

South Metropolitan Cricket Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at Leeming on Tuesday 2nd August 2011. Meeting commenced at 7:30pm.

PRESENT: All Clubs represented and attendance sheet signed accordingly.

APOLOGIES: Barry Hawkins, Bill Greenshields, Ian Hale, John Ipsen.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was moved Kelmscott and seconded Canning Districts that the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 3rd August 2010 be approved. **CARRIED**

MATTERS ARISING:

The previous minutes refer to the minutes of the 2009 AGM with the year 2010. This should be 2010.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Rob Sims

It is with a great deal of satisfaction and also a sense of relief that I deliver my eighth and final Presidents report after being entrusted with the privilege of being President of the South Metropolitan Cricket Association some eight years ago.

To begin, firstly let me congratulate all clubs on their continued support of the association. Through your efforts we have seen the game of cricket grow in the southern suburbs region from a base of 68 - 73 teams when the SMCA was first formed with the amalgamation of the Fremantle Mercantile and the South Suburban competitions to be consistently around the 92 – 96 teams as it is today. A truly fantastic effort and a credit to the people running our clubs who give up so much of their own time to be the driver of growth, improvement and change at their clubs.

I would like to take this time to thank all the club presidents that I have worked with over the years for their support. Some may have found my style of management a little dictatorial but I have had many long and fruitful discussions with presidents that have resulted in achieving outcomes that have been best for cricket and the SMCA. I know it's not always easy or even possible for an association executive committee and individual clubs to always see eye to eye on all issues particularly when you have some very passionate people who make up our clubs management but I have always been appreciative of the efforts of our club presidents and committee's to work with the executive.

On behalf of the executive I must also give congratulations also to all clubs that participated in the competition last year and to those that made finals and eventually won premierships. Once again the stand alone first grade grand final was a fantastic spectacle with many twists and turns before finally being won by Leeming Spartans over a very gallant CBC who almost stole an improbable victory. To all the individual award winners from each of the grades our congratulations go to you all on your performances.

To our champion club Cockburn I offer you the congratulations of the executive of the SMCA on achieving this award.

If I have one regret in the role it has been my failure to convince you of the value of the inter-association competition. We struggle every year to convince the best cricketers in our competition to support the association teams and play in at least some of the games. I have always been proud of representing our association and enjoyed the friendships that I have made with people from other clubs within the SMCA who have become friends and business colleagues and of course the friendships you make with players from the other associations.

Finally I would like to thank all the executive members for your friendship, counsel and contribution of the years. Whilst not always formally recognised your efforts on behalf of the clubs is greatly appreciated.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Gary Hartman

I would like to start my report by thanking Rob Sims for his hard work for the Association. His work has made the Association much stronger than it was when he started and his support and friendship have made my job much easier.

Many thanks also to the Executive for their work and support as well as to the Clubs and their hard working committees.

Congratulations to the successful Clubs.

The fixturing process was a little easier this past season with the First Grade structure falling into line with the other grades.

The Twenty20 competition only had six Clubs involved this past season. Perhaps we need to reconsider the future of this competition.

The permit system seems to continue to be working as well as it can. Certainly a lot better than it was in the past.

The Clubs generally grant clearances in a timely way. The WACA has previously directed that the Cricket West Associations should grant clearances not properly responded to after 14 days. This Association has worked on a 10-day limit within our own clubs and this has seemed to work with no problems in the past. Financial reasons are the only reason for denying a request.

The Association web site has been upgraded and is now set out a little differently. Clubs are welcome to email me with details of stories, social function, etc. for inclusion on the web site.

TREASURERS REPORT: Graeme Ashley

Previously distributed to Clubs.

No questions.

UMPIRE'S ADVISOR: Steve Nichols

We finished the previous season (09/10) with 29 umpires. For various reasons, 5 didn't front up for this year. Fortunately, we recruited 12 new umpires. I was told it wasn't how many we recruited; it was how many of the new ones stayed. Fortunately, I only lost 4. Three of those in the last two rounds for various reasons. So in the end, we had 36 umpires throughout the year, but there wasn't 1 round when all were available. Thanks to the clubs for their constructive criticism throughout the year and thanks to the SMCA Executive for their support for my first year in the role.

CRICKET WEST:

Participation from Clubs not good, Steve urged Clubs to support Cricket West in coming season. Colts did well and some will play higher next season. We were not strong in seniors and vets, we need younger veterans

It was moved Southern Districts and seconded Kardinya Lakes that all reports be accepted.

CARRIED

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Patron: Rob Sims opened the election with the position of Patron.

Brian Waterer was elected unopposed.

