

South Metropolitan Cricket Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at Leeming on Tuesday 7th August, 2012. Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Clubs as per attendance register.

APOLOGIES: Brian Waterer, Gary Hartman, John Ipsen

ABSENT: The following Clubs were absent from the AGM:
Forrestdale, Kelmscott, Kenwick, Kwinana, Maddington, Perth Tamil, Phoenix, Southern Districts.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Accepted as a true and correct record. Moved Willetton and seconded Cockburn. **CARRIED.**

MATTERS ARISING:

Nil

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Graham Santich

I am pleased to present my first President's report for SMCA after succeeding Rob Sims who had held the position for the previous 8 seasons. Rob held this position in high regard for so long and congratulations are extended to him for his contribution

This season the Executive was successful in mirroring the 1st and 3rd grade teams and to some extent the 2nd and the 4th grade teams. This resulted in simpler fixturing in the two day competition which enabled clubs to play against the same club in a majority of grounds in each round.

This year also saw a change in the clubs playing off in the First grade grand final. For the last few seasons we have become used to watching Leeming and CBC fighting for the premiership so congratulations to East Fremantle for their victory over Cockburn.

The two day competition saw 7 different clubs take out their respective premierships while 4 clubs won the one day titles.

Congratulations to Hilton Palmyra who won their way back into 1st grade after being relegated at the end of the 2010/11 season. Hilton also won the Brian Waterer Shield for consistent performances in all grades.

Unfortunately Riverton Rostrata finished at the foot of the 1st grade ladder and will be playing in the 2nd grade competition during 2012/13.

It was pleasing to see clubs made an effort to enter the match scores into MyCricket on Saturday evenings immediately after the match. It allowed players to be aware of what was happening in other fixtures as soon as possible. Further it places SMCA cricket on the map as people from interstate and overseas can view results as if they attended the match.

Inter Association matches administered by Cricket West were restricted to 40 overs for Seniors and Colts while the veterans played T20 games. This format has proved successful as players only need to commit to Sunday afternoons rather than involve part of their Sunday morning recovery. We almost pulled off the win of the century when narrowly going down to Suburban Turf.

My thanks are extended to Steve Michael and Rob Sims who represented our Association at Cricket West and their band of volunteers and for the organisation of inter Association matches. I respectfully ask clubs to make their players aware of these matches so they can choose to represent their Association.

The words "See you Tuesday" uttered by umpires represents the downside of the Association when players misbehave and play outside the rules of cricket. For these people it means facing up to Barry Hawkins and his P & D tribunal. Barry's role is quite often a thankless one and he will be surely missed as he has indicated he cannot continue in the position. I would like to thank Barry for his professionalism and wish him well for the future.

Cricket at the highest level cannot be played without umpires. Ably led by Umpires Board President Dirk Leonardt and Advisor Steve Nichols they continue to churn out some very good umpires. Unfortunately we do not have enough umpires to officiate in all matches so in many fixtures we rely on the excellent sportsmanship of players in the lower grades to umpire themselves. While those grades are accustomed to these arrangements surely it must be our goal to provide an official umpire in all matches. Steve Nichols is also aiming at this goal and will make every effort to achieve that aim.

I wish to thank the Executive members including the Administrator Gary Hartman and Treasurer Graeme Ashley for their superb efforts throughout the season. Unfortunately Brian Waterer was indisposed during the season and could not contribute to the team as he would have liked. The efforts by the Executive have made my job very simple. One again I must thank my Senior Vice President Barry Hawkins for stepping in during my several absences for work reasons.

In conclusion I urge people who may have new ideas or feel they have something to contribute to cricket are urged to nominate for a position on the Executive. It is not an onerous task and you will be made very welcome

Graham Santich
PRESIDENT

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Gary Hartman

I would like to start my report by thanking the Clubs and the Umpires Association for their hard work and support over the past 12 months.

Many thanks also to the Executive for their work and support.

Congratulations to the successful Clubs in the past season.

The fixturing process was easier this past season with some of the grades being mirrored with others.

Sadly, after only 3 nominations it was decided not to proceed with a Twenty20 competition.

The permit system seems to continue to be working as well as it can.

A reminder that clearances need to be dealt with in 10 days, after this period the players new club has the right to request that I grant the clearance. Under new Cricket West guidelines I will not process any clearances until 1st September.

As a shift worker I appreciate the fact that 90% of Club communication with me is by email and not by phone. I urge everyone, where the matter is not urgent, to use email. The only exception to this is if a team is going to forfeit a match – I should then be called and a message left if necessary.

I wish all Clubs well for the coming season.

Gary Hartman
Administrator

TREASURER'S REPORT: Graeme Ashley

Advised the Auditor's Report was not available, as the Auditor was not able to be contacted. Treasurer to follow up and circulate report at the earliest opportunity.

