

# South Metropolitan Cricket Association

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023



Venue: Thornlie CC – 7 pm

### SMCA Committee Present:

**Mark Rice President** (Chair), Peter Anderson, David King, Shamez Salim, Ian Del Rosso, Mario Baeli, Graham Santich, Steve Kemp, Jacob Landsmeer, Mark Iannello, Norm Harris

**Clubs Present:** All clubs present except (PTCC Apology), (Champion Lakes – Absent)

**APOLOGIES:** Gary Hartman, Perth Tamil CC

Absent: Champion Lakes CC

1: Matters Arising from **Previous AGM 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022:** Mark Rice President, Read out the previous AGM minutes. (Previous minutes attached)

No business Arising from these minutes recorded.

**2: Presidents Report:** Mark Rice delivered the Presidents Report (Attached)

**3: Treasurers Report:** Mario Baeli delivered the /Treasurer report, last year's actual financial statement was discussed in depth, SMCA made a surplus, several factors were discussed that contributed materially to the \$3000 surplus.

Lower than expected insurance costs, fines, under budget Windup and CW Rep teams, Insurance was over budgeted, and this has been adjusted in the Team Affiliation payments for this year, bearing in mind the new play HQ will see insurance payment be made on player registration and not through SMCA as per previous years.

Team affiliation fees decreased by \$250.00 per team due to SMCA not having to pay insurance per team.

Umpire payments have been budgeted for an increase this year.

### 4: Appointment of Honorary Positions:

Nominations were received for these positions as per SMCA constitution requirements.

1. Administrator: Gary Hartman
2. Secretary: Gary Hartman
3. Treasurer: Mario Baeli
4. Umpires Advisor: Norm Harris

There were no other nominations for these positions.

The nominated individuals were endorsed by the clubs present.

John Griffin's impeccable service was acknowledged, he served as SMCA Secretary the past 4 years, Snr VP and on the committee for many years, he has decided to retire from this position and the SMCA committee and the executive endorsed Gary Hartman to fulfill this role and also the Administrator role.

John's service to the SMCA, Cricket West and the Committee was very much appreciated, and our gratitude and thanks for a difficult job well done.

## **5: ELECTION of OFFICE Bearers**

After presentation of reports all positions were spilled.

1: Patron: Brian Waterer was again nominated as Patron; this was endorsed by the club's present

2: **President of the SMCA:** Mark Rice was nominated by Peter Anderson (Maddington) and Steve Kemp (Kenwick), no other nominations were received, and Mark Rice was elected unopposed.

3: **Senior Vice President:** two nominations received: Peter Anderson, Nominated by Mark Iannello (Phoenix), and David King (Nominated by Graham Santich Cockburn), no other nominees presented. Both men left the room, and a vote by show of hands, was taken. Peter Anderson was endorsed by most clubs present and elected Senior Vice President.

4: **Junior Vice President: Steve** Kemp was nominated for the role by David King and Peter Anderson, no other nominations received, and Steve Kemp was elected Junior VP.

## **5 General Committee Members:**

Graham Santich, Mark Iannello advised they were not nominating for the committee, both gentlemen were thanked for their services to the committee and the SMCA, Graham being a past President and then general committee for many years, has served the SMCA community tirelessly.

There were no new nominations for the general committee: The following remain on the committee:

David King, Ian Del Rosso, Shamez Salim, Jacob Landsmeer. Anyone who may want to join, or assist is encouraged to out their hand up any time.

## **6: Agenda Items:**

### **1: Amendments to By-Laws: The changes were distributed pre meeting and discussed:**

Michael Carmody (EFCC) raised the issue of Team List and sought amendment to the revised by laws 7a, and harsh penalties around the non-production of team sheets. This was supported by Matt Watson (CCC)

This topic was debated at length: including the unknown features on the new PlayHQ format, also on the basis that using electronic means or the card in the back of the scorebook was enough, and efforts should be made to reduce paperwork where possible. Jason Patton (Umpires) said team sheets were handy for the umpires.

It was resolved to amend the by law and remove the requirement for player IDs and rely on technology given encouragement to use electronic scoring.

**As not all clubs had time to review the amended by-laws additional time has been given to review the new by-laws document (download from SMCA Website) for comment prior to, and for endorsement at the Club General meeting 14<sup>th</sup> August.**

Michael Carmody (EFCC) asked if the info for clubs and Captains was to be issued this year? He noted there were some inconsistencies with the by-laws, and which takes precedent. The intent of the information sheets to clubs and Captains was discussed, to ensure they were consistent with the new by-laws.

