

South Metropolitan Cricket Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 29 July 2024

Venue: Thornlie Clubrooms, commencing at 7:00pm



PRESENT: As per register (attached).

APOLOGIES: Nil.

ABSENT: Nil

MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETING:

Moved by Phoenix, seconded by Jandakot Park that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29 May 2023 be accepted. **CARRIED**

MATTERS ARISING: Nil

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Good Evening Member Clubs, and welcome to the 2024/25 SMCA AGM.

Over the past 12, and probably more so 24 months, the Association has evolved dramatically with three President's over the past three years. When at the 2023/24 AGM, and our office bearers were nominated and subsequently elected, I never envisaged that I would be thrown into the deep end and become President within two months of the AGM, but here we are. Admittedly, it was not a role I wanted to fill, yet knew that as elected Senior Vice President, if the need arose, I would be required to step up. Over the course of the season, there have been challenges, however, as a Committee, we have met these head on, and closed these out. Not everyone will be happy with how these challenges have been met, and some will have their own opinions, however, as a Committee, we continue to learn and look to achieve better from lessons we have learned.

On the Committee for 2023/24, I would like to take a moment to thank you all for your help and support during the 2023/24 season. David King and Stephen Kemp have been fantastic in their roles as Vice Presidents and provided needed, sage, advice, and Gary Hartman has been unwavering in his support in the Administrators hot-seat, while the remaining committee members were instrumental throughout the preparation and support of the CricketWest Carnival, and throughout the course of the season for grading, P&D sessions, role evaluations, the list goes on. I am beyond appreciative for the support that you have provided.

As an Association, we had successes during the CricketWest carnival with Colts achieving back to back premiership glory. Can I please take a moment to extend thanks to each of the captains of the squads. Nick Bailey (CBC), Jackson Edgar (CBC), and Steven Greaves (Roleystone / Karragullen). The squads came together really well, and the camaraderie amongst the players was pleasing to see. I would also like to thank Brad McHugh for stepping up to coach the squads, and Kardinya Lakes for their support throughout CricketWest carnival providing their facility for training and the squad uniform presentation.

Season 2023/24 will also go down in our history as the final season of scheduled Sunday fixtures for the Home and Away season. As a Committee, we will need to find methods to achieve this status quo, as the clubs have spoken. We will need to find ways to accommodate this mandate while respecting our

affiliation agreement with CricketWest.

Let me conclude and state that we are constantly evolving and want to achieve a standard where the SMCA is a choice competition of CricketWest. To do this, we all need to work harder, where the work we put in today, the benefits will be observed and rewarded tomorrow.

I look forward to seeing what season 2024/25 brings and what we can achieve together.

Thank you.

Pete Anderson
SMCA President

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Attached.

Mario explained that a Cricket West grant had been received after the end of the Association financial year.

Semi Final levy for umpires to be increased to \$120 per team.

Cricket West costs should be less next year as we received most of the clothing back.

There were no questions.

It was moved Cockburn and seconded Phoenix that the Treasurer's Report be approved. **CARRIED**

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

Peter Anderson declared all positions vacant and handed over the chair to Gary Hartman.

Gary Hartman thanked Peter for his service as President for the past 12 months during what had been a difficult period at times.

President: Gary called for nominations for the position of SMCA President.

Peter Anderson was nominated by Phoenix and seconded by Kardinya Lakes. As there was no further nominations Gary declared Peter Anderson as SMCA President for the 2024-25 season.

Peter Anderson resumed the chair.

Patron: Peter called for nominations for position of SMCA Patron

Brian Waterer was nominated by Thornlie and seconded by Jandakot Park.

Ian Hale was nominated by Kardinya Lakes and seconded by Kenwick.

It was agreed that Brian and Ian are to be offered the role as joint Patrons. Gary Hartman to advise both to ascertain their willingness to hold the position.

Senior Vice President: Peter called for nominations for the position of SMCA Senior Vice President.