Noted an increase in Kookaburra Sponsorship negotiated through Cricket West by Rob Sims. Increase of umpires fees to \$110 per day calculated in the budget.

UMPIRE'S REPORT: Steve Nichols

Finished season with 30/35 umpires. Noted Umpires Reports were an important tool for Umpire's Advisor in terms of appointments, particularly for finals. Some Clubs seem to just send report to avoid fines without much accuracy. A suggestion Clubs should only be required to submit "exception reports" referred to Executive to examine.

CRICKET WEST: Steve Michael

A successful season, Seniors made Grand Final, Colts just missed out on run quota. Vets were outclassed – younger players required to compete with other Associations.

SMCA Players awarded Player of Series in all grades.

Clubs asked to specifically request Cricket West logo Kookaburra balls when making purchases for coming season.

Steve thanked Ian Hale, Rob Sims and Graeme Ashley for their assistance and also thanked the Umpires Association and Canning Districts Cricket Club members for ongoing match day assistance.

As a result of Seniors playing in Grand Final have qualified for Statewide 20/20 WACA comp and will have a trip to Kalgoorlie to play 2 games on a Sunday. Agreed preference regarding selection for this trip to given to players who have been available for previous matches.

Clubs are urged to nominate players for this season's competition to Steve Michael as soon as possible.

Moved Kardinya-Lakes and seconded Thornlie that all reports be accepted. **CARRIED.**

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

Steve Michael opened the election.

Patron: Brian Waterer was elected unopposed.

President: Graham Santich was elected unopposed.

The President then resumed the chair and the following positions were filled unopposed from nominations received.

Senior Vice President: Steve Michael

Junior Vice President: Ian Hale

Executive Committee: John Griffin, Brendan Jones, Kiel Sigley.

Auditor: Leanne Galeellis

AGENDA ITEMS AND NOTICES OF MOTION:

Item 1 from Leeming-Spartan

We have received feedback from a few SMCA clubs who believe the current points system to determine the Brian Waterer Club Champion Award is somewhat flawed and needs readdressing.

The current criteria to win the award is covered in By-Law 74. Section B basically states that all sides in all grades are treated the same in that points are accrued equally. Whilst we have absolutely no issue with last years winner, as they were the best performed club, we believe a review of the points system is warranted.

Clubs with more sides who play in the higher grades appear to be disadvantaged e.g. two clubs with three sides (who participated in 4th grade, ODB, ODC and ODD respectfully) finished in last seasons top four of the Club Champion Award. Two clubs with six and seven sides respectfully (who actually commenced the season with seven and eight sides) played in First, Third, Fifth and Sixth grade respectfully as well as participating in some of the lower grades and one of these clubs had seven sides make the finals yet they finished 8th and 9th respectfully in the Club Champion Award.

We believe the current format needs reviewing in that a new formula / format could be used to determine the Club Champion Award.

The two options that could be looked at are:

That a weighted formula (based on grade positions) in accruing points could be used. A formula or prorata system to be used based on the higher grade position of each team i.e. 100% loading for 1st grade, 90% for 2nd grade, 80% for 3rd grade, 70% for 4th grade and so on down the grades with say a minimum of 50% loading for one day grades, and / or

The current system only rewards clubs for on field success. It is our understanding that the WAAFL use both on field and off field performance to award the club champion. We recommend that clubs who perform well off the field should also be able to accrue points i.e. points for not having players reported, points deleted for non attendance of meetings, points deleted for very time the club is fined, points for having players represent their association team etc etc.

We request the SMCA Executive review the points system and make amendments in line with the above information.

After discussion this matter was referred to Executive to consider.

Item 2 from Leeming Spartan

The second agenda item is the illegal byo and consumption of alcohol at licenced premises during game day.

We understand that this is a legal issue and not one that the SMCA can control, but it would be good to have clarification on this and to have the SMCA's preferred stance.

Its very difficult to enforce at club level the non byo and consumption of alcohol to lincenced premises when some clubs blatantly refuse to administer such policy.

We believe we make a stand in that we are either all in agreeance or that we are not in agreeance on this issue. We don't believe we can have it a bit both ways.

After discussion it was agreed it was appropriate for Club Presidents to encourage all players and supporters to observe liquor licence laws and not take alcohol to clubs with bar facilities. Suggested Clubs should submit details of grounds with licenced facilities with team nominations so a list could be included with fixtures.

Item 3 from Armadale

"That First grade does not have a stand-alone Grand final date."

Armadale requests that the First grade Grand final is played on the same days as the other two day grand finals.

After discussion and a show of hands it appeared most Clubs were in favour of a "stand alone 1st grade grand final".

Item 4 from SMCA Executive

Replace Rule 41.1.