Rob Sims had earlier indicated that he would not seek re election and he vacated the chair. Association Patron Brian Waterer thanked Rob for his outstanding service as President over the past 8 years. A small presentation was made as a token of the Association's appreciation.

With Brian Waterer in the chair the following positions were filled unopposed from nominations received.

President: Graham Santich

Senior Vice President: Barry Hawkins

Junior Vice President: Steve Michael

Executive Committee: Ian Hale, Peter Gibbons and Brian Waterer.

Auditor: Leanne Galeellis

Graham Santich then took the chair and further thanked Rob Sims for his service to the Association. Also thanks to Bill Greenshields who did not seek re-election on to the Executive Committee

AGENDA ITEMS and NOTICES OF MOTION

Items brought forward from the President's Meeting – 10th May.

The following items were received for consideration:

From Southern River:

- 1) Suggest that season starts with 2 one-day matches at beginning of season. This may assist Clubs with early season numbers.

This matter was deferred so that all items in relation to one-day cricket playing schedule could be discussed together.

- 2) Replace the current Sunday 20/20 competition with a shorter version (perhaps 15 overs) mid week competition

After discussion it was decided that the Executive would consider this matter further and refer it back to the clubs for decision at the 4th October President's meeting.

From John Ipsen, Leeming Spartan

I propose the following motion to be implemented in 1st and 2nd grade for the 2011-12 season.

1. FIELD MARKING RESTRICTIONS

- A 30 Yard circle needs to be drawn (or markers placed on the ground) and at the instant of delivery there should be no more than 5 fieldsmen on the "on side".
- First 10 over's only 2 fieldsmen are permitted outside the circle at the instant of delivery.
- First 10 over's there must be 2 catchers within 15 metres of the striker.
- In the remaining 30 over's only 5 fieldsmen are permitted outside the circle.

After discussion the motion was put and LOST.

2. I also propose that (in the two-day competition) the one-day games be played from the start of the season until completion. October / November is generally the wettest part of the season and games can be reduced accordingly on the same day if necessary. It is also the time of the year when many players are not available and playing one-day games will complement unavailability. The one-day grand finals can be played prior to Christmas. The rest of the season can be played as two-day games, which compliments our end of year grand finals.

I propose the following motion to be implemented in the two-day grade competitions for the 2011 / 2012 season.

That the one-day games be played (in the two day competition) from the start of the season until completion.

This matter was deferred so that all items in relation to one-day cricket playing schedule could be discussed together.

Notices of Motion and Agenda Items for AGM.

Item 1: Umpires Association

"Increase SMCA Umpire fees from current \$100 per day to \$120 per day."

The Current high costs of living, expected increases due to inflation and government imposed fees and charges and a desire to maintain parity with other cricket associations which increased their remunerations make this motion a reasonable change.

Bicton-Attadale seconded the item.

There was discussion for and against. Steve Michael advised that all Cricket West Presidents had agreed to keep umpires fees the same for the coming season.

The motion was put and LOST

Item 2: Umpires Association

"Should a player be issued with a caution form during the current season, the period of probation shall be twelve months from date of offence"

Change By-Law 64e to:

If a player receives a second caution within a period of 12 months from the date of a previous caution the player will be suspended from the next two club competition matches for which he is eligible. Any player receiving a third caution within a period of 12 months will automatically receive a doubling of the previous two match penalty and a doubling of any penalty for each subsequent caution received.

By Law changed from 'current season' to a 'period of 12 months from date of first caution.

Willetton seconded this item.

After discussion the motion was put and CARRIED.

Item 3: Kardinya Lakes

Change By-Law 68g: Where a Club forfeits a game in any grade, they will be fined the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the first offence with this fine doubling with any subsequent offences. Where a team forfeits two games consecutively or three games in any one season in any one grade, the Association may order the withdrawal of the team from the competition, and the Club will be fined an additional one hundred dollars (\$100.00). The Clubs forfeited against to be compensated by these fines for lost revenue and to reimburse their players.

The Kardinya Lakes Cricket Club believes fines should be increased to discourage forfeits and clubs to ensure they can field a team for the complete season. We would like to suggest that clubs which are forfeited against be compensated for player's costs incurred from those fines.

Cockburn seconded this item.

After discussion the following amendment to the motion was moved by Southern River and seconded by East Fremantle.

The words **"these fines"** be replaced with **"one hundred dollars (\$100.00)"**.

The amendment to the motion was put and CARRIED.

The motion now reads;

Change By-Law 68g: Where a Club forfeits a game in any grade, they will be fined the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the first offence with this fine doubling with any subsequent offences. Where a team forfeits two games consecutively or three games in any one season in any one grade, the Association may order the withdrawal of the team from the competition, and the Club will be fined an additional one hundred dollars (\$100.00). The Clubs forfeited against to be compensated by one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for lost revenue and to reimburse their players.