**2: Play HQ:** with the implementation of play HQ, the clubs were asked to endorse the executive to make minor changes to the laws, where the change do not materially affect the intent of the clauses or particular by law: **Motion endorsed unanimously by all clubs presents.**

**3: Consideration be given to having just one official umpire at first grade matches, to have official umpires at as many games as possible.**

The motion was debated at length: The umpires present (Jason Patten, Graham Santich) raised pertinent issues, surrounding, this proposal, including how do you train umpires to make first grade without the mentoring aspect, one of the attractants of umpire first grade as the 2 umpire system, it was suggested that incentive may need to be applied to encourage aspiration to be a first grade umpire or to do games on their own.

Jacob Landsmeer (Willeton) and Peter Anderson SVP, debated the need to spread the umpires , especially in light of the player behavior issues that persisted last season that more umpire though the grades will only help this aspect alone, it was also noted that umpire stocks are thin, however the fact remains that with 2 umpires per game in first grade, it leave only 15 to service the other grades.

Discussion then centered on umpire remuneration and increasing from \$130-\$160 for accredited umpires and consideration be given for a 1<sup>st</sup> grade incentive bonus.

It was resolved that options for this motion be formulated by the executive and be presented at the preseason Club GM, including remuneration position for the 23/24 season.

***Unanimously endorsed by all club's present.***

**4: Consideration be given to changing type of trophies given to lower grades given perceived lack of interest in them form lower grades.**

Peter Anderson opened the discussion by noting the surplus trophies after the wind-up and that some clubs didn't attend or simply left after their trophy was presented. This mainly came from the lower grades; it was floated we look at the trophies and revert to a "Virtual" Trophy cabinet on the SMCA website rather than physical trophies.

It was noted that the SMCA did not have any storage capability and that perpetual trophies and years' worth of unclaimed trophies were in storage moved from club to club as storage became hard or club renovations were underway. This was a waste of SMCA funds if there was no interest in them.

Suggestions were made to hold a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2 grade trophy night only. Try to hold the trophy night on a more suitable night (Friday or Saturday) or after the season (lack of availability of a venue due to handovers an issue here).

***It was resolved by all clubs to review the windup and to perhaps trial the 1<sup>st</sup>/2nd grade Windup, along with recognition of trophy winners with the set-up of a virtual trophy cabinet.***

**5: Consideration be given to when a result has been achieved in a one day match the game will be finished.**

Peter Anderson explained why he felt this would be a good initiative, and had popular support, a one-day cricket revised ladder and points system was discussed, and this had been presented to all clubs prior to the meeting for them to consider.

There is the impression that "junk time" is a waste of time and this can cause frustration to the fielding team and lack of interest during the game.

Debate was opened on this topic, negatives raised by Kwinana CC, included players missing out on batting or bowling with games closing early, with not enough opportunity to play as a result.

Discussion around the points and how it could affect the two-day ladder composition, having two ladders and two separate competitions in the 2-day grades.

A point was raised about re grading sides that were dominating in lower grades, which then also created an issue of ground availability.

EFCC supports trialing it in all one-day grades, CBC supported completing a one-day game once the result has been achieved, Jason Patten (Umpires) also suggested looking at a mercy rule.

***At the end of the debate, a motion was agreed by all clubs that the executive explore this further and present to the clubs a position on completing one day games once a result has been achieved.***

Michael Carmody EFCC, suggested the be put to a vote the Presidents meeting or the annual GM of all Clubs prior to season commencing.

**ALL clubs' presents were strongly encouraged to submit an ideas/option's as well.**

#### **6: Consideration be given to a new set up for finals to better reward the higher finishing teams, and if this is something for the Executive to pursue.**

Jacob Landsmeer presented an explanation of ensuring the top teams in the grade were not punished for having one bad game, he cited several examples of teams who dominated this grade but bowed out losing to the 4<sup>th</sup> ranked team.

A finals format like a top 4, where 1 v 2 and 3 v 4 play off, with winner of 1 v 2 going to the GF whilst loser 1 v 2, plays off the next week of the winner of 3 v 4 for a GF spot.

This would create an extra week of finals given finals in the two-day grades would stretch over 3 weeks (Sat/Sun), compounding scheduling problems. Several councils are pressing to have playing fields handed back for Winter sports preparation mid-March as well as clubs with ladies' teams could be ground clashes with them as well

One possible option was to play the final 2-day game as a 1-day game under tow day rules to claw back the extra weekend.

