

South Metropolitan Cricket Association

MINUTES of the Committee Meeting 4 December 2023

Venue: Last Local, Canning Vale, 6:03pm



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

APOLOGIES: Shamez Rashid

ABSENT: Nil

GUESTS: Ian Hale, Graeme Ashley

MINUTES of PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE MEETING:

Moved by Peter Anderson, seconded by Mario Baeli that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 30 October 2023 be accepted. **CARRIED**

MATTERS ARISING:

Nil

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Appreciate everyone's attendance for our meeting tonight at The Last Local. Tonight, we do have a number of agenda items to soldier through, and with your help, hope to have most of these attended in a timely manner.

We have now completed the One Day home and away element of the Two Day fixtures. From all intents and purposes, it would appear as though the 'First past the post' concept was widely accepted by clubs participating in 1 - 4 Grades, and I do foresee a time when all of the Two Day grades will adopt this rule to play cricket. As part of this, I would also like to see One Day grades C - ??? remain as is to encourage the youth coming through and cricket played in good spirit.

I would like to thank all of the Committee Members for helping close out the 2023 Calendar year, in trying times, as we have a couple of outstanding issues within the Association, that as a collective, we would like to close out. It has been a reasonably successful first half of season, and here's hoping that the Cricket West Cup and the second half run just as smoothly.

As we look to reduce the effects of BAD player behaviour, I have been informed of a few incidents in and around the competition that remain a concern within the Association. However, I knew when we embarked on this mission, it was not going to be won overnight, and it is an issue that we will have to endure for some time until clubs, and teams, help curb the occurrence of said player behaviour.

We have received the response of the 'Show Cause' from CLCC which is pleasing to see. I will read this out, and do encourage responses from the Committee, however, the contents of the letter will remain 'closed' to the wider SMCA Community as I believe that detail contained within to be confidential in nature.

Throughout the course of the second half of the season, the Association will be working on methods to eliminate the need for Sunday home and away fixtures as clubs have spoken, and the Committee will look to discontinue Sunday fixtures from future fixturing from 2024/25 onwards. There are options on the table, and we will table these over the course of the next few Committee meetings before raising acceptable alternatives for clubs to discuss at the General Meeting for endorsement at the AGM.

As a final message, I would also like to take the opportunity to congratulate all the clubs and teams for making the one-day finals in their respective two grades and ask that each fixture is played in a manner fitting for a final played within the SMCA.

To all members of the Executive Committee, Life Members, member clubs, family and friends of the SMCA, please have a safe festive season, and enjoy time with your loved ones.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

I received a claim that Cockburn may have played a player contrary to By-Law 47e on Sunday 26/11. The player in question has been playing for the WACA and although he received a permit to play for Cockburn, the intent of the By-Law is that he should not have played for Cockburn on the Sunday as there was no WACA fixtured matches on that day. I have elected not to rate this match as a forfeit and fine to Cockburn as I am just not sure the wording of the By-Law is clear enough to stand up to appeal. Other clubs, upon seeking SMCA advice, have been advised not to play players on Sundays when the WACA doesn't have fixtured matches. It is not fair to the other clubs that Cockburn did play this player, especially given they had two teams forfeit against them. However, I believe the By-Law requires clearer wording to ensure the intent is clearer. Should the Executive direct me to submit the fine/forfeit I will do so. After discussion it was decided that Cockburn should be penalised for playing an unqualified player as per the By-Laws.

An email was received from Tim Grey-Smith from Hilton Bicton requesting a reduction of the Mid-Season Final Qualification from 4 days to 3. After consultation with the President and Vice President this was denied. This was confirmed by the Executive.

There has been some difficulty with a claim that a team did not provide a team list on the first day of a two-day match. This matter ended up before the P&D twice and after appeal will return to the P&D. David and I have suggested a By-Law change which will involve the match day referee and hopefully resolve this issue. This matter was resolved by a P&D prior to the meeting.