Steve Michael expressed concern about a team forfeiting for a season and the cost to the Association. Clubs would only be reimbursed where a fine was imposed – once a team had forfeited so often so as to be removed from the competition it would become a bye and no reimbursement would be necessary.

The motion was put and CARRIED.

Item 4: SMCA Executive

By-Law 74 Club Championship

Change by-Law 71b to read:

b. The formula for calculation of the championship is:
Points scored for each team in a club (as per the current ladders) are then divided by the number of matches played by each team. The points are then added across each team in a club, then divided by the total number of teams in the club to give the total for that club.

The change to 71b is to bring the points system into line with existing MyCricket scoring. The winning clubs for the past couple of seasons are identical. The points are different in that the team with the most points wins unlike the present lowest points wins. Main reason for proposed change is to use MyCricket to automatically compile points.

This item was seconded by Kenwick.

After discussion the motion was put and CARRIED.

Item 5: SMCA Executive

By-Law 33. Qualification for Mid Season One-Day Final

Change By-Law 33a to read: **A player must take part in at least four (4) days of fixtured one day games with his club to be eligible for mid season one day finals. Should the season be shortened due to unforeseen circumstances the Executive may restate the number of qualifying days.**

The Executive considers this more realistic qualifying criteria than the current qualifying period which is the same for the mid season as the end of season final.

The item was seconded by Southern River.

After discussion the motion was put and CARRIED.

Item 6: SMCA Executive

By-Law 11. Dropping players to lower grades

Change By-Law 11d to read:

During qualifying games only all grades that play only one day matches shall collectively be deemed to be one grade for the purposes of qualification under By Law 11b.

For the purposes of qualification under By Law 41b for end of season finals, one day grades shall be graded highest to lowest, with 'A' being the highest.

The Executive considers this 100% clarifies this law in relation to end of season finals.

The item was seconded by Kelmscott.

After discussion the motion was put and CARRIED.

Item 7: Armadale

"The executive explore the possibility of introducing a sub rule during the second week of 2 day games for players in our competition who are promoted to WACA district cricket or selected for Impaja cup games."

The item was seconded by Willetton.

After discussion the motion was put and CARRIED.

Item 8: Kardinya Lakes

Proposed changes to By-law 33 and 41

Add - 33e Players must take part in matches to be named on match reports.

Add - 41e Players must take part in matches to be named on match reports.

In the fairness and spirit of the SMCA competition, we believe the composition of teams reaching finals, may be vastly different than those during qualifying matches. Players can qualify for finals by being named on match reports, even though they did not participate in some matches, but still named on match reports, enabling them to qualify for finals. We believe that if a match was legitimately played (not a forfeit), any player named on match reports in this manner should not count as a qualifying game. We feel this By-law change would make for a fairer competition.

The item was seconded by Southern River.

After discussion the motion was put and LOST.

Item 9: Bicton-Attadale

The Bicton Attadale Cricket Club proposes that the SMCA One Day competition finals fixtures from 2011/12 onwards be based on a finals structure identical to that which is adopted in the West Australian Football League.

Explanation

Week 1 - 1st & 2nd SEMI-FINALS: 1st and 2nd placed teams play off in the 2nd semi final at 1st placed teams home ground (winner proceeds to the grand final, loser plays in the preliminary final), 3rd & 4th placed teams play off in the 1st Semi final at 3rd placed teams home ground.(winner proceeds to the preliminary final, loser is eliminated)

Week 2: PRELIMINARY FINAL: .the winner of the 1st semi plays the loser of the 2nd semi at the loser of 2nd semis home ground. Winner proceeds to Grand final, loser is eliminated.

Week 3: GRAND FINAL: The winner of the 2nd semi plays the winner of the preliminary at the winner of the 2nd semis home ground

Background

Our club believes the team that currently finishes on top of the ladder is not adequately rewarded. A team could hypothetically win 21 games of cricket after a long season and then be bundled out after one poor showing in a sudden death semi final. This is not considered the best model available and the proposed finals

structure would achieve more reward for a seasons effort by giving both the 1st and 2nd placed teams a second chance, which is of a greater necessity in one day cricket as opposed to two day cricket, where teams have more of a chance to redeem themselves over the course of a two day game.

With the proposed introduction of less one day qualifying fixtures in 2011/12, it presents an ideal opportunity to introduce one extra week in finals, and add a lot more interest into the one day format.

The item was seconded by Kelmscott.

After discussion the motion was put and LOST.

