

SOUTH METROPOLITAN CRICKET ASSOCIATION INC.

**MINUTES OF THE PRESIDENTS MEETING OF SOUTH METROPOLITAN
CRICKET ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED HELD ON TUESDAY 12 MAY
2009 AT LEEMING SPORTING CLUB.**

PRESENT: See attached attendance sheet

APOLOGIES: Mr G Hartman (Administrator)
Mr S Hartman (Kenwick)
Mr M Holt (East Fremantle)
Mr M Beer (Phoenix)

COMMENCEMENT: It was established that a quorum was present and the meeting commenced at 7.33pm.

**MINUTES OF
PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the previous meeting were read & accepted as true record.

MOVED: Mr B Greenshields
SECONDED: Mrs I Hale
AGAINST: Nil
CARRIED

A question was raised in regards to the previous minutes and the possibility of a new team. Mr R Sims could not answer as to the progress and stated that at this stage it was just an expression of interest from what he believed to be Canning Vale who currently plays in the PCA. Mr R Sims also stated that he had left the matter with Mr G Hartman to handle.

**INWARD
CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mr R Sims advised that Mr G Hartman had received very little inward correspondence other than a few questions and the agenda items.

Mr S Michael also advised that Department of Consumer and Employment Protection had advised us of changes we have to make to our constitution in order to bring them in line with the current legislation and that the Constitution will need to be passed at the next Annual General Meeting before they can re-submitted.



**OUTWARD
CORRESPONDENCE:**

Outward correspondence was really just the agenda items and Mr G Hartman has been away for the last five (5) weeks.

TREASURY REPORT:

Mr T Hegarty spoke about the rundown financials as per the report attached. He also spoke about expenses that weren't accounted for in the budget. He thanked Mr S Michael for his help over the year in entering the financials into the software system.

Question was raised in regards to what was planned for the money currently held in term deposit and Mr R Sims advised that he would touch on this point in General Business. A further question was raised about the Cricket West Income which Mr S Michael advised was re-imbursements for the Inter Association game expenses held over the season.

**ADMINISTRATORS
REPORT:**

Office Bearers reports need to be updated and sent to Mr G Hartman as soon as possible. Mr R Sims advised that under the constitution all clubs AGM's must be held prior to the SMCA AGM and Office Bearers must be advised but then.

Mr R Sims also advised that the dates have been set for the next year's meetings and these dates are as follows:

- Tuesday 9 June 09 – Executive
- Tuesday 7 July 09– Executive
- Tuesday 4 August 09– AGM
- Tuesday 1 Sept. 09 – Executive
- Tuesday 29 Sept. 09 - Pres. Meeting
- Tuesday 27 October 09 – Executive
- Tuesday 24 Nov. 09 – Executive
- Tuesday 19 January 10– Executive
- Tuesday 16 February – Executive
- Tuesday 16 March – Executive
- Tuesday 13 April – Pres. Meeting



UMPIRES ADVISORS REPORT:

Mr T Kift firstly thanked all the clubs for their assistance during the finals in supplying umpires. He said from all reports the umpires all did well and he thanks them all for volunteering to help.

Mr T Kift also thanked all the clubs for their help and assistance for the entire year.

CRICKET WEST REPORT:

Mr I Hale advised that no meeting had yet been held and so there was not much to report at this stage

Mr R Sims also advised that the Cricket West Presidents met recently to discuss a few issues but the main points that came from the meeting was in relation to changes to clearances from one association to another with these changes being that if a player request a clearance from one club in another association and they haven't cleared them or given a reason for not clearing them after seven (7) days the player can play under a permit without penalty to them or the club they play for. But this will not be an automatic clearance for them. After 14 days if still no reply the player is still automatically cleared.

Mr R Sims also advised the meeting of Fosters withdrawing from Cricket on a national level effective immediately as they have paid out the contract. Mr R Sims also advised that Cricket West are talking to Lion Nathan as a group but this will take time and he will advise as to progress at the AGM.

A question from the floor was addressed by Mr R Sims as to what happens if they after seven (7) days they deny the clearance and the players are in the middle of playing a two day game. Mr R Sims advised that should this occur there will be no penalty to the club.



**MOVING OF ALL
REPORTS:**

MOVED: Leeming
SECONDED: Willetton
AGAINST: Nil
MOVED

CONSTITUTION:

Mr R Sims touched briefly on this matter as it had already been discussed earlier but this will be re-presented at the AGM for consideration.

PERMITS:

Mr R Sims decided that the issue will drag out the meeting and that a current sub-committee is working on a better permits system and clubs are welcome to send their input to Mr G Hartman should they have any.