"Power to make By-laws: The Executive may recommend on making by-laws in such manner as" with the following:

"Power to make By-laws: The Executive may resolve to add, modify or delete by-laws in such manner as"

BACKGROUND

Since the inception of the SMCA Constitution the provisions of Rule 41 mean the elected members and office bearers of the Executive have no legal power to administer the Association outside the bounds of the Constitution and the By-laws.

While this provision is satisfactory in a majority of cases there have been times in the past where the by-law, by virtue of the changing environment is not serving its purpose for which it was previously designed. In these cases the Executive, from a common sense point of view has made a valid ruling to overrule the by-law but theoretically has been unconstitutional

If the Executive was to proceed in accordance with the Constitution a notice of motion would need to be prepared and General Meeting of clubs would then be required to vote upon the change. This is seen nowadays as a waste of resources and would impede the Executive's ability to meet with the demands placed upon us to administer the Association in an efficient manner.

It is my view that the Executive requires the ability to modify by-laws so it can be proactive in responding to the changing cricket climate immediately

CONCLUSION

If this notice of motion is confirmed the Executive will continue to follow the conditions set out in the by-laws but if it is necessary on very odd occasion to vary such by-law the details of the change would be fully documented in the minutes of the Executive meeting. Naturally if clubs feel the change is unwarranted they will still have the right to have the Executive's decision to be reversed

I urge clubs to support this motion in the hope that the Executive can operate in a similar manner to that of our comparative organisations

Moved Willetton and seconded Kardinya-Lakes that the motion be approved. CARRIED.

Item 5 from SMCA Executive

That the following paragraph item be added to Association By-Laws Code of Conduct:

Web participation by members of the South Metropolitan Cricket Association to vilify, defame or criticise other members of the South Metropolitan Cricket Association whether they be players or official's acting in any capacity where it is deemed to be bringing the game into disrepute. Any player or official found to be engaging in this sort of activity may be brought before the P&D to answer a charge or charges of bringing the game into disrepute and be dealt with in accordance with this code of conduct.

Web participation is currently defined as all forms of public web-based communication and expression, such as blogs, microblogs, linkblogs, social network sites, wikis, bookmark sites, photo sharing sites, video sharing sites, forums, mailing lists, discussion groups and chat rooms.

Explanation: The use of social network sites such as Facebook by members of the South Metropolitan Cricket Association has become commonplace and in the past used to criticise other players, umpires and officials. This addition to the by-laws would confirm that the Executive may act if complaints are made.

Moved Willetton seconded Bicton-Attadale that the motion be approved. CARRIED.

Item 6 from SMCA Executive

That By-Law 46f be changed to the following (changes in red):

46f. In the event of a club playing a player under a false name, then all games participated in by that club in that round shall be considered to be forfeited with the penalties as outlined in By-Law 46.d to apply. The Captain of the offending team in which the player participated is to be suspended for **three matches** for filling in a false team sheet. The player who has offended **may** be dealt with by the Protests, Disputes and Appeals Board.

Explanation: The current penalty of one match is not deemed to be a strong enough deterrent to what is considered a very serious charge.

In the last line the word **may** replace the word **shall** because most time the player who has offended is not even aware of the captain's actions.

Moved Caning Districts and seconded Kardinya-Lakes that the motion be approved. CARRIED.

Item 7 from SMCA Executive

That By-Law 69 be changed to the following (changes in red):

By-Law 69 Fines

11	Forfeiture of game – first offence doubling with any subsequent offence to a maximum of \$100.00	\$50
12	Late notification of forfeiture - first offence doubling with any subsequent offence to a maximum of \$200.00	\$100
13	Failure to notify of forfeiture - first offence doubling with any subsequent offence to a maximum of \$400.00	\$200

Explanation: Changes to fines for forfeits at last years Annual General Meeting did not take in to effect second and third offences.

Moved Cockburn and seconded Kardinya-Lakes that the motion be approved. **CARRIED.**

PRESENTATION:

At this time the meeting agenda was suspended to allow Ian Hale to make a presentation.

Ian presented Rob Sims with a Life Membership of the SMCA, which was endorsed by the meeting with acclamation.

Rob responded and expressed his thanks to the SMCA and those he had worked with.

The meeting then returned to the agenda items.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Raffle was drawn by new Life Member Rob Sims and won by Kenwick.

Riverton/Rostrata raised the matter of obtaining a permit for 1st/2nd grade players to play in the One Day competition when they were only available for 1 day of a 2 day fixture. It was agreed during discussion the landscape in regard to player availability had changed in recent years due to FIFO workers.

Agreed the Executive would investigate if there were circumstances to allow 1st/2nd players to play One Day fixtures.

Armadale raised the matter of team nominations and was assured their circumstances would be considered in the final allocation of fixtures.

CLOSURE: As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 9.10pm.

NEXT MEETING:

12th September 2012 – Executive Meeting- 6.00pm at Leeming