

South Metropolitan Cricket Association

MINUTES of the Committee Meeting 5 February 2024

Venue: Jandakot Park Clubrooms, 6:06pm



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

APOLOGIES: Joe Covic

ABSENT: Nil

MINUTES of PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE MEETING:

Moved by Mario Baeli, seconded by David King, that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 4 December 2023 be accepted. **CARRIED**

MATTERS ARISING:

Nil

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Peter discussed an ongoing confidential matter which should be concluded soon.

Peter had attended both days of the Cricket West Carnival, he felt that the age limit on the master's competition is a concern as there is a major discrepancy in player abilities and someone is likely to get hurt.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

FINES

Round 11 Roleystone-Karragullen Second Grade – no live scoring, first week.

Round 11 Roleystone -Karragullen Second Grade– failure to submit match scores, week one.

Round 12 Roleystone-Karragullen Second Grade – no live scoring, first week.

Agreed that no fines be set for the above.

Round 11 - ODH - Piara Waters have forfeited their match against Willetton Crows \$50

Round 13 - ODH - Phoenix \$50 fine and loss of points for playing a player contrary to By-Law 47d. Player suspended for 4 playing days. Overruled by Review Committee

Gary has received a quote for migration of smcacricket.com to Wix – see below. Two other companies contacted did not respond.

There was a delay of two weeks with one game's votes from the Ian Hale medal and as of this afternoon there was two games outstanding from this weeks completed round. Norm advised that he believed that this had been rectified and all votes in both awards are now up to date.

Gary advised that he will be away from 13 May to 5 June.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Westpac main account - \$78,421.82

Westpac Reserve - \$39,579.62

Mario advised that the Cricket West Cup was over budget. Budget was \$9400, actual spend was \$11,700. This was mainly due to the need to provide food. However, all clothing was back which should save costs for next season.

The Good Sports programme have not paid their \$1500 invoice. Mark to enquire with Cricket West.

UMPIRE'S ADVISOR:

Fairly steady numbers of 26-30, not as many as we would like.

Major concern was the inability to cover Fourth Grade.

All Cricket West Associations are reporting low numbers.

Norm provided his job description.

CRICKETWEST:

Mark Iannello advised there had been no meeting since the last SMCA meeting.

Ian, Jacob and others did a great job organising our representative teams. All teams did well with the Colts winning.

There is a concern as to the cost to the SMCA. Late notice that food was not going to be provided was poor.

Quality of some of the pitches was not good and lack of using WACA ground was very disappointing.

Believe masters grade going to be 40, some thought it should be 45.

It was believed that the use of ground should be rotated throughout associations. Preferably use venues where there are 3 grounds in proximity.

Cricket West Forum is in May. We need to be bold with our suggestions.

Timing of the event needs to move; people need a break. Suggested it be last Sunday in November and first Sunday in December.

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS:

Dave brought up that in By-Law 41d and 11a and we allow a two-day player to go to either their next two-day grade or one-day grade as per 11a. It was felt that we should apply the Bylaws the same way for one day finals qualification. It would seem ludicrous that a player in certain situations that has played one day B's all season has to play 5ths if not selected in B's for finals.

The following amendment to By-Law 41d was moved by Peter Anderson and seconded by Mario Baeli.

d.

Only in the event that a club has teams in consecutive grades within that club's structure, in a finals match on a particular day: If a player has qualified with the club in the higher grade but is not selected to play in that team, he may be considered for selection in the next grade regardless of the number of qualifying matches he has played in that grade. A player playing in a Two-Day grade may drop down to their next Two-Day grade within their club structure or the next One-Day grade as outlined in By-Law 11a. **Alternatively, a player playing in a One-Day only grade may drop down to their next One-Day only grade or the next Two-Day grade as outlined in By-Law 11a.** Such a player may continue to play in the lower team for the duration of the final matches. Players may only drop down one grade when these special conditions apply. Once a team is eliminated in a final no player from that grade may be relegated to a lower grade unless covered by By-Law 41.a and 41.b.