***There was some interest from the clubs on this format, and a motion for the Executive to put up options on this finals format for voting at the Clubs/Presidents GM.***

#### **7.PLAY HQ ability for SUPER OVER.**

David King (Thornlie CC) presented the idea of one Day Finals being decided by super over, given the new play HQ format had the ability to add this feature as an option for competitions.

Discussion on when it would be applied (all Semis and GFs) and there was support on applicability in the GFs only, and to trial in the mid seasons 1 Day Grand Finals.

***This was discussed and it was agreed for further development by the committee to present at the next Club/President GM prior to the season for vote.***

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

1: Mark Iannello (Phoenix) urged member clubs the next Club GM is very important with some of the reforms discussed tonight and to ensure that at this meeting that any attendees are decision makers or have the authority to do so.

2: Jace Williams (KLCC) brought up the issuance of prescribed penalties on the day of the game.

Norm Harris (Umpires Advisor) and Jason Patten (Umpire) advised on the updated process and changes that had been made including the additional time to be able to reply to any charges issued.

David King advised players/clubs now had till 2 pm the following day, to advise on accepting or challenging any charge.

3: Club Communication. Ian Del Rosso asked the attended clubs if they would be ok with a Whatsapp chat group which can be used to advise on important dates or to advise when to go to the SMCA website. Clubs to update their committee members pages for the group to be put together. All in agreement, this would enhance communications to the clubs on important issues.

4: Armadale CC enquired about an issue which resulted in a player playing for another club who had not been cleared by Armadale to do so.

David King explained how this could have occurred inadvertently. But club when clearing players need to ensure they have followed the correct protocols and if in any doubt seek advice from the SMCA administrator, it is hoped PlayHQ would be significantly better in this area than MyCricket.

5: Mario Baeli raised the issue with playing dates this season, and in a tight season there will be the need to perhaps play 2 games in a weekend or a regular season Sat/Sun 2-day game.

It seemed most clubs wanted this out of the way earlier in the season rather than later, where cricket interest is higher and weather better.

Clubs attending were open to 1 x 2-day weekend or 2 x 1 day games Sat/Sun. The 2 one day games seem more practical given selections/availability may be easier to manage.

6: Ian Del Rosso mentioned CW cup and that this will be dealt with as early as possible and urged Clubs present especially first and 2nd grade clubs to promote and put forward players for squads. Once time frames are known we will advise further but usually CW cup is held 1<sup>st</sup> weekend end after New year's, likely 6-7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024.

Squads will be put together by October for training runs November/December, last year's Captains are invited to continue in their roles, and it was acknowledged the hard work they put in to make this happen.

It is also likely that a female CW Rep team will be needed. (TBC)

7: David King raised: City of Gosnells clubs to contact the City now to advise of the cricket season start and footy season completion to put pressure on them to bring their maintenance period forward.

Meeting closed at 2109 hrs.

Next meeting Executive Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023.

Attachments: Presidents Report , Approved Budget for 23/24 Presidents Report –

2022/2023 season

Good evening, all,

Thanks for making yourselves available tonight to attend the 2023 SMCA Annual General Meeting.

Firstly, I just wanted to send continual well wishes to Paul Speering and his family. I was never expecting to be in the Presidents role of this association, especially in my first year being involved, and the circumstances in which I was promoted were unfortunate to say the least. We hope that all is well for the Speering's and want to remind Paul that we are here if needed.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in this position. It has been a significant undertaking of time and energy, however, a very enjoyable one that I hope I can continue in the future. As an association, we understand that we will never make everyone happy, however, we do hope that we are remaining on the right path and continuing to grow and promote the sport effectively within the South Metro area.

The 2022/2023 season was our first post Covid-19 season where we saw no loss in game days played. Covid-19 is still popping up within the community and the SMCA Committee are continually monitoring any state government recommendations and applying these accordingly. This will continue through the 2023/2024 season as well.

This past season we saw the addition of a new club, Canning Vale, previously of the PSCA. Canning Vale brought across three teams and added further competition within their respective grades. We hope that Canning Vale enjoyed their first season in the SMCA and look forward to watching the club grow within our association.