Item 10: Southern River

Should a player be unfinancial at an SMCA club they can currently still be transferred to a winter league side.

Given this we believe it would be in the interest of all SMCA clubs that it be necessary to ensure all players that come from SMCA clubs to the winter league (any league at all really) are financial prior to doing so. This would be extra assistance to all clubs to help chase players that are unfinancial and would keep with the rules that apply to changing clubs throughout the summer seasons. After all why should the winter league be treated any differently to other competitions?

The item was seconded by Kelmscott.

After discussion the motion was put and LOST.

Item 11: Maddington

1. 100 Year Celebration – Maddington Cricket Club, being one of the founding members of the South Suburban Cricket Association, would like the Association to consider contributing to a gala event that our club is organising late January 2012. In previous years, we understand that the Association has helped other participating SMCA clubs with a donation to their milestone events. Maddington Cricket Club have arranged, as part of our festivities, to design and develop a 100 Year publication to celebrate this momentous occasion in our clubs history as well as organising a black tie gala event. It would be appreciated if the Association could consider donating to our planned activities.

This matter was referred to the SMCA Executive for consideration.

2. Reschedule the last two fixtures of regular season – Maddington Cricket Club would like the Association to consider revising the last two fixtured games to be one day games rather than two day games. The reason for this request would aid in reducing the possibility of contrived results that appear to be ever increasing in the SMCA towards the end of each season. With this in mind, this modification to fixtures would then enable that the club that finishes on top of the one day table would then be awarded the one day flag (removing the need for mid-season one day final) and then have the normal finals process for the two day version of the game.

This matter was deferred so that all items in relation to one-day cricket playing schedule could be discussed together.

3. Twenty20 Competition – Maddington Cricket Club would like to see the prize money associated to the Twenty20 competition transferred to the 1st Grade competition. The reason for this request is that each of the 21 clubs in the competition who play two day cricket would like to see their club play in the 1st Grade competition, which is considered the pinnacle in our Association. The Twenty20 competition, as popular as it is, is not supported by all clubs in the Association and therefore, the prize money offered should be re-considered. The Twenty20 form of cricket has been devised to gain attention to the game, but surely, we should reward the club who wins the 1st Grade flag with the prize money associated to the Twenty20 competition?

This item was seconded by Kenwick.

It was generally agreed that the prize money for the Twenty20 competition was now not consistent with funding to other grades. After discussion Maddington agreed to withdraw the motion for further consideration by the Executive.

Item 12: Kenwick

By-Law 25

Add h.

In the One Day Competition only the 12th man is able to bat or bowl in a specified innings of a game.

Captains are to name 10 players who can both bat and bowl plus an additional 2 players – 1 of which is nominated to bat and 1 of which is nominated to either bowl or wicket keep.

Idea – to give more players a chance to participate in a game on a Saturday rather than just being a sub fielder.

All 12 players would qualify as games played in relation to meeting the minimum qualification for finals.

This By-law may only be suitable for the lower One-Day grades only.

This item was seconded by Canning Districts.

After discussion the motion was put and LOST.

The meeting now addressed the three motions relating to the one-day cricket playing schedule.

Southern River believed that there should be 2 to 3 matches played at the start of the season with the remaining games played mid season with a one-day final.

Leeming Spartan wanted the 7 one day matches played in one batch to start the season with a one-day final.

Maddington wanted 2 one-day matches to finish the season with no one-day final.

After discussion it was moved Graham Santich and seconded Southern River that the mid-season one-day final format be retained.

The motion was put and CARRIED.

This took the Maddington motion off the table.

The Southern River motion was then discussed after being seconded by Hilton Palmyra.

- 1) Suggest that season starts with 2 one-day matches at beginning of season. This may assist Clubs with early season numbers.

After discussion the motion was put and LOST.

The Leeming Spartan motion then lapsed due to a lack of a seconder.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Willetton expressed their interest in hosting the coming season's Association Windup.

There was discussion on the stand-alone First Grade Final. It was generally agreed that the previous stand-alone finals had been a success. A stand-alone First Grade Grand Final in the coming season would result in one Sunday fixture. The item was put to a vote and it was agreed that the stand-alone Grand Final will continue.

Ken Bridges advised that his father Don had passed away on 5th July. Don, an Association Life Member, was an outstanding medium pace bowler and handy all-rounder for the Scots Cricket Club, now Kardinya Lakes. Graham Santich acknowledged Don's passing with regret.

CLOSURE: As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 9:20pm

NEXT MEETING:

30th August 2011 – Executive Meeting – 6:00pm at Leeming

4th October 2011 – President's Meeting – 7:30pm at Leeming