CARRIED

In reference to a player playing under a permit from a club outside of the SMCA Competition being allowed to play under another permit for another club in the SMCA without the consent of the previous SMCA club.

A player was registered by SJ Blues as a junior player in the SEMJCC. As a player is only allowed to be registered to one club in PlayHQ SJ Blues are his registered club in the Junior Competition. This player has played senior cricket for Maddington for that last 3 seasons and was playing this season under a season permit granted by SJ Blues. However, due to the registration restrictions PlayHQ allows for multiple permits so that a player can play Juniors, Districts and Seniors. Unfortunately, this has allowed him to also obtain a permit from SJ Blues to Phoenix.

It was challenged by the SMCA and a fine, loss of points notice and suspension notice was sent to Phoenix who appealed.

It was sent to the review committee, and they upheld the appeal and ruled that Maddington had no rights to the registration and permit approval. Maddington were owed a significant amount of money.

David proposed that we use By-Law 48 Permits as it is not being used now and amend it to cover this situation.

The following addition to By-Law 48 was moved Peter Anderson and seconded Shamez Rashid.

BY-Law 48 Permits Players who are currently registered to a Junior Club, District Junior Club or WA Premier Cricket Club.

For the purpose of this By-Law PlayHQ only allows a player to be registered to one club. To be able to also play for other clubs an approved season permit must be obtained before the commencement of the match in which the player participates.

A player playing under a season permit for a SMCA club cannot obtain another permit to play for another SMCA club unless written approval is granted by the former club.

a. In the event of any club playing a player that has not been granted approval by their former club, the match where the offence is first reported shall be forfeited by the club playing an unapproved player. See Bylaw 69 for penalties. The unapproved player will be suspended for four (4) playing days.

b. The only grounds on which a player can be refused a transfer by a club are as follows,
i. the financial (owes registration and ball fees), status of the player;
ii. has club property,
iii. has club intellectual property.

Any dispute over a player's financial status, has club property or intellectual property, should be forwarded by email to the Association Administrator for consideration by the Association P&D, who shall forward their decision back to the Association Administrator by email. The decision of the P&D shall be final.

CARRIED

PROTESTS AND DISPUTES

Nil

FIXTURES AND GRADINGS

No forfeits since 13 January.

AGENDA ITEMS

From Peter Anderson

Umpire numbers – to be reviewed.

Cricket Australia may be looking at Cricket Club Naming Conventions This may need to be considered if implemented.

In relation to the migration of the SMCA web site to Wix it was agreed that we advertise on the web site and Facebook to see if anyone withing the association has the expertise to carry out the work.

Heat Policy, there was lengthy discussion regarding this matter with varying opinions. No games will be cancelled unless the forecast is 43C or more. The committee acknowledged receipt of an email sent by Tim Grey-Smith regarding the Heat Policy

It was moved David King and seconded Shamez Rashid that the following policy be implemented for the remainder of the season.

The following policy is in place for temperatures 40 or more at noon on the Friday before the days play. The forecast reading to be obtained from the Bureau of Meteorology web site; www.bom.gov.au.

Two day Grades 75 overs – reduced to 60 overs

Two day Grades 65 overs - reduced to 50 overs

One Day Grades 40 overs - reduced to 30 overs

One Day Grades 35 overs - reduced to 30 overs

Extra drinks breaks – every 40 minutes.

Extended tea break.

All one-day matches will end once a result has been achieved.

Maximum of 7 overs to all bowlers in all one-day matches.

Two Day games, day two will be treated the same as a rain affected match. ie half the total available overs to each side.

No penalties for slow over rates.

Captains who wish to go outside these guidelines (and where there is no official umpire) must contact the Match Day Referee for a decision.

This motion was **CARRIED**

From Ian Del Rosso

Windup to be at Kardinya on Tuesday 19 March. Jacob away for week leading to Grand Final.