Fines

2nd December

Round 9 - ODF - Kwinana have forfeited their match against Phoenix \$100

26th November

Round 8 - Fifth Grade - Perth Tamil have forfeited their match against Kardinya Lakes - \$50

Round 8 - Sixth Grade - North Baldivis have forfeited their match against Cockburn - \$50

Round 8 - Sixth Grade - Kwinana have forfeited their match against Jandakot Park - \$100

Round 8 - Seventh Grade - Thornlie have forfeited their match against Cockburn - \$100

25th November

ODE - Forrestdale have forfeited their match against Piara Waters - \$100

3rd November

ODG - Roleystone Karragullen have withdrawn their ODG team - \$200.

The fines were endorsed by the Executive.

Windup – location, format trophies. After discussion it was agreed that the windup will be held at Kardinya again. Trophies would only be awarded to First and Second Grade, no trophies Third Grade down.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Westpac main account - \$91,375.11

Westpac Reserve - \$39,239.28

After discussion it was moved David King and seconded Peter Anderson that the Level 1 umpires receive a \$10 a day bonus and level 2 umpires receive a \$20 a day bonus.

CARRIED

Uniforms for Cricket West – budget \$5500, may go to \$7000.

UMPIRE'S ADVISOR:

26 active umpires, 1 umpire had retired. 3 umpires were sick, 4 involved in FIFO and 3 not that committed.

An umpire had been upset by comments made on YouTube. The player has apologised, and the umpire is satisfied with that.

There was discussion over players using GoPro cameras during a match. Permission must be sought.

There is a day night match at Briggs Park in the coming fixture, only one umpire will be allocated.

An umpire will be allocated to future Leeming Spartan v Forrestdale matches in both ODA and ODE.

CRICKETWEST:

Mark Iannello advised that future Kookaburra donations will be CPI based.

Affiliation document should have been forwarded by now.

CricketWest squads should be on PlayHQ by 15 December.

There were problems with numbers for the upcoming CricketWest Cup, especially in seniors.

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS:

It was moved Peter Anderson and seconded David King that a paragraph be added to the By-Law 7a (i). Change in red/bold.

7a (i) Captains must nominate the final team on a hard copy team list before the toss for choice of innings. Names on the team list must contain the player's full first name and full surname i.e.

John Smith. Captains must provide the umpire with a copy and/or swap team lists with the opposition captain prior to the toss. Should the split player be used then 11A and 11B must be nominated.

If a team list is not provided the Match Day Referee must be contacted prior to the commencement of play. The Match Day Referee will advise on how to proceed, and his decision is final.
CARRIED

It was moved Mario Baeli and seconded David King that By-Law 7a (iv) be amended to **Clubs may submit a dispute to the Association Secretary with supporting evidence no later than 10.00pm on the day of the play.**
CARRIED

It was moved David King and seconded Steve Kemp that By-Law 11.b.iii be amended to Alternatively, a player can drop to the next two-day grade within their club structure (see 11a).
CARRIED

This came up as we have One Day B, 5th Grade and 7th Grade one of the One Day B's players wanted to help our 7th grade but By-Law 11 implies that this can't be done so I just wanted to tighten up any ambiguities.

Amendment to 47.e

Players who last played for a club affiliated with ~~WACA~~ WA Premier Cricket

e. Players playing with a ~~WACA~~ WA Premier Cricket Club who do not get selected for a fixtured ~~WACA~~ WA Premier Cricket match may be selected to play with their immediate former SMCA club **on the date(s) of that fixtured game**. A transfer is not required when this selection criteria is applied. The Club and/or Player must complete a permit request in PlayHQ and the player permit approved by the SMCA. A player in this category may play in any grade for their former SMCA club subject to By Law 11 where that player has already played for the SMCA club during that same season.

The closing date for a transfer of a player shall be prior to the commencement of the last two-day qualifying fixture.

The intent of the By-Law was to allow players not picked in WA Premier Cricket to get a game with their former clubs. The intent was not to allow SMCA Clubs to get WA Premier Cricket Club players to play on the on Sunday fixtures when there is no fixture WA Premier Cricket games.