This past season, we saw some very competitive cricket being played across all the grades with some exceptional personal accolades earned as well. Unfortunately, within this season, we saw an increase in poor player behaviour, with additional Protests and disputes tribunals being held compared to previous years. The SMCA holds a very strong stance on player behaviour including umpire/official respect and this will remain a strong focus moving forward into the upcoming season. Whilst the SMCA is making this a strong focus, it is imperative that the clubs are also following suite and ensuring that player behaviour and respect of officials and umpires is enforced internally at the club level too. We hope to see a large improvement this upcoming season with a reduction in the number of Protests and Disputes tribunals that will be required.

The 2022/2023 season saw one especially significant incident. This matter is still being dealt with externally and the SMCA will act accordingly once we are able to do so.

I would like to make a special thank you to the SMCA Umpires. Whilst many of the players may show frustration towards the umpires at one time or another, we all understand that without you, our association will struggle to function effectively. Unfortunately, the number of umpires that the SMCA has is still too low. In an ideal world, we would like to have an official umpire provided to every match being played. The SMCA umpires are always looking for additional umpires and if anyone is interested, please reach out to Norm Harris, the Umpires Advisor, who will be able to assist with registration. In the interim, the SMCA committee, the SMCA umpires and the clubs will continue to investigate effective alternatives for match officials, especially within the lower grades.

Moving forward to the upcoming season, whether I am still in this position or not, I hope that the SMCA committee will be able to provide guidance and solutions that make sense for cricket today. It is important that any member of the committee, whether new or returning, remains open to new

ideas or previous ideas. Even if an idea has been put forward before and voted no, does not mean that it may not be the best solution now. Times change, people change, cricket has changed, and we need to make sure we all remain adaptable to this change.

To close out, I wanted to make two special thank you. Firstly, to Mark Iannello, who is stepping down from his role on the committee due to work commitments. In my short time on the committee, I have seen your dedication to the sport and the association. I speak for everyone on the committee and thank you for your service and wish you all the best in the future. I am sure that we will still see you around the grounds in many years to come. Secondly, to John Griffin. John has dedicated the last decade of his time to this association and his wealth of experience and knowledge will be sorely missed in the coming seasons. John and I worked very closely on several matters this season and it was a very enjoyable experience. I have learnt a lot from John and wish him all the best in his future endeavours. Thank you to both Mark and John.

I look forward to the upcoming season and know that there remain many things we must continue to work on within the SMCA. I hope to continue working closely with the committee and the clubs to better the sport within our association.

Kind Regards,

Mark Rice

President

South Metropolitan Cricket Association

SOUTH METROPOLITAN CRICKET ASSOCIATION (Inc)  
DRAFT BUDGET 2023/24

Income:		Budget 2023/2024		Actual 2022/23	Budget 2022/2023
Affiliation:	Club Affiliation	23000	1000 per club	24000	23000
	Team Affiliation	28250	250 per team	45200	45000
	Umpires	200			200
	<b>Total Affiliation:</b>	<b>51450</b>		<b>69200</b>	<b>68200</b>
Other Income:	Bank Interest			300.79	
	Cricket West Reimbursements				
	Cricket West Develop Grant	23000		30500	17500
	Fines	5000		5010	5000
	<b>Sponsorship</b>				
	Healthway Grants	0		0	
	Kookaburra	0		0	
	Umpire Levy- Semi Finals	11300	100 per team	11300	11300
	Wind Up Levy	6200		5900	6200
	<b>Total Other Income:</b>	<b>45500</b>		<b>53010.79</b>	<b>40000</b>
	Insurance Refund for Overpayment 2020/21	0			0
	<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>96950</b>		<b>122210.79</b>	<b>108200</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>					
Administration:	Auditor	500		0	500
	Accounting Software	600		580	
	<b>Total Administration:</b>	<b>1100</b>		<b>580</b>	<b>500</b>
Awards/Gifts:	Medallions/Pennants	7000		7780.65	6000
	Trophies	3000		2994.75	2000
	<b>Total Awards:</b>	<b>10000</b>		<b>10775.4</b>	<b>8000</b>

	Umpires Coaching/Development	6000		4895	6000
	<b>Total Training And Development</b>	<b>8000</b>		<b>6926</b>	<b>8000</b>
Wind Up:		7000		7200	6000
<b>Total Expense:</b>		<b>\$93,640</b>		<b>\$101,851.72</b>	<b>\$104,400.00</b>
<b>Net Income/Loss</b>		<b>\$3,310 surplus</b>		<b>\$20,359.07</b>	<b>\$3,800</b>

Bank Balance	As at April 30 2023	
	Westpac Cheque Account	\$44,238.97
	Westpac Savings Account	\$39,141.69
	Bank Interest on Savings Account	\$300.79