David King was nominated by Cannington Tigers and seconded by Riverton Rostrata. As there was no further nominations Peter declared David King as SMCA Senior Vice President for the 2024-25 season.

Junior Vice President: Peter called for nominations for the position of SMCA Junior Vice President.

Steve Kemp was nominated by Kardinya Lakes and seconded by Kenwick. As there was no further nominations Peter declared Steve Kemp as SMCA Junior Vice President for the 2024-25 season.

Executive Committee: Peter called for nominations for positions on the SMCA Executive Committee. The SMCA Constitution allows for not less than 2 and not more than 6 other persons.

Jacon Landsmeer, Ian Del Rosso, Shamez Rashid. Joe Covic, Mark Iannello were nominated by Canning Vale and seconded by Jandakot Park. As there was no further nominations Peter declared the five nominated persons as members of the SMCA Executive Committee for the 2024-25 season.

HONORARIUM POSITIONS:

Peter confirmed that Gary Hartman would continue as Administrator/Secretary for the 2024-25 season. And Mario Baeli would continue as Treasurer for the 2024-25 season.

The SMCA Executive had received two nominations for the position of Umpires Advisor and after consideration Norm Harris would remain Umpire's Advisor for the 2024-25 season.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Prescribed Penalty Forum. Peter asked if there was any objections or suggestions to the outcome of the forum.

It was agreed that behaviour both from players and non-players needed to improve.

It may not always be possible to ID the person involved.

There was a query on the suitability of a guilty person's suitability to umpire.

Could be a problem of the person involved no longer being a member of the club.

Peter thanked Norm Harris for his input in the Forum. He advised that the SMCA would consider the comments raised and discuss further.

Cricket West (Belt Up Cup)

Clubs were asked if there was interest in participating in the Belt Up Cup. This is a competition where a SMCA Club represents the SMCA in a Cricket West competition with the final at the WACA. There is no financial penalty to the Association if we do not participate.

Phoenix and Cockburn expressed interest. After discussion it was agreed that the SMCA matches could be played mid-week under lights, other clubs may also be interested.

The Cricket West Cup, Cricket West provisionally agreed that preliminary matches to be played over two weekends in December with the final in early February.

2024-25 Playing Dates.

Playing dates had been distributed as part of the agenda.

It was asked why the one-day grades don't play the first week of the season. This had been the case for many seasons and was intended to avoid forfeits in the first week.

The matter of the end of season one day match under two-day rules had been brought up before and rejected.

It was suggested that all seven one-day matches be played prior to the seven two-day matches.

Peter advised that comments would be considered, and the playing dates would be finalised at the next SMCA Executive Meeting.

Playing dates - Cockburn

This matter had been withdrawn by Cockburn.

12 players bowling – Thornlie

It was moved Thornlie and seconded Riverton Rostrata that under the motion passed at the previous General Meeting only 11 of the 12 named players can bowl.

After discussion the motion was put and **LOST**.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

There was discussion on Women's Cricket. It was felt by some that Cricket West were holding the competition back. The WACA is keeping the Scorchers League going with the intent of handing to Association at some time in the future. There was work underway on a 5 year plan.

Peter was very keen for the SMCA to seek a representative to champion the cause for women's cricket for the SMCA. The Association would be seeking the most appropriate person for the role. Member clubs are to be approached seeking a nomination. In the interim, Ian Del Rosso has volunteered, but would be great if the candidate was involved in the women's competition, but we are not limiting the selection process.

It was felt that the SMCA needs to put pressure on Cricket West and the WACA to better develop women's cricket. Some felt women's cricket was floundering and that the SMCA should create its own competition for women.

Women's cricket will be represented in the Cricket West Cup, there will be a men's senior, veterans and colts' competition as well as a women's competition this coming season.

There was discussion on promotion/demotion which is in a transition due to removal of mirroring. Needs to be better clarified by the Executive.