Mr G Santich also advised that the sub – committee are also looking at the qualification of finals as well.

AGENDA ITEMS:

**Hilton Palmyra
1st Grade Setup:**

Mr Troy Banks proposed that a First Grade comprising of an eight (8) team competition will be of a much higher and consistent standard than the current twelve (12) team competitions.

Mr Banks suggested that the gap in ability between the top four sides and the bottom four sides in the current A-grade format is far too great. In an eight (8) Team competition teams would play each other twice in a season would add to the equality of the competition.

Mr Banks also said that the best players in the competition should also play one day cricket against one another and that one day cricket is more appealing to younger players, and the association should be encouraging such younger players to participate in our competition, at its highest level.

It was also suggested by Hilton that this will help to get umpires down further down the



grades as there will only be 8 umpires needed for 1st grade each week.

Mr T Culley on behalf of CBC also agreed with the proposal and believed that it would help the association as the 1st grade don't play one day cricket currently.

Mr R Sims suggested that this will be a long process and couldn't happen immediately as there is a moratorium with Riverton. We would also need to give all clubs notice on the date and what will happen.

Mr P Smith from Armadale suggested that the current system allows all that want to play 1st grade should play in 1st grade and that is their preferred option.

Mr R Sims also suggested that whilst there is 15 teams in 1st and 2nd grade there are teams in the lower grades willing to come up and fill the spot allowing a 1st & 3rd and 2nd & 4th to be in place.

Mr J Covic suggested that maybe the 4 bottom sides in the 1st grade want to step down anyway. Mr R Sims asked Mr M Freeman what Kardinya would like he said that he was not in a position to answer that.

Mr R Sims asked Kwinana what they thought but given they are in the position of relegation Mr Bell said it would depend on what Willetton want to do in regards to moving up the grade and Mr D Mott answered that Willetton will take up the option to move into 1st Grade. Riverton confirmed that they would like to remain in 1st grade.

Leeming

Alcohol Consumption:

Mr J Ispen Licensed venues – What is the SMCA ruling on BYO alcohol to Licensed Playing Venues? Armadale supporters in the GF brought BYO alcohol to John Connell Reserve and treated Leeming CC with disdain.



Mr J Ispen was wondering what the SMCA position is on this matter. Mr P Smith has asked that the questions he asked in regards to this be answered by the sporting club committee and is yet to receive an answer.

Mr J Ispen said he was invited by the offending people to call the police to deal with the matter and that they were more disappointed with the attitude of the supporters and that he will discuss it further with Mr P Smith.

Mr M Freeman stated that there is nothing the SMCA can do in the rules as it is already addressed in the Liquor Licensing Act which would override any rule we would have.

Mr R Sims suggested that the association would suggest again as we have before that no clubs should take alcohol and respect other club that has licensed facilities.

Umpiring Scholarship:

Leeming proposed that a Scholarship's to attract umpires to the SMCA. Mr R Sims said that the new WACA umpires advisor Mr B Rennie is looking into umpires in all associations and is looking to recruit more umpires.

Association Games:

Association Games – Apart from incentives for players to play, what opportunities are there for clubs if the player gets injured during an Association game. Can a player be replaced if he gets injured half way through an SMCA club game.

Mr R Sims said that he agreed with idea and needed to be put as a motion to be looked into. Mr T Culley suggested that we look at the WACA system for an answer to this matter.

End of Year Function:

Mr J Ispen proposed that Leeming organise and host an end of season wind up / trophy presentation for the 2009 / 2010 season. Mr R Sims agreed to the idea and would hope that the association may be able to pay for the event otherwise the clubs will pay through their affiliation fee.



Cockburn:

Mr F Legena put a motion with Mr J Covic discussing the following Change the way the P&D is run and asked that a consistency be looked at as thing that happened to Cockburn seem to be different to those handed out to other clubs. Maybe umpires explain prescribed penalties better.

Mr R Sims then explained the prescribed penalties are to be taken prior then appear at the tribunal. The P&D Chairman chairs all tribunal hearings through the years and he directs the P&D so there is a consistency he also told the members that there is no maximums under the By-Laws only minimums.

Mr R Sims put the issue to the Presidents to deal with these issues so there are no reports in the season. Mr R Sims also suggested that suspended player should also look to umpiring in the weeks of the suspension.

By laws with finals – To make it ok to accumulate games in lower grades to be able to play in a certain grade Mr R Sims told the members that this is currently getting looked at.

