

South Metropolitan Cricket Association

MINUTES for the SMCA Executive Meeting 20 January 2025



Venue: Thornlie Clubrooms, 6:00pm

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES: Joe Covic

ABSENT: Nil

MINUTES of PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE MEETING:

Moved Mario Baeli and seconded Shamez Rashid that the minutes of the previous meeting, 18th November 2024, be accepted as a true and correct record with the following amendments.

MATTERS ARISING: Nil

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Happy New Year to all clubs and Executive. Hope that the festive season was kind to one and all.

As most clubs would have seen, the admin@smcacricket.com address has been reassigned to our Senior Vice President, for the remainder of the season. Meaning, the Secretary role will be advertised on the web-site in the coming days, so please, if you are interested in performing a service for the Association, and working with enthusiastic Executive members, please forward your interest when the opportunity arises.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Gary for his tireless work while performing the Secretary role over the past few seasons. It is a thankless position, yet he has managed the responsibility with aplomb, and it is a credit to his character. He will not be lost to the Association as he will remain in the Administrator role.

Congratulations to all clubs who made the mid-season one day finals, and especially the clubs who won their respective final on the day. I was fortunate enough to attend the 1st Grade One Day final, where the game was an edge of the seat thriller with Phoenix successfully defending 82 against East Fremantle. It is a credit to all involved for playing the game hard, but fair.

Congratulations to Phoenix on winning the Belt-up Cup at the WACA during the month of December. In a fantastic match, they beat Lesmurdie-Mazenod as going back-to-back in the competition.

Congratulations also to our Colts representative side for winning the CricketWest Cup last

night. That makes this success a three-peat for the SMCA, and acknowledges the effort and culture that Brad McHugh, JL, and Kevin Atkinson have developed with this squad. It is a testament of what their work-ethic to bring such success to the Association. Let's all gather around the CricketWest Cup, as an Association, and see if we can expand this success through to our other sides for the future.

I would also like to thank John Ipsen, Nick Bailey, Michelle Cowan, Steven Greaves, Ian Del Rosso, Sabrina Del Rosso, Kardinya Lakes Cricket Club, and everyone who participated for the Association in the CricketWest tournament. In trying conditions, everyone played their part which is appreciated by everyone within the Executive.

As we have now started the second half of the season, let's enjoy the remaining 9 weeks of the 2024/25 season, and good luck to all those clubs striving for end of season finals action.

Cheers.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

No Club Nominations for Life Membership to SMCA.

Web Site, after much consideration we would now prefer to continue with Wix for our new web site. The site is mostly set up and just needs some tinkering in relation to Fines, Forfeits, Prescribed Penalties, Cautions and Player Reports. I would hope the change will take place mid-year in the off season.

In the meantime, I have an account from Wix for another year – they state

We're reaching out to let you know that from 8/2/2025, the yearly price of your Business plan for SMCA will increase from 528.00AUD to 588.00AUD (including taxes). Your payment method will be charged on this date, which is 14 days before your plan cycle ends. This will help prevent billing issues from interrupting your Wix services.

Last year we paid \$240 but that was with a 50% off coupon.

It was agreed that the Wix bill be paid.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Cash Reserve \$40,061.13

Community Reserve \$82,886.59

Have not received allocated funds from Cricket West, this to be discussed at next Cricket West meeting.

Some clubs slow paying umpires fees, to be followed up.

UMPIRE'S ADVISOR:

Incident with a young umpire involving over rates. Being investigated.

Younger umpires to be allocated matches where support likely to be available.

One umpire unavailable due to knee operation and a junior umpire has got a job and no longer able to umpire.

CRICKETWEST:

No meeting so far this year.

Imperative to have WACA ground for Community Cup Final.

Community Cup matches went well. Thanks to all who participated.

Need to follow up with Ferndale Lynwood re their intentions

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS:

To be discussed in Agenda Items

FIXTURES AND GRADINGS

F15 competition has started, 2 rounds to go before semi finals and grand final.

AGENDA ITEMS

From Steve Kemp

Steve had suggested several changes to the By-Law in relation to night matches, these were agreed to.

There was also discussion about 65 overs in Fifth Grade.

Suspended players, further penalty if poor behaviour at a match.

These matters were agreed to and added to a list of proposed By-Law changes provided by David King.

The following By-Law changes (in red) were moved by Mark Iannello and seconded by Shamez Rashid.