The matter of cricket balls was discussed. Balls must be a Kookaburra Tuff Pitch. In the second innings of a two-day match and in 35 over one-day matches a Kookaburra Crown ball may be used.

Peter advised that Cricket West required evidence of inferior balls so that it can be presented to Kookaburra. This could take place of details of overs bowled and a photo of the damage.

CLOSURE: The meeting closed at 8:00pm.

NEXT MEETINGS:

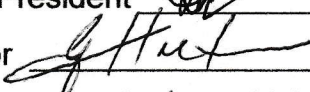
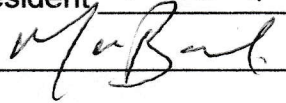
Executive Meeting 19 August at Thornlie – 6:00pm

SOUTH METROPOLITAN CRICKET ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 29 JULY 2024 – THORNIE

ATTENDANCE

President 

Senior Vice President  Junior Vice President S. KEMP

Administrator  Treasurer 

Umpire's Advisor NIAM HARRIS

Executive _____

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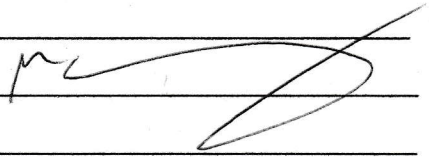
Canning Vale Akshay Dahiya, Brendan Fowler, Anwar

Cannington Tigers Francis Pedulla, Theobald, Matthew Pedulla

CBC Nick Bailey, CHRIS PETRONIROS

Champion Lakes Arun Suresh

Cockburn JAMES MATKOUAN

East Fremantle Michael Connolly 

Forrestdale Chris Hazel

Hilton Bicton Henry Forsyth CHRIS DICKSON

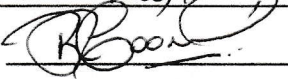
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Kardinya Lakes FDO ROSSO O LOONARD 

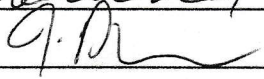
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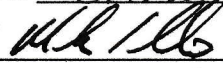
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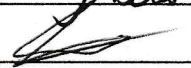
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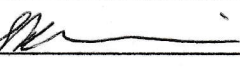
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North Baldivis 

Perth Tamil Chintarajan Natarajan R

Phoenix  Jeramy Dwyer

Piara Waters Stuart Mills 

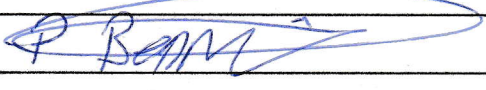
Riverton Rostrata SEAN HARRISON 

Roleystone-Karragullen Steve Reeves

SJ Blues John Murphy

Thornlie  DAVID IRING

Willetton Crows BEN HILLS

Umpires Assoc.  

SOUTH METROPOLITAN CRICKET ASSOCIATION {Inc}

Budget 2024/2025

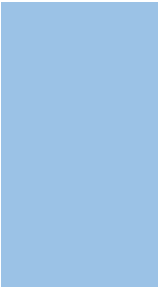
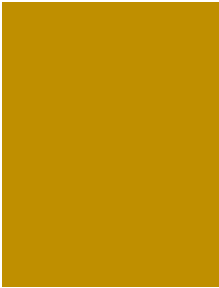
Income:		Budget		Actual	Budget
		2024/2025		2023/2024	2023/2024
Affiliation:	Club Affiliation	25000	1000 per club	25000	23000
	Team Affiliation	30000	250 per team	30000	28250
	Umpires				<u>200</u>
	Total Affiliation:	<u>55000</u>		55000	51450
Other Income:	Cricket West Reimbursements				
	Cricket West Develop Grant	25000		13000	23000
	Fines	5000		4250	5000
	Sponsorship				
	Umpire Levy- Semi Finals	14400	120 per team	12000	11300
	Wind Up Levy	<u>6200</u>		<u>5440</u>	<u>6200</u>
	Total Other Income:	<u>50600</u>		<u>34690</u>	<u>45500</u>
	Total Income:	<u>105600</u>		89690	<u>96950</u>
<u>Expenses:</u>					
Administration:	Auditor	500		0	500
	Accounting Software	<u>600</u>		176	600
	Total Administration:	1100		176	1100
Awards/Gifts:	Medallions/Pennants	5000		3130	7000
	Trophies	<u>3000</u>		<u>2413</u>	<u>3000</u>
	Total Awards:	8000		5543	10000
Finals Cost:	F15 Umpires	1000		725	2000
	Grand Final Umpires	9000		8040	7500
	One Day Grand Final Umpires	3500		2700	3000
	Semi Final Umpires	<u>14400</u>		<u>11700</u>	<u>11300</u>
	Total Finals Cost:	<u>27900</u>		23165	23800

