult. Ground availability in in the SouthWest Corridor has been a major problem.
2. **Afternoon teas – from Champion Lakes** It would be helpful (and unambiguous) if SMCA takes one stance, i.e., either we allow afternoon tea or not. Leaving it open ended is causing some confusion/inconvenience amongst Clubs and disparity between the teams under the same club. It is not going to be practical each week for clubs to check on this. If councils have lifted the restrictions, I suppose SMCA can follow the suit. If not, make it clear that we follow the same protocol as last year, so every club manages their own tea with no confusion.

After discussion it was AGREED that with the easing of COVID restrictions the relevant Bylaw would apply from now on – the home team to provide after teas.

Notice to be placed on the SMCA website

3. **Women's Comp** – as PWSL are running the competition this season (again) and should consideration be given for the SMCA to run a F15 comp for the teams that have nominated in the SMCA team nomination process.

To be investigated.

4. **Radio Sponsorship** – Norm Harris asked if Sunscreen would be provided this season as part of the radio sponsorship. This is now longer available to the passing of Colin Minson. Inquiries to be made
5. **2nd Grade Coloured Shirts** – Coloured playing shirts are to be used in 2nd grade one day matches.

CLOSURE: The meeting closed at 7.05 PM

NEXT MEETING:

1. **Committee Meeting - 5 DECEMBER 2022**, Location to be advised. Ian Del Rosso to book a suitable venue.