15. Overs

- a. Each batting side, unless dismissed for less, shall receive seventy-five (75) overs in the first innings. If seventy-five (75) overs have been bowled prior to the scheduled close of play, play shall cease. If seventy-five (75) overs have not been bowled prior to the scheduled close of play, play will continue until the stipulated overs have been bowled. On completion of seventy-five (75) overs the innings shall be closed. On the first day, if the team batting first is all out, or declares before the completion of seventy-five (75) overs, and there is time remaining for the opposition to go in to bat, then stumps will be drawn at the scheduled close of play, irrespective of whether seventy-five (75) overs have been bowled or not. On the second day, the team batting second is entitled to a further seventy-five (75) overs. If the side fielding first in a two-day match dismisses the batting side within 30 minutes of the scheduled close of play, it will have the option of deciding if it will bat until the close of play. **The 75 over format applies to Grades 1 to 4.**
- b. 65 over Matches - Each batting side, unless dismissed for less, shall receive sixty-five (65) overs in the first innings. If sixty-five (65) overs have been bowled prior to the scheduled close of play, play shall cease. If sixty-five (65) overs have not been bowled prior to the scheduled close of play, play will continue until the stipulated overs have been bowled. On completion of sixty-five (65) overs the innings shall be closed. On the first day, if the team batting first is all out, or declares before the completion of sixty-five (65) overs, and there is time remaining for the opposition to go into bat, then stumps will be drawn at the

scheduled close of play, irrespective of whether sixty-five (65) overs have been bowled or not. On the second day, the team batting second is entitled to a further sixty-five (65) overs. If the side fielding first in a two-day match dismisses the batting side within 30 minutes of the scheduled close of play, it will have the option of deciding if it will bat until the close of play. **The 65 over format applies to Grades 5 and below.**

62. Protests and disputes

- n. A suspended player or official is not permitted to enter the playing field, act or participate as an official in any match day duties during the scheduled hours of play of any SMCA fixtured match. **Any breach of this By-Law may incur a further 6 playing day suspension and \$100 fine.**

14. Hours of play

- a. Hours of play in qualifying rounds shall be from 1.00 to 3.00 and 3.20 to 5.30pm on consecutive Saturday and/or Sunday afternoons, unless other times are specified. In matches which have been deemed as 65 over matches by the Executive, the hours of play shall be from 1.00 to 3.00pm and 3.20 to 5pm.
- b. Hours of play in two-day senior finals shall be from 1.00 to 3.00 pm and 3.20pm to 5. 30pm. In finals matches which have been deemed as 65 over matches by the Executive, the hours of play shall be from 1.00 to 3.00pm and 3.20 to 5pm.
- c. Laws of Cricket 11 (7) – Tea Interval – 9 wickets down does not apply in the SMCA.
- d. **Hours of play in Two-Day Day/Night matches for seventy-five (75) over fixtures shall be from 5.00pm to 7.00pm and 7.30pm to 9.40pm on the dates fixtured. In Sixty-five (65) Over fixtures the hours of play shall be 5.00pm to 7.00pm and 7.30pm to 9.10pm.**

20. Fitness of ground weather and light

- g. No artificial lighting is permitted **unless used in an approved Day/Night fixture.**

25. Hours of Play

- a. Hours of play in one day qualifying rounds for forty (40) over fixtures shall be from 1.00pm to 3.30pm and 3.50pm to 6.20pm on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon, unless other times specified. In the event of the innings of the team batting first being completed prior to 3.30pm, a twenty (20) minute tea break between innings will be taken immediately. The

scheduled time for stumps shall be adjusted to allow the team batting second an innings of two hours and thirty minutes. In thirty-five (35) over fixtures the hours of play shall be 1.00pm to 3.20pm and 3.40pm to 6.00pm

- b. Hours of play in all end of season for forty (40) over One Day finals shall be from 1.00pm to 3.30pm and 3.50pm to 6.20pm on the dates fixtured. Hours of play in all end of season for thirty-five (35) over One Day finals shall be from 1.00pm to 3.20pm and 3.40pm to 6.00pm on the dates fixtured.
- c. Hours of play in One-Day Day/Night matches for forty (40) over fixtures shall be from 3.30pm to 6.00pm and 6.30pm to 9.00pm on the dates fixtured. In thirty-five (35) Over fixtures the hours of play shall be 3.30pm to 5.50pm and 6.20pm to 8.40pm.

55. The ball

In all grades a new ball, being a two-piece Red Kookaburra Tuff-Pitch 156g or two-piece Red Kookaburra Platinum 156g (provided product coding is the same), must be provided by the fielding side at the commencement of each innings. If captains agree, an old good quality Kookaburra Tuff Pitch ball, Kookaburra Crown or a Kookaburra Practice Ball may be used in the third or fourth innings of the match. A new ball may be taken after seventy-five (75) overs in any innings.