First Grade and Second Grade clubs will get 8 tickets each with other clubs able to attend if they wish. Tickets will be \$40 each. Umpires will also get tickets.

There will be no awards for Third Grade down.

Life Members to be invited.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

An increase to umpires pay for Grand Finals to be costed. Mario to report back.

Ian Del Rosso advised that umpires brought in for the semi finals need to be appropriately dressed.

Shamez brought up issue of saliva on the ball. This is covered in the Laws of Cricket, only sweat allowed. Umpires should be aware of this rule. Matches where there are no official umpires' players should be aware that no saliva is allowed to be used on the ball.

Shamez all expressed disappointment with the fact that two Cannington Tigers players were not selected in Cricket West Seniors because they played in lower grades. Ian advised that the captain of the team erred on the side of caution, and it won't happen again.

If there are concerns where matches are being self umpired a report should be sent to the Administrator.

A club allowed an unregistered player to field for a very short time, the club to be warned.

There was discussion about a possible contrived result between Roleystone Karragullen and Kenwick in a recent Second Grade match. The committee acknowledge an email sent on this matter from Graeme Knapp. Peter had requested a report from the umpire which indicated that there was no collusion, and it was an error by the Kenwick team. The umpire's report is attached. No further action to be taken.

CLOSURE: The meeting closed at 8:30pm.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Executive Meeting 11 March at Thornlie – 6:00pm.

Executive Meeting 8 April at Thornlie – 6:00pm

General Meeting 29 April at Thornlie – 7:00pm

Executive Meeting 8 July at Thornlie – 6:00pm

Annual General Meeting 29 July at Thornlie – 7:00pm

Quote regarding web site migration.

Hello Gary,

Summary of what is included below along with my estimate.

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- You would like your site to be migrated and setup with the existing pages:

- Home
- SMCA
 - SMCA Notices
 - Committee
 - Clubs
 - 25 x Club Pages
 - Grounds
 - Match Day Referee
 - Constitution
 - Minutes
 - Forms
 - Insurance
 - Sponsors
- Cricket
 - By-Laws
 - Forfeits
 - Protests and Disputes
 - Player Cautions
 - Prescribed Penalties
 - Fines
- History
 - Premierships
 - Honour Board
 - Life Members
 - Jim McKenna Medal
 - Ian Hale Medal
 - Brian Waterer Shield
- Umpires
- Become an Umpire
- Association
- Association Awards
- Association Constitution
- Forms
- Privacy Policy

DYNAMIC PAGES

- For ease of management from your end, I propose setting up the Club pages as dynamic pages. A dynamic page is a single design layout that changes its content pulling information from a "spreadsheet" in the backend, which I will show you how to update.

- The main page where they are all listed is called the Dynamic List page and the individual Club page is called the Dynamic Profile page. An example of a dynamic page and how it works is below:

[List Page](#) - Where all the projects would be shown

[Individual Page](#) - Where one project would be shown.

IMAGERY

- I have included within scope time to source quality imagery for the wider brand visuals of the site.
All **imagery will be provided complementary as part of the package.**

CONTENT

- This quote is based on the same copy being used from the existing site.

Please note that I have not quoted to migrate all the past notices over as this would increase the time needed quite substantially. Please let me know if you need me to amend the quote to include this.

SEO

- I will undertake research to make sure that the copy provided includes within it keywords & phrases to help boost SEO. I will use these across the different SEO elements that I set up:

- Meta titles & descriptions
- Internal links (where appropriate)
- Implementing keywords into headings assigning headings (H1, H2 etc.)
- Descriptive URLs
- Image alt-tags

DESIGN

- Your site will be custom designed to suit your branding and I will also recommend best practice for set up and design and make recommendations on content if needed.

- Current logo to be used and I have allowed for time to do a brand exploration to assist in **defining your site colour palette and fonts** for the site.

INTEGRATION

- This scope includes the integration with PlayHQ.