Honorariums:	Radio Host	2000	2000	2000
	Administrator	7000	10000	10000
	Secretary	5000		
	Treasurer	5000	6000	6000
	Umpires Advisor	<u>7020</u>	8000	8000
	Total Honorariums	26020	26000	26000
Inter Association:	Catering	2000	2709	2000
	Clothing	5000	9148	4000
	Finals	0	0	0
	Game and Training Balls	1500	1401	1500
	Other costs bus	0	715	1500
	Umpires	<u>400</u>	0	<u>400</u>
	Total Inter Association Cost:	8900	13973	9400
Other Expenses:	Bank Charges	0		0
	Meeting Expense	600	643	600
	Radio Show	2200	2200	2200
	Website Development	2000	5764	2500
	Forfeit Refund	2500	2450	2000
	General Expenses	<u>1000</u>		<u>1000</u>
	Total Other Expenses	8300	11057	8300
Training And Devel:	Umpires Uniform	3000	2699	2000
	Umpires Coaching/Development	<u>7500</u>	<u>8850</u>	<u>6000</u>
	Total Training And Development	10500	11549	8000
Wind Up:		<u>7500</u>	<u>7200</u>	<u>7000</u>
Total Expense:		\$98,220	\$98,663.00	\$93,640.00
Net Income/Loss		\$7,380	-\$8,973.00	\$3,310

Bank Balance

As at April 30 2024	
Westpac Cheque Account	\$38,534.72
Westpac Savings Account	\$39,798.21
Bank Interest on Savings Account	\$480.38

Reason for unexpected loss because only received half of the Cricketwest grant in the SMCA Financial Year
\$12500 received out of financial Period



		Two Day			One Day
05 October 2024		1	One - Day 1		
12 October 2024		2	One - Day 2		1
19 October 2024		3	Two - Day 1		2
26 October 2024		3	Two - Day 1		3
02 November 2024		4	Two - Day 2		4
09 November 2024		4	Two - Day 2		5
16 November 2024		5	One - Day 3		6
23 November 2024		6	One - Day 4		
30 November 2024		7	One - Day 5		7
07 December 2024		8	One - Day 6		8
14 December 2024		9	One - Day 7		9
15 December 2024		GF1*	One Day Final		
21 December 2024					
22 December 2024					
28 December 2024					
04 January 2025					
11 January 2025		10	Two - Day 3		10
18 January 2025		10	Two - Day 3		11
25 January 2025		11	Two - Day 4		12
01 February 2025		11	Two - Day 4		13
08 February 2025		12	Two - Day 5		14
15 February 2025		12	Two - Day 5		15
22 February 2025		13	Two - Day 6		16
01 March 2025		13	Two - Day 6		17
08 March 2025		14	Two - Day 7		18
15 March 2025		Two - Day - SF			One-Day - SF
16 March 2025		Two - Day - SF			
22 March 2025		Two - Day - GF			One-Day - GF
23 March 2025		Two - Day - GF			

*Dependent on whether the CricketWest Club Cup goes ahead.

If so, the the final will be moved to Sunday January 12.

SMCA Prescribed Penalties Forum

Background:

After our General Meeting held in April, I requested volunteers from our member base to preside in a forum to work through our current list of prescribed penalties.