It was agreed that this matter be discussed further at a General Meeting.

Amendment to By-Law 69

It was moved David King and seconded Mario Baeli that the following amendments to By-Law 69 be made.

19.	Failure to supply a team list prior to the toss - first offence doubling with any subsequent offence to a maximum of \$100.00	\$50 & loss of match/points
20	Any other contravention of Association rules or by-laws	\$50
21	Consuming alcohol not purchased on the premises or not within the licensed area	\$200
22	Playing a player whilst under suspension	\$500 & loss of match/points

Two recent incidents have highlighted that this was not adequately covered.

After discussion Gary Hartman moved an amendment where the penalty for the new 69 – 22 becomes **\$500 and all matches participated in by that club in that round will be forfeited**. This amendment was seconded by David King. The motion, with amendment was put and **CARRIED**

PROTESTS AND DISPUTES

Mohammed Shoaib Anwar (Maddington) abusive and aggressive on the field and off the field. The P&D found the player not guilty.

Geoff Perera (Phoenix) was given a Prescribed Penalty for abusing an opposition player, 4 playing date penalty. This was taken to the P&D and down graded to a caution.

Sam Collins (Hilton Bicton) was given a Prescribed Penalty for abusing an opposition player 4 playing date penalty. This matter was taken to the P&D and the player was found not guilty.

Duncan Mellowship (Forrestdale) ODE team captain allowing a suspended player to play in match. Caution issued at direction of the P&D.

Forrestdale Cricket Club fined \$500 for allowing a suspended player to play in match.

Forrestdale player suspended for 12 matches for playing whilst suspended.

FIXTURES AND GRADINGS

Roleystone Karragullen withdrew their team from ODG.

AGENDA ITEMS

From Peter Anderson

Extreme Weather Policy – to be reviewed over off season.

Team List By-Law and suggested changes – covered earlier in the meeting.

Sunday Cricket - Radical change to be suggested at next General Meeting.

From Joe Covic

In regard to high temperatures and two-day games, recently in a game I played on the second week it was extremely hot and a player from each side couldn't participate due to heat (plus age/illness). Is there an opportunity for this player to be replaced much like a 11b. One day games don't matter as they wouldn't be picked to start with.

It was agreed that the concussion and heat By-Laws need reviewing and considered over off season.

From Ian Del Rosso

Covid – seeing an increase in the community and some cases at the club.

CW cup- update main concern is senior team.

From Steve Kemp

One for the agenda, the proposal to allow the usage of Kookaburra Crown cricket balls in 35 over grades.

Kenwick ODD's mistakenly used Kookaburra Crown ball earlier this year. Upon reflection and discussion with that side, the ball held up well.

Should we consider allowing clubs to use the ball?

As an example, at Rebel Sports:

* Kookaburra Tuf-Pitch balls are \$55 each (Meulemans do them at \$630 for 12 = \$52.50/ball).

* Kookaburra Crown balls are \$36.50 each.

$\$52.50$ (in bulk price) - $\$36.50 = \16 .

Across an 18 game regular season, this represents a \$288 saving, per one day side.

It was agreed to further trial a ball later in the season and report back.

From Jacob Landsmeer

Concerns about qualifying for the one-day final. Could we consider allowing players who have played 3 days in one grade and 3 in another to play. The Executive felt that the rule as per the By-Law, 4 one day matches to qualify, should remain.

One day final broadcast on 91.3 Sport FM- will come at a \$500 cost to the association.

Concern about the quality of white balls. Consideration be given to using a different ball from each end. To be discussed at General Meeting

Jacob felt all one-day matches should start at 12:30pm. There was general agreement from the committee. To be put at General Meeting.

From Ian Hale

Two-day games, results/points should only be applicable on first innings? no bonus points in the 2nd innings, and only need to play on is an outright is achievable?