DOMAIN

- Help with connecting the domain is included as well as the inclusion of a 404 page and 301 redirects.

COSTS & TIMINGS

The above would take me around 8 - 10 days, content & feedback dependent. My day rate is \$750 but I am happy to do this for you for a flat fee of \$6,000 AUD.

My fee includes:

- Custom-designed website built for desktop and mobile
- Custom look based on your business's brand & style requirements
- Industry research & competitor analysis
- Custom colour palette creation
- Custom font pairings
- Assistance with website activation and domain linking
- 404 page
- Basic SEO (Page Titles, Meta Data, Alt Tags, Title Tags, registration with Google)
- Privacy Policy Page Template
- Easy to edit and manage content
- Royalty-Free Stock Images
- Several social posts & video to promote the site post completion
- One-on-one training so you feel comfortable going in and updating it post completion
- Free lifetime support

A few examples below of recent projects:

<https://www.kincaid.com.au/>

<https://www.zoesarah.com.au/>

<https://www.launchingpad.com.au/>

<https://www.mrconsistentmix.com/>

<https://www.mm-ps.com.au/>

<https://www.instahair.co.uk/>

<https://www.starsandlightcollective.com.au/>

<https://jagafragranceandspice.com/>

I have also attached my additional services rate card in case you need any further support with other elements of your business.

Let me know if this works for you and we can go from there.

Report from Sean Ingram – Umpire Second Grade Roleystone-Karragullen v Kenwick

Hi Pete and Norm.

After over three decades of being involved in cricket, I knew the optics of this game would be questioned by some, which is why I am able to provide a detailed response/summary.

First and foremost, I need to absolutely advise that I don't believe this was a contrived outcome between Kenwick Royals (KCC) and Roleystone-Karragullen (RKCC), nor am I aware of any collusion between the Captains. On the contrary, the KCC players, and in particular, their Captain, Colby Schokker was distraught with the outcome.

KCC batted day one and scored 149. They were all out just after 5pm, and the decision to continue or not was with RKCC Captain, Trent Stuart. It was decided they would bat, as Glen Hickinbotham was not playing the second week due to relocating to Northern WA for work. At the end of the day, they were 1 for not many.

The second week, RKCC lost another 4 wickets quickly to be 5/20. They fought back, with Michael Mobilia (stand in Captain due to Trent's absence in week 2) and Nick Allen putting on a substantial partnership, and with a couple of other chip-ins from the tail, ended up being all out for 132, losing by 17.

The time was 425pm, and Colby initially said that he was happy with the game to cease at this time. However, senior player, Stephen Kemp, suggested that they should bat on due to KCC being in the relegation zone and any extra runs may help them avoid relegation. There was some brief discussion, to which I suggested that they indicate they continue, and that in the 10 minutes for changeover, they could decide if they were to continue or not. I advised the RKCC of this situation. I had also overheard the KCC players discussing the situation, and it was suggested that they would "bat until 5ish". I suggested to discuss that with the RKCC Captain. They decided to bat again, much to the dismay of the RKCC team, and commenced the second innings at 435pm.

During the KCC second innings, there were regular barbs from the RKCC players about coming out to score extra points but batting defensively. The only KCC player to show intent was Colby. The fall of the fourth wicket was at 505pm, with the score being 4/35. Colby came out with the other KCC players, as they had decided that it was the end of their innings, and subsequently, the game. However, the RKCC captain asked if they were allowed to bat, as they hadn't been consulted or agreed to the early cessation. At this point I advised they could as it would appear that KCC had declared. Colby remonstrated with me and pleaded that they "didn't understand the rules" and were not happy with what was happening. I advised that as there had been no consultation with RKCC or communication with myself, that I deemed it fair for RKCC to continue. This resulted in RKCC having 15 minutes to score 53 runs.