In one-day matches where coloured clothing is being worn the ball used will be two-piece White Kookaburra Tuff-Pitch 156g or Kookaburra Special Test 156g.

In 35 over matches the fielding team has the option of using a two-piece Red Kookaburra Crown 156g ball.

A pink Kookaburra Crown (or what is the highest equivalent ball) is to be used for Day/Night fixtures. In a two-day game two balls are used one from each end and two new balls are may be taken after seventy-five (75) overs in any innings.

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

From Peter Anderson

Discussion on the Brian Waterer Shield. It was agreed it was time to review the points structure.

It was moved Ian Del Rosso and seconded Mark Iannello that a sub committee be formed to consider a better structure for this important award. **CARRIED**

Mario Baeli, Peter Anderson, Ian Del Rosso and Ian Hale were co opted onto the sub committee and are to report back to the Executive at the meeting on 17 March.

Peter advised he had been invited to the Canning Vale's 25th Anniversary but was unable to attend.

Peter and Jacob Landsmeer attended an umpires meeting where he believed **there** was general consensus that a caution card system should be implemented. This to be considered further.

Peter felt that anyone who gets selected for district cricket in the middle of and SMCA match should be allowed to be replaced.

There was discussion on this, Gary advised that this used to be a By-Law and was surprised it was no longer there. It was moved Ian Del Rosso and seconded Shamez Rashid that the By-Law be reinstated.

CARRIED

From David King

David had presented the By-Law changes already agreed to.

The issue of over rates in non umpired matches was discussed. There was an incident recently where a team took well over 3 hours to bowl 32 overs.

“First past the post’ in all one day grades may resolve this.

The issue can be exacerbated by the number of sundries being bowled. Steve Kemp suggested 2 runs for a wide with the ball not be rebowled, some with no balls. Some felt this may have merit although clubs taking advantage of it in later overs may be an issue.

David was concerned about the facilities and condition of some grounds.

At a recent match he had attended there was glass on the pitch and it took the efforts of the away team to clear the pitch. In the same match, the change rooms were not open, there was no table to score on and there was an attempt to move the boundary line in many metres on the second day and was only corrected at the direction of the umpire.

Fitness of the grounds to be discussed at the next General Meeting. It was important that clubs bring up any ground issues to the local council.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Shamez brought up the issue of alcohol being brought to the ground. This is contrary to the By-Laws and this is to be emphasised on the web site and in notices to the clubs. Clubs are encouraged to provide evidence (a photo) and fines to be enforced. Evidence to come from either Secretary or President of impacted club

Norm Harris requested clubs extend the popping crease to make it easier on umpires when there is a runner.

There was a discussion on runners and the potential for players using runners when not injured in the match.

Gary brought up the issue of changes to the Association and cricket generally. There had been concerns regarding the structure of the Brian Waterer Shield, Gary reminded those present that there had been changes made some years ago which better reflected what was required at the time – it was time again to make changes, but he didn’t feel that the old system was wrong at the time. The same could be said about ‘first past the post’. It was not that many years ago that the matter was raised at a general meeting and was lost because there was no seconded to the motion. Times change.

Jacob Landsmeer thanks all involved in the Cricket West Cup.

Steve Kemp brought up potential of no bonus points in the second innings of a two day match other than for an outright result. Steve could bring this up at a general meeting.

Ian Hale advised that plans for the 30th anniversary was ongoing. Rob Sims happy to be involved.

Ian Del Rosso had concerns about the 12 player rule in the one-day grade. He felt it was a good concept but felt some clubs may use it qualify players for finals even if they didn't attend the match.

Mario Baeli felt that one day matches should be played in the second half of the season when it was hotter. Mario could bring this up at a general meeting.

Peter brought up the issue of Secretary given that Gary had stood down from being the contact of the email communication. David King will receive email communication for the remainder of the season and a new Secretary be sought at the end of the season.

It was agreed that a succession plan for all positions was required as some of the existing people were getting older.

It was agreed that, as per the By-Laws, the Association advertise for an Administrator, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The incumbents are encouraged to express their interest.

It was moved Shamez Rashid and seconded Norm Harris that the SMCA Windup be held at Kardinya Lakes on 25th March 2025.

CARRIED

Dates for future meetings were set.

CLOSURE: As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8:29pm.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Executive Meeting 17 February at Thornlie – 6:00pm