South Metropolitan Cricket Association

Minutes of Executive Meeting held at Leeming on Tuesday 9th March 2010. Meeting commenced at 7:36pm.

PRESENT: Rob Sims (Chairman), Barry Hawkins, Steve Michael, Gabe Puca, Bill Greenshields, Graham Santich, Graeme Ashley, Terry Kift, Gary Hartman (minutes).

APOLOGIES: Peter McGilvray, Lee Aschettino.

ABSENT: Nil.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was moved Steve Michael and seconded Gabe Puca that the minutes of the previous meeting, Executive Meeting 16th February 2010, be approved. **CARRIED**

MATTERS ARISING:

Nil.

ADMINISTRATOR:

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CORRESPONDENCE:

Inward

Syd D'Mello Phoenix – offer of assistance re code of conduct Barry Hawkins – result of SMCA investigation WACA – Country Cup finals
Sean Leighton Umpires Association – minutes 24/02/10
Bill Greenshields – Code of conduct
Gabe Puca – letter from Mrs Congelton
Alison Grygorcewicz SJ Blues – SJ Blues penalty
Paul Van Luxemborg – Qualification of players in finals

Outward

To SMCA Executive – First Grade review info To Clubs – Minutes To Clubs – Notice 4th March To SMCA Executive – West weather ruling

In relation to the letter from Mrs Congelton it was agreed that we respond and acknowledge that the letter was read at the meeting.

In relation to the letter from Alison Grygorcewicz of SJ Blues it was agreed that Rob Sims to respond.

The letter from Paul Van Luxemborg of SJ Blues was discussed. It was agreed that the Executive would have to abide by the By-Laws and no allowances could be made for SJ Blues in this case.

Fines

13/02/10: Murdoch University, missing player scores in ODB - \$100 fine. 27/02/10: Murdoch University, missing player scores in ODB - \$100 fine. 06/03/2010: Kelmscott, missing player scores in 7th Grade, ODC & ODE - \$100 fine.

06/03/2010: Canning Districts, missing player scores in ODC – \$100 fine.

Forfeits

27/02/10: ODC - Kwinana forfeited their game against CBC - on time forfeit.

27/02/10: ODA - Phoenix forfeited their game against Forrestdale - late notice forfeit

06/03/10: ODD - Canning Districts forfeited their game against Armadale - third forfeit.

Loss of points

13/02/10: Murdoch University, points forfeited due to failure to submit completed match report within seven (7) days after the completion of the match.

27/02/10: Phoenix ODA, points forfeited due to failure to forfeit lowest grade as required by SMCA By-Law 12b.

06/03/10: Hilton Palmyra Sixth Grade, points forfeited due to playing ineligible player.

There was discussion regarding a Fifth Grade match completed this week where East Fremantle and SJ Blues both declared their first innings at 0/0 in an apparent contrived outright result. Although this did not have an influence on the final four it was felt that an unwanted precedent had been set. It was decided to refer the matter to the P&D and have the two captains appear on Tuesday 16th March.

The constant issue of Murdoch University failing to submit a match result and player scores was discussed. It was agreed that before they be allowed to play in the competition next season they would have to agree to submit their scores in the correct manner, abide by other Association rules and provide a suitable ground for their home games.

Some results from the last match of the season were submitted late making fixturing for the finals difficult. Clubs are again to be asked to submit match results as soon as possible after the semi finals.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Attached.

Some Clubs are still unfinancial.

UMPIRE'S ADVISOR:

Terry Kift advised we were around 15 umpires short for the semi finals. Will place add on the web site.

There was discussion regarding the wet weather policy brought up by the Umpires Association. It was moved Graham Santich, seconded Rob Sims that during the finals when the captain cannot agree on ground issues the umpires be allowed to make the decision.

CARRIED

Gary and Graeme had viewed Briggs Park last Saturday. The ground has received good watering over the past few weeks and it was felt that the ground is suitable for play should it be required for finals.

Forrestdale has sent an email regarding waist high full tosses and asked that the matter be discussed at the coming President's meeting.

CRICKET WEST:

Steve Michael advised that Cricket West finals had been played.

Seniors was won by the North Suburban Community Cricket Association and Suburban Turf Cricket Association

Colts was won by the Perth Cricket Association.

Veterans was won by the Suburban Turf Cricket.

There had been a recent meeting with DSR to work on a strategic plan in an effort to make Cricket West for recognisable.

PROTESTS AND DISPUTES:

25/02/2010

Kardinya Lakes was fined \$100 dollars for a combination of, (a) not advising the SMCA of their intention not to attend the investigative meeting held on Tuesday Feb 23rd, (b) the unruly behaviour of their players during the T20 final, (3) The Beau Clark incident of disrobing, the board accepted this action to be at the minor end of an offence as Clark still had his bicycle shorts on.

25/02/2010

Cockburn member Gareth Black was cleared of a spitting charge. T20 Grand Final

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Riverton Rostrata player Wayne Fontana was cleared of a manhandling charge. T20 Grand Final.

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Cockburn member Matt Congleton was found guilty of a manhandling charge and was suspended until 15/03/10. T20 Grand Final.

02/03/2010

Kardinya Lakes player Robert Shammas was found guilty of initiating slight shoulder contact with a Thornlie player and was suspended until 15/03/10.

02/03/2010

Thornlie player Scott Cooper was found guilty of manhandling a Kardinya Lakes player and was suspended until 15/03/10.

MOTION: It was moved Barry Hawkins and seconded Bill Greenshields that all reports be accepted. **CARRIED**

AGENDA ITEMS:

Twenty20 final. There was discussion on the SMCA Code of Conduct and further discussion on recent incidents, especially those that had come from the Twenty20 finals.

It was moved Rob Sims and seconded Graeme Ashley that Cockburn not be invited to participate in the Twenty20 competition next season. **CARRIED**

Due to recent behavioural concerns the following motion was put by Bill Greenshields and seconded by Rob Sims and confirmed by circular motion. This motion shall be in effect for the finals:

Any Club found guilty of failing to control spectator behaviour may have its right to host future home finals withdrawn at the discretion of the P&D.

It was further decided that all clubs involved in finals shall provide a nominated official who shall be responsible for the behaviour of the spectators of that club. This official should be made known to the opposition club as a point of contact should any incidents occur.

Should an official from the club not be present the onus of responsibility shall fall onto the captain of the team.

Both the nominated official or the captain may be subject to a P & D hearing and subsequent penalties should they be found to not have made reasonable attempts to control the behaviour of their spectators.

The definitions of unacceptable behaviour can be found in the SMCA Code of Conduct and club officials and team captains should make themselves familiar with this Code of Conduct and the definitions of unacceptable behaviour prior to the commencement of the game.

It was resolved that during the off season we look at the suspension of premiership points for poor behaviour and other actions such as fines, removal of home finals, loss of points to Club Championship, etc

Future Code of Conduct to be discussed at the President's Meeting.

There was discussion as to who would represent the Executive for presentations at Grand Finals.

The First Grade review was discussed. It was decided to distribute the 7 letters received to the Clubs and the matter be left with the Clubs.

The President's meeting to be held on 4th May, 7:30pm at Leeming – Agenda Items to be submitted before 16th April.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The Winter Cricket Show starts on Easter Sunday.

The Winter Competition has 23 nominations for 16 spots.

Discussion regarding the SMCA Windup.

Cockburn donating \$350 to the Toodyay Bushfire appeal. This resulted from funds raised at the T20 final.

CLOSURE: As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 10:00pm

NEXT MEETING:

President's meeting to be held on 4^{th} May, 7:30pm at Leeming – Agenda Items to be submitted before 16^{th} April.