SMCA 30th Anniversary 1996/97 to 2025/26, Ian advised that he was prepared to assist. Perhaps a publication and a function to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the SMCA could be

achieved. Ian believes the SMCA should prepare over the next two years for this important milestone.

Ian has been collecting and collating data over the past five or six years, such as premierships winners, tables, finals results, award winners, life members, honour board, history of clubs/association/umpires etc

Peter Smith (Armadale), Ray Howe (Umpires), Brian Waterer (Fremantle Mercantile) and Rob Sims (SMCA President 8 years) have so far provided information.

Margaret Rayner provided information regarding past SSCA premierships, and I have researched past F&DMCA as well as all SMCA premierships.

Ian has also been working on a timeline as well, working out the changes to our association from year to year.

Another idea would be to have the scorecard and summary of all the first-grade premierships.

Ian suggests the SMCA puts this plan to the clubs' requesting volunteers for a sub-committee through the website and social media.

We have two years to consider and or complete.

Ian felt there should be a regular function for Association Life members.

Club Achievement Award. This award recognises the clubs not eligible for the Brian Waterer Shield (Club Championship)

At present only seven of the twenty-five SMCA clubs are eligible for the Club Championship

Ian's suggestion is for an award to recognise the achievements of the remaining clubs.

He believes the points system should be on a sliding scale, like the Club Championship eg: First to Second grades 100%, Third to Seventh grades 80% and One-day grades 60%

Recognition of outstanding service. An official certificate be issued to people that have given outstanding service as administrators, players, umpires and or supporters for their clubs, umpire association and or the SMCA over a long period of time.

This award recognises those people that may not necessarily be eligible for SMCA Life Membership.

A criteria could be drawn up, detailing the service record of the person being nominated.

Nominations could be forwarded as per Life Membership nominations.

From Wesley Milburn

During our fielding innings (we fielded first) we had not completed our 40 overs by the designated finish time of 3.30 (we were 4 overs short). At the innings break the Maddington captain attempted to incur the over rate penalty and shorten our innings by four overs for the infraction. Under normal circumstances this would be straightforward to employ but given the conditions today the Willetton Crows Cricket Club are disturbed that concessions were not made for the severity of the weather.

Both clubs had enjoyed the benefit of extra drinks breaks in an attempt to stave off heatstroke and dehydration.

Club member Michael Gotti contacted the Match Day Referee Graeme Ashley to enquire about the enforcement of this rule and was told that the regular standard would be applied.

The problem that we have as a club with this, is that given the SMCA had espoused the need for clubs to take greater care during the extreme weather conditions on their own facebook page earlier in the day, we feel that this judgement is not in keeping with that messaging. The SMCA's own extreme weather policy speaks of the considerations that need to be made by stating that "The welfare of players and umpires is paramount."

We are worried of the implications of this judgment in the sense that if captains know they are going to be hit with over rate penalties for looking after their own player safety during hot conditions, they may try to play through the heat and end up endangering the safety of their teams causing a potentially harmful playing environment not in keeping the SMCA's commitment to participant health and safety.

Fortunately, thanks to the actions of Peter Anderson the Maddington team was instructed at a club level not to impose the penalty and we believe that sanity prevailed, however we would still appreciate clarification around how to navigate this situation in the future and whether there may be changes that need to be made to accommodate player safety concerns without penalising teams.

The President thanked Wes for his input. It had been discussed earlier that the Match Day Referee should have been made aware of a flexibility to the By-Laws in extreme heat. Further there may need to be an amendment to the By-Laws to allow for a reduction in overs due to slower over rate and extra breaks.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The President received a letter from Forrestdale Cricket Club, and for transparency shared this with the Executive, however, as legal proceedings are currently in progress, no further comments can be made.

It was agreed that the use of GoPro and similar cameras in matches be put to Cricket West to establish legalities and procedures.

Norm advised that he had not completed his job description, but it would be available for the next meeting.

CLOSURE: The meeting closed at 8:53pm.

NEXT MEETINGS: Executive Meeting 5 January at Jandakot – 6:00pm.