

South Metropolitan Cricket Association

MINUTES for the SMCA Executive Meeting 17 February 2025



Venue: Thornlie Clubrooms, 6:04pm

PRESENT:

Peter Anderson, David King, Steve Kemp, Mario Baeli, Norm Harris, Mark Iannello, Ian Del Rosso, Joe Covic, Shamez Rashid, Ian Hale (Life Member), and Gary Hartman (minutes).

APOLOGIES: Jacob Landsmeer

ABSENT: Nil

MINUTES of PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE MEETING:

Moved by Mario Baeli and seconded Mark Iannello that the minutes of the previous meeting, 20th January 2025, be accepted as a true and correct record with the following amendments.

MATTERS ARISING:

Peter advised that he was working on the representative team artefacts, however, acknowledges that the cap numbers may be impossible to trace. Needs advertising on the web site.

Norm advised there may be some misunderstanding on how far the pitch marking should extend beyond the pitch. About a half metre is sufficient.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Before beginning tonight's meeting, I would like to forward our thoughts to the Leeming member who suffered a serious medical episode during the weekend's fixtures a couple of weeks ago. As an Association, we will be reviewing collating details of grounds that have the required medical equipment, and where there are grounds that do not, look to lobby the Local Government Authority to rectify this situation. This is a timely reminder to our membership to consider having a health checkup. It does not take long, and as advised through the Shane Warne Legacy, only takes four minutes. You can find your nearest location through the following web-site; [Get your FREE Shane Warne Legacy Health Check.](#)

Since our last meeting, I have reached out to both Brad Pearce of CricketWest and Dean Pearson of Ferndale / Lynwood.

Brad has conveyed his appreciation of the efforts of Mark Iannello and is looking forward to meeting Joe during his tenure of the CricketWest board.

Ferndale / Lynwood have also issued a request to CricketWest as to their intention to move from the PSCA to SMCA. After the 12 month wait, upon CricketWest endorsement, we will welcome them to the SMCA family.

As I understand it, the preparations for our end-of-season windup are coming together nicely. I would like to extend our appreciation to Kardinya Lakes Cricket Club for hosting the event, and the Association, like last season, will be staging the gala on Tuesday immediately after grand final weekend, March 25. I have endorsed that both the Women's and Colts representative

teams should be invited so that we can celebrate their successes on the night.

It has come to my attention that there are some questions surrounding the integrity and decision-making of the P&D Tribunal, particularly regarding the players being asked to attend. I want to make it clear that the Association has consistently emphasised the need to address player behavior, and I fully support the decisions made by the P&D panel. Having attended several hearings as an observer, I can confidently say that the panel members handle each case with the integrity and fairness expected of volunteers in this role. The decisions are based on the evidence presented by the players involved. It's concerning to hear comments suggesting that players are 'guilty until proven innocent,' as this is not at all reflective of the process. If any clubs have concerns about the outcomes of the P&D, there are clear appeal processes outlined in By-Law 66.

66. Disputes and Appeals

a. If any dispute shall arise between one club and another club, or between a member of a club and the committee of such club, it may be referred to the Review Committee. The club or person aggrieved shall give notice to the Association Secretary, by email, setting forth the grounds of the dispute or difference, which has occurred.

b. Any appeal to a fine/penalty/suspension imposed by the SMCA Administrator on items listed in By-Law 69 must be submitted by email to the Review Committee through the SMCA Secretary. The Review Committee will consider the appeal and give their decision, by email, to the SMCA Secretary. Any appeal made must be submitted within 24 hours of the notification of fine. The decision of the Review Committee shall be final

c. In items other than those listed in By-Law 69, any club which has been suspended, expelled or upon which a fine or penalty has been imposed or any person who has been suspended, fined or penalised by the Association, without recourse to the Protests & Disputes Tribunal for any offences under these rules has the right to appeal to the Review Committee. Notice of such appeal, signed by the appellant and stating the grounds upon which it is made, must be delivered to the Association Secretary within two (2) days from the time that the club or person shall have received notice of such fine, suspension, penalty or refusal of permit, or the name of such person as defaulting member has been furnished to the Association. All conditions covered in this by-law are also subject to By-Laws 67.a, 67.b, 67.c and 69.

d. Any appeal will require a deposit of \$100.00 which may be forfeited if the appeal is deemed frivolous, vexatious, groundless or lost.

e. All penalties/findings and board proceedings concerning other disputes are covered by previous regulations.

I'd like to invite clubs to nominate members to serve as tribunal members. I'm confident that our current tribunal team would appreciate the additional support, and it would help ease the workload for those who dedicate their time to managing this important process.

With finals just around the corner, I would encourage all clubs who are unsure of player availability to contact the admin@smcacricket.com email to confirm grade qualifications.