Over the past couple of years, as an Association, we have asked clubs to take responsibility over player behaviour. We have also asked our Umpiring Fraternity to abide by our 'crack-down' in this area.

Unfortunately, there have been two rather unsavoury incidents, one recently, where I believe we need to review our Prescribed Penalties.

Invitees:

The Executive invited clubs to attend this forum, of which the following volunteered to participate:

- Phoenix Cricket Club
- North Baldivis Cricket Club
- Canning Vale Cricket Club
- Hilton Bicton Cricket Club

There were also members of the Executive who were invited:

- David King (Thornlie Cricket Club)
- Stephen Kemp (Kenwick Cricket Club)
- Jacob Landsmeer (Willetton Cricket Club)
- Norm Harris (Umpire's Advisor)

Forum Outcomes:

As per the agenda, attendees were advised that we would be reviewing the following by-laws:

- 62; Protests and Disputes
- 65; Prescribed Penalties
- 69; Fines

As convenor, I asked all involved to consider all opinions and concepts presented as nothing was off the table.

Participants were asked if the by-laws in question had been read so that we could begin discussions. There were considerations presented by all asking for the following:

- To close the gap between Playing and Non-Playing members of clubs that participate as the SMCA
- Remember that we are unable to ban Non-Playing members from a fixtured oval as the space is a public arena, and are rightfully entitled to attend the facility.

With that being the case, the discussions were respectful and an outcome for presentation was agreed upon, which will be presented to the next Executive Meeting, July 8, for ratification, whereby, a communication will be issued to Club Presidents for approval at the Annual General Meeting, July 29.

The Proposal:

All in attendance at the forum have agreed to present the following, at a high level:

- There was an agreement that for Playing Members, the current by-laws are robust for the SMCA and are ever evolving as required, season to season.
- For Non-Playing members, the following sanctions will be introduced:
 1. Where the Non-Playing member opts to excuse themselves from this process, the members club will be fined up to the value of \$2,000, the maximum fine allowable under the SMCA by-laws, as per the P&D, or;
 2. The Non-Playing member is required to attend a Mandatory Umpiring Training Course.
 - a. The Non-Playing member is to register as an umpire by contacting the Umpire's Advisor, within 7 days of the penalty imposed and scheduling of umpiring days will follow. There will be no compensation forthcoming during the suspension.
 - b. Under no circumstances is the Non-Playing member to officiate in games that include their home club, or the impacted club where the suspension originated
 - c. The scheduling of games to officiate will continue throughout the course of the suspension.
 - d. While officiating in games, the following process will be in place:
 - I. While officiating, the Umpire Evaluation form will be reprinted with both Captains of the fixture to appraise the Non-Playing members performance. If, in the opinion of the Umpire's Advisor, the performance is sub-standard, the Non-Playing member's club will be fined the amount equivalent to the daily rate of an Umpire.
 - II. If 'Part ii' has been decided, the Umpire's Advisor has the option to request an Official SMCA Umpire to co-officiate the fixture with the Non-Playing member. In this instance, if the Official SMCA Umpire and Captains Umpire Evaluation of the fixture, in the opinion of the Umpire's Advisor, the performance is sub-standard, the Non-Playing member's club will be fined the amount equivalent to the daily rate of an Umpire.
 - III. Where the Non-Playing member opts to excuse themselves from this process, the members club will be fined up to the value of \$2,000, the maximum fine allowable under the SMCA by-laws, as per the P&D. However, this does not excuse the club from providing an umpire, as this will be required throughout the suspension, and will incur a fixtured day daily fine of what an SMCA umpire's remuneration is of that day, to the maximum of \$2,000.

Notes associated to these recommendations are:

- The daily fine for not attending fixtures to officiate is the equivalent of what an SMCA official receives that playing day.
- Minimum suspension to be applied is twice that of a Playing member of a club for bringing the game into disrepute; 12 playing days x 2 = 24 playing days.