Mr J Covic suggested that Avoiding Sunday games for the One Day Competition, not only us but many other clubs had great difficulty fielding teams on a Saturday and Sunday. The one day competition could play one game less per season. Mr R Sims suggested that this year we may be with a start on 3rd October be able to have no Sunday games except for one game in 1st grade.

SMCA to inspect grounds before fixtures are drawn up to ensure they are at a safe standard and have all amenities and facilities, we had Wade Westphal-Groves injure his knee at Murdoch University ground. The ground could best be described as a Cow Paddock and should not have been played on.

Mr S Michael said that they do inspect grounds however ground do change and



deteriorate and we do at times need to be updated if a grounds condition changes.

CBC:

At the end of the home and away the final six (in First Grade) is set and the finals are played 1 v 6, 2 v 5 and 3 v 4 (as it is currently). The top 3 teams host these games – this is their reward for finishing higher.

The 2 lowest ranked losers are eliminated (as it is currently). This leaves 3 teams that have won and one that has lost ('lucky loser')

These teams are ranked in order as they finished the home and away EXCEPT the 'lucky loser' is ranked 4.

The semi-finals then go 1 v 4 and 2 v 3 (as it is currently). The top 2 ranked teams host these games – this is their reward as they finished higher and have NOT lost.

The 2 winners go through to the Final with the highest team hosting the game (as it is currently). Again reward for being ranked higher than the opposition and still winning.

The only REAL change is the 'lucky loser' is ranked 4th. It does not matter what position they held at the end of the home and away games. They have LOST a qualifying final and all the other teams have won. Their reward for finishing higher up the ladder was that they hosted the first final, played against a lower ranked team AND ARE STILL IN THE FINALS EVAN THOUGH THEY LOST. Why then should they be rewarded again for losing by holding a higher ranking and the possibility of hosting another finals game?

Moved as a motion for the AGM

Moved: CBC

Seconded: Leeming

GENERAL BUSINESS:



**Working with Children
Legislation:**

Mr S Michael discussed the legislation for the Working with Children to all members and informed them of their obligations under this legislation.

**Expansion into Southern
Corridor:**

Mr R Sims recommendation is that we should be working with the councils down Cockburn way. He has spoken to David Clear about how we go about securing more teams in this region. This is an expanding area and we need to be proactive in making sure we are controlling teams and clubs in these areas.

5 Year Plan:

Mr R Sims suggested that the Executive sits down at some stage this season and puts in place a 5 year plan for the association. This will address all the grades and plan how to continue to grow the association in ways such as clubs, players, umpires and sponsors. It will also look to doing an S.W.O.T analysis on the association.

Loan Facility Fund:

Mr R Sims proposed that the amount of \$20,000 that the association has be used for the use of clubs as an interest free loan to help clubs develop cricket facilities only for the benefit of cricket in the community. The proposal is that clubs submit their proposal to the executive and that the loan to a maximum of \$5,000 paid over three (3) years also a maximum term. It is to be used with other monies raised from other parties i.e.: Council or DSR.

**Forrestdale Jamie
Strickland Fundraiser:**

Mr R Sims mentioned the fund raiser and thanked all those that attended and they raised about \$14,000. Forrestdale also were happy with the night with many clubs contributing to the night with Ken Judge and Kim Hughes donating their time for the function.

Twenty20 Prize Money:

Mr T Culley questioned the balance sheet the prize money for the competition and had the opinion that this just help the stronger



clubs become stronger. It was suggested that prize money be awarded to all premiership winner which was at the last vote defeated.

Mr R Sims explained the prize money situation with the members and he told the members that the twenty20 loses money and it's not a money making venture. It was agreed at a meeting two years ago and it was voted in to award money to the twenty20 winners.

Twenty20 Competition:

Mr A Grainger questioned the fixturing of the one day finals twenty20 games which made for three (3) games in five (5) days. Mr S Michael acknowledged that a mistake was made and said that they had learnt from it and it won't happen again

5.30pm Rule:

Mr A Plummer raise the change to the 5.30pm rule which allowed a game to be called at this point and asked if this should be rescinded and play continues on till 6.00pm.

Mr R Sims agreed that the rule is not a good one and he believes that it should be changed however he acknowledged that a lot of people like the rule and suggested that put to a vote it may remain in place. He did however recommend that it be put to the AGM.

Mercy Rule:

Mr J Ispen proposed that a Mercy Rule be put in place instead of the current points system which makes teams play on after a result is known. It was discussed that maybe a bonus point system or a net run rate system so games can be called off once a result has been achieved.

NEXT MEETING:

Executive Meeting: 9 June 2009 commencing at 6:30pm at Leeming.

CLOSURE:

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 10.03pm.