It was obvious to me, and I believe any spectators would agree, that both sides tried to save or win outright in RKCC's second innings. Colby opened the bowling and got a wicket in the first over, and it looked unlikely that RKCC would come close, let alone, get up. However, Ben Winchcombe and Callum Langley got the better of Shehan Mendis' first over, (a regular opening bowler for KCC) going for 21. Colby's second over was scored heavily off as well, leaving only 3 runs required to win going into the 4th (and probably last) over. Shehan was very

dejected after his first over, and advised Colby that he wouldn't continue, meaning that Shaun Ingram was called upon to bowl, without a real opportunity to warm up or mentally prepare. His first ball was a above-waist full-toss which also had 1 run made by the batters. This meant 1 was required to win, which was obtained with the next ball. The RKCC players and spectators were as jubilant with the win as KCC players were upset by their loss.

At the end of the game, I had a quick chat with both sides in their respective dressing rooms. It was still very obvious to me, that KCC were genuinely saddened by their loss. It was only KCC senior player, Chris Chadwick, who spoke proudly to his team, saying that although the final outcome was terrible and a miscalculation and misunderstanding of the rules, their first innings win against a highly placed side at their home was a great win.

When I was out in the carpark putting my gear into my car, I saw Colby. I went over to chat with him, and ended up having to console him somewhat, as he was visibly upset and angry with what had happened. His parting words to me were (not verbatim) "I shouldn't have listened to the others, and we should have finished the game at the end of RKCC's first innings".

I believe this should answer any concerns and/or field any questions from others about the outcome. However, if further clarification is required, please call me on 0413 228 801.

Regards,

Sean Ingram

SMCA Extreme Weather Policy

Background:

The current SMCA Match-Day By Law (2c) does not provide clear guidance for clubs and for players on how to manage extreme heat conditions, and attempts to ultimately shift the onus of responsibility onto individual players. This is not practical, is not best practice and does not reflect the duty of care that the Association and Clubs have to their players. Failure to adequately assess and manage the risk associated with extreme heat could cause serious injury or death to players and/or officials, and there is a risk that the current policy could be considered negligent, creating significant liability issues for both Clubs and the Association Executive in the event of injury or death.

Proposal:

A graduated system of handling risks associated with heat, based on the forecast maximum temperature of the Perth Metropolitan Region, taken at 9am on the morning of a scheduled match.

Forecast under 35 degrees - Low to Moderate Risk.

No change to playing conditions, ensure potable water available at each playing ground, and Clubs and Association to re-iterate to players, officials and volunteers the need for sufficient hydration and appropriate UV protection.

Forecast 35-37 degrees - High Risk

As above, but also mandated drinks breaks every 15 overs, or 45 minutes, whichever comes first.

Forecast 38 degrees¹ or above - Extreme Risk

One-day matches - abandoned and recorded as a draw.

Two-day matches – if first playing day - match postponed to following week and a 35 or 40 over one-day match to be played instead. If second playing day – if result already known, then play abandoned, match concluded and points awarded. If result not known, then play abandoned and recorded as a draw.

Process:

SMCA nominated representative should check the Australian Bureau of Meteorology website at 9am of any scheduled match (currently <http://www.bom.gov.au/wa/forecasts/perth.shtml>). If temperatures equate to High or Extreme Risk, communication should be sent to all clubs and a facebook post should be put on the SMCA Facebook page advising of the status of games that day. If play is abandoned then Clubs should enter results accordingly and notify players.

Note:

This policy should not be considered comprehensive but is proposed as a short term solution for the remainder of the 2023/24 season. A more comprehensive policy, referencing Sports Medicine Australia's Sports Classification² should be developed and adopted in time for the 2024/25 season. Volleyball WA has a good policy that could be used as a template.³

¹ Number arrived at by using SMA's Sport Risk Classification 4 and using average Perth summer humidity readings of 40%

² <https://sma.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/SMA-Extreme-Heat-Policy-2021-Final-1.pdf>

³ <https://volleyballwa.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/VWA-Extreme-Heat-Policy.pdf>