

South Metropolitan Cricket Association

Minutes of the President's Meeting held at Leeming on Tuesday 10th May 2011. Meeting commenced at 7:30pm.

PRESENT: Attached

APOLOGIES: Steve Nichols, Brian Waterer, Joe Covic and Peter Smith.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was moved Kardinya Lakes and seconded Riverton Rostrata that the minutes of the previous meeting, 15th March 2011 be approved. **CARRIED**

MATTERS ARISING:

Nil.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inward

Items regarding Agenda items

Outward

General notices

Clubs were requested to submit their office bearers form as soon as new committees are in place.

TREASURERS REPORT:

The Treasurer advised that the Association had made close to a \$3900 profit in the past year.

All SMCA past results should be on MyCricket by the end of the year. An update will be given in further minutes from Executive meetings for clubs to be able to gauge at which stage the project is located.

UMPIRE'S ADVISOR:

Umpires Association AGM will be held on 25th May.

This season we had 12 new umpires. We lost 4 during the season, 3 in the last 2 rounds.

Had 24 umpires on the semi final weekend, 5 matches had the just the one umpire.

A number of umpires will be participating in Umpires Courses during the winter break.

CRICKET WEST:

Games played in T20 format this past season. SMCA Colts won the final, Veterans lost final. Disappointing season for the Seniors.

Likely that Seniors and Colts will revert to 50 over format for coming season. Veterans will probably remain at the T20 format.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS:

The Executive will review present By-Laws over coming months for consideration at AGM.

GRADINGS AND FIXTURES:

Proposed gradings First to Fifth Grade have been distributed to the Clubs.

Clubs need to consider if the First Grade should continue to have a stand-alone Grand Final in which case there will need to be one Sunday fixture during the season.

Intention is the One-Day grades to be made up of 10 teams playing 18 weeks during the season.

PROTESTS AND DISPUTES:

Barry Hawkins felt there had been an improvement in player behaviour and hopes to see this continue. Good to see the vilification cases down also.

It was moved Leeming Spartan and seconded Kwinana that all reports be accepted.

CARRIED

AGENDA ITEMS

The two items from Southern River was discussed – see attached. Clubs should consider these matters for a decision at the Annual General Meeting.

In relation to Southern River Item 1, one-day matches at the start of the season would require a 12:30pm start.

In relation to Southern River Item 2, the alternative to a mid week 15 over competition may be a Super 6 or Super 8 competition.

Rob Sims brought up the issue of the Association supporting a Back to Club weekend each season. Clubs to encourage former players and officials back to their Club.

The two By-Law issues from Kardinya Lakes – see attached - are to be considered in the off season By-Laws review.

Any Clubs with proposed By-Law changes should forward these to the Administrator as soon as possible.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Hilton Palmyra advised of potential problems with ground allocation during last half of March in both City of Fremantle and City of Melville grounds. Administrator to contact the councils involved.

Armadale queried the potential 10 team one-day grades. This proposed change is mainly being done to alleviate fixture issues and to address player shortages at the beginning of each season and at the Christmas break. It also allows each team to play each other twice before finals

There was further discussion on the 6 team grades such as in Sixth and Seventh Grades. This was not an ideal situation which created three sets of fixturers making ground allocations for home and away matches much more difficult to align even numbers of home and away games. It was suggested by the SMCA President that we should cater for full grades of eight in the combined two day and one day fixtures and once grades are full then have all other teams allocated to the one day competitions.

Cockburn discussed the issue of the prominence of outright results at the end of the season with a suggestion put forward that there be consideration to having a one-day match to finish the season. This would do away with the mid season one-day final, an option the SMCA President expressed concern at. Rob stated that outright results are part of the game and if we legislate against teams winning outright for one game it may be against the spirit of cricket

so if we wanted to achieve no outright we should simply play first innings games only. This matter is to be considered further by Clubs and the Executive and any further correspondence should be directed to the Administrator.

Leeming brought up a lesser qualifying period for finals in the lowest one-day grade, currently One-Day E. It may be more appropriate for the lesser qualifying period to be available to each Club's lowest one-day grade. This matter is to be considered in the By-Law Review.

Leeming brought up fielding restrictions in First and Second Grade. This matter is to be considered in the By-Law Review. It may in fact be covered in the Laws of Cricket. Leeming advised that they had run the annual Association Windup for the last 2 seasons. They were happy to pass on the windup onto another Club, and assist that Club, if there was interest. If not they were happy to run the Windup again. If another Club is interested in hosting the Windup please advise the Administrator before the AGM.

The Administrator advised that the Association AGM will be held on 2nd August at Leeming.

Consideration is to be given to conducting a Captain's Meeting in the week leading up to the commencement of the season.

A basic Umpires Course for team captains may be available should there be enough numbers. This can be run through the SMCA at a local venue.

CLOSURE: As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 8:30pm

NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting is an Executive Meeting to be held on 7th June, 6:00pm at Leeming – agenda items to be submitted to the Administrator before 5pm 2nd June.

The Annual General Meeting to be held 2nd August, 7:30pm at Leeming – agenda items to be submitted to the Administrator before 5pm on 15th July.

AGENDA ITEMS:

The following items were received for consideration:

From Southern River:

1) An idea from our club to change things up slightly and keep things a bit more interesting from previous seasons would be to make the first couple of matches in the two day comps one day games. The three two dayers could then follow this and finish off the rest of the one dayers either side of Christmas. I find just from asking our guys that it's all a bit much playing all the one dayers in a row and it seems to drag on a little having so many weeks in a row of it. It most likely would also help clubs out early on in the season when availability is usually a problem in the first couple of weeks. As I said it's just an idea to break things up a little and make it a bit more interesting than the structured way it currently runs. It obviously depends on season start dates and when Christmas falls as to whether it is 2 or 3 games at the start.

2) Another suggestion which is hampered by the lack of day light savings is the 20/20 comp. When it was run on a week night it seemed quite popular and at least from our point of view drew a bit better crowd and atmosphere. It wouldn't work in its current state due to the amount of daylight required, however should clubs be interested could something like a 15 over a side comp work, starting about 5pm with 60mins an innings and a 10 minute change over (would need to run in jan and feb most likely). It may be getting too short but I'm not sure what clubs think so unless you think it wouldn't work, could we ask the question. The rules would obviously change to something like 3 overs max a bowler and fielding restrictions for 4 overs or something along those lines. A similar option could be 8 a side for 14 overs with 7 bowlers bowling 2 overs and the keeper not bowling (it could be 16 overs with all bowling but it's all time restricted). Anyway unless that wouldn't at all be viable could we ask the question. The main basis would be around trying to help develop relationships between clubs by creating an exciting atmosphere and also encouraging clubs to have a drink together afterwards for an hour or so. It is also a good way to help lower grade clubs interact with higher grade clubs to help them develop and gain an idea of what higher grade cricket is all about and what is required to advance up the grades.

From Rob Sims:

Association looks at a back to the club weekend. This means players that have played at a club are invited back on one weekend each year. Rob will expand more at the meeting.

From Kardinya Lakes:

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PRESIDENT'S MEETING – 10TH MAY 2011 – LEEMING
ATTENDANCE

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