Good luck to all clubs involved during finals fortnight and see you at the windup.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Gary expressed concern about the timings of some forfeits. These should be made by 9pm Thursday although it is not always possible. However, a recent forfeit received at 12:19 on the Friday with the reason *"apologies for the late notice, but unfortunately our c grade team will have to forfeit this week as our vice captain is having a bucks party and their whole team is invited, meaning we are unable to get a side together this weekend"*. Surely this forfeit could have been forwarded before the deadline and allowed their opposition to not forfeit a lower grade.

Wix Web Site, the site is mostly set up. Fines, Forfeits, Prescribed Penalties, Cautions and Player Reports have been transferred across. Still looking at options on how future player reports and club office bearers will be submitted. Wix account has been paid.

PlayHQ issues continue, recently we had an issue where a club accidentally closed a match on day one as abandoned. I was asked to correct this and was unable to do so. PlayHQ Support were also unable to assist and ended up deleting the match and I had to add a new match. Surely this is just not good enough. It surprises me how little access I have to do anything when MyCricket gave me so much more with an audit of each match.

Gary to provide grievances he has with Mark Iannello for consideration by Cricket West.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mario advised that he sent off the invoice for the first Cricket West payment.

Cash Reserve: \$40,100.25

Community Reserve: 100,639.59

Perth Tamil are way behind on payments to the Association.

UMPIRE'S ADVISOR:

Going OK.

F15 final was a good match.

Lower grades requesting an umpire should do so earlier in the week and not the day before or day off the match.

8 March, Perth Tamil had requested an umpire.

Umpires have been reminded that close in fielders must wear a helmet as per the By-Laws.

There was discussion on a Champion Lakes request where an umpire will be provided by them and paid direct by both teams.

Joe suggested that should a team have to forfeit a match they could avoid the fine by providing at least two umpires. This was generally thought to have merit and was to be considered further.

Norm requested a strong SMCA presence at the Cricket West Meeting to be held on 26 February to support Ferndale-Lynwood's bid to join the SMCA in the 2025-26 season.

CRICKETWEST:

Joe Covic attended his first meeting.

There was a review of the Cricket West Cup, there was concerns again about the WACA not

being used for the final.

There was work on a Child Safety Policy.

Cricket West had provided 10 helmets for the umpires – these to be provided to umpires only if they agree to wear them at the match.

There was lengthy discussion regarding recent matters before the P&D. There may be some feeling from the clubs that results sometimes lack consistency.

There were concerns for the well-being of one person suspended.

The use of suspended penalties was queried.

Peter spoke for the P&D. He had recently observed some hearings and assured all that the matters were dealt with professionalism and fairness.

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS:

Nil

PROTESTS AND DISPUTES:

Nil

FIXTURES AND GRADINGS

There had been two teams withdraw from ODE – Gary had changed the fixtures to take out the bye. This was queried, was it fair when some clubs had received more forfeit wins than others.

After discussions it was agreed to revert the fixtures back to original with two teams having a bye each week.

AGENDA ITEMS

From David King

David queried where to grade Ferndale-Lynwood should they be successful in their bid to join the SMCA next season. It was agreed that this was a discussion for after they were confirmed as a SMCA Club next season. It was also a matter for the Fixtures and Gradings Committee.

The matter of clubs maintaining a minimum of three teams was discussed and will be considered further at the coming General Meeting.

David provided a large list of players, from several clubs, who were unregistered or had played prior to being registered on PlayHQ. It appears that these players were named on PlayHQ as a 'fill in' and then subsequently not registered or registered after their first match. David felt this was a breach of the By-Laws and guilty clubs should be fined and lose points as per By-Law 46.

After discussion it was agreed that Gary should send out fine and loss of points to all clubs involved.

From Peter Anderson

Peter wanted the issue of Mental Health guidance to become a prominent issue.

Where to go if players have a problem. Richmond Health?

Get a qualified person to speak at coming General meeting?

What services are provided by the WACA and Cricket West?

It was agreed that every team should have a person with access to the First Responder App on their phone.

Discussion on Defibrillators, all grounds should have one.

First Aid Training could be provided by the SMCA.

The condition of Karragullen Oval was queried. Council could not get water to the ground and its condition is sub-standard.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Steve Kemp requested information on Round 14 in the two-day competition. It was confirmed that this is to be a two day match played on one day – each team gets 40 overs, no ‘first past the post’. Red balls, no bowling restrictions. Two-day points. No second innings.

Shamez advised he would be away for part of March.

Ian Del Rosso to send Gary a link to Child Safe. To be added to the web site.

There was discussion on protective equipment for umpires.

It was felt that the 12 player rule in one day grades may be being abused. Not a lot can be done than to appeal to the integrity of clubs. The 12 player rule is included in finals.

CLOSURE: As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8:35pm.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Executive Meeting 17 March at Thornlie – 6:00pm