

# South Metropolitan Cricket Association

## MINUTES for the SMCA Executive Meeting 18 November 2024



Venue: Thornlie Clubrooms, 6:00pm

### **PRESENT:**

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

**APOLOGIES:** Mark Iannello

**ABSENT:** Nil

### **MINUTES of PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE MEETING:**

Moved Steve Kemp and seconded Norm Harris that the minutes of the previous meeting, 21st October 2024, be accepted as a true and correct record with the following amendments.

The date of the previous minutes were incorrect, should read 21<sup>st</sup> October instead of 24<sup>th</sup> September.

In Fixtures and Gradings, replace *F15 to remain as before for the coming season with 'first past the post' to be considered for next season* with F15 to remain as before for the coming season with **'last man standing'** to be considered for next season.

CARRIED

**MATTERS ARISING:** Nil

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Let me firstly start my report by congratulating Phoenix Cricket Club on winning the right to represent the SMCA at the Belt Up Cup on December 15 at the WACA after yesterday's carnival held at Atwell Reserve. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Umpires, Cockburn, Jandakot Park, and CBC for making the day memorable.

To Mario Baeli and Jandakot Park for hosting the event, thank you. Let's hope that an event such as this, if this does become a permanent fixture in the representative calendar of CricketWest, we can build on the success of yesterday and look at ways of improving how this event is run in the future.

I would also like to congratulate both Mark Iannello and Joe Covic for their nominations submitted to preside over CricketWest meeting into the future.

As most of you may have seen, I asked Gary to place a post on the web-site about Player Behaviour. To date, being in round 8, the P&D have presided each week since the start of the season which is completely 'out of order' in my mind. Supports, Players and Clubs do not appear to be getting the message which is incredibly disappointing. As a collective, we need to establish a way of making Clubs accountable for this. I suggest imposing fines on clubs who attend the P&D (\$100). If found guilty, the club is imposed with an extra \$100. If found not guilty, the fine is waived. I feel as though this issue is getting out of hand, and without an additional mechanism in place, this could get worse before it gets better. Clubs are on notice for this behaviour, and if needed, I will call a Special General Meeting to discuss this at length

as the tolerance levels have been exhausted.

Another issue that has come to my attention, players wearing attire that is not from their club being represented. By-law 54 is very clear in its definition, and if players are wearing attire from other clubs, can I please request these teams either cover these emblems, or purchase the appropriate attire from their current club. It is inappropriate to be playing fixtures with opposition club apparel. If this behaviour continues, the Association will have no other recourse to fine teams for this indiscretion.

As I understand it, the CricketWest representative sides are coming together rather well. Can I ask that we post reminders up on both socials and the web-site to encourage participation in these sides? It would be fantastic to win all three this season.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Correspondence:

- Complaint received about player behaviour
- Club unable to attend scheduled P&D

There was discussion on the correspondence received.

#### **FINES**

##### **16th November**

Round 7 - Seventh Grade - Forrestdale - Failure to submit match result by deadline - By-Law 7b – \$50

Round 6 - ODG - Kwinana have forfeited their match against Armadale \$100

##### **9th November**

Round 5 - Second Grade - Roleystone Karragullen failure to live score match as per By-Law 13e - \$50

Round 5 - ODI - Roleystone Karragullen have forfeited their match against Leeming Spartan - \$50

##### **2nd November**

Round 4 - ODG - Kwinana have forfeited their match against Forrestdale - \$100

Round 4 - ODA - Kelmscott forfeit match and fine due to reported incident during play - \$50

##### **26th October**

Round 3 - ODG - Kwinana have forfeited their match against Piara Waters - \$50

Have received no response from Life Members John Griffin and Ray Howe regarding invite to gathering on 9 December.

Life Members Committee has requested, from the clubs, nominations for SMCA Life membership – nominations close 31 December 2024.

Kwinana ODG have now forfeited 3 matches in ODG.

*It was decided that should Kwinana forfeit one more ODG match, the team would be withdrawn.*

One Second Grade match missing votes, 26 October.

Permits, can we just auto approve them on the proviso that if it is later found that the player needed a transfer the player and club be dealt with under By-Law 47.

*It was agreed that permits would be auto approved and clubs advised of ramifications if a player plays without a transfer.*

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Cash Reserve \$39,982.51

Community Reserve \$97,775.06

Unpaid fees

Maddington and Kwinana have not paid their club nomination fee.

Phoenix, Kwinana and Cockburn have not paid their team nomination fees.

Clubs to be given to this Friday 23/11

#### **UMPIRE'S ADVISOR:**

2 umpires appear not to be continuing.

2 junior umpires doing well.

Norm attended a ODA match to observe a new umpire and had reason to speak with a team captain for poor player behaviour towards the umpire.

There was discussion regarding a First Grade captain swearing at a 17 year old opposition player. Umpires advised they did not hear the bad language.

Norm had emailed a number of clubs regarding poor pitch markings.

#### **CRICKETWEST:**

AGM tonight. Mark Iannello is representing the SMCA

Cricket West Cup. Ian Del Rosso reported all looking good. John Ipsen co-ordinating Seniors team,

Craig Stewart and Steven Greaves co-ordinating Veteran  
Sabrina Del Rosso co-ordinating Women's team.

Jacob Landsmeer co-ordinating Colts team.

Jacob Landsmeer felt that Cricket West should be co-ordinated by WA Cricket and not by someone from an Association. There was discussion on this and general support.

#### **CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS:**

**From David King**

1. Spectator behaviour we have had many reports of bad spectator behaviour this season which is getting out of hand and is contributing to a weekly P&D meeting. After getting a complaint and some feedback from CBC, further correspondence from Kenwick in reference to suspended player behaviour, CBC have asked that we make an amendment

to By-Law 62n to include the licensed area of any club. I fully support this request and propose that By-Law 62n now read '**A suspended player or official is not permitted to enter the playing field and/or licensed area, 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**'

There was discussion on this. There was concern about the legal ramifications and it was decided to investigate with the authorities before considering the matter further.

2. Clubs should be required to maintain three team within the competition and if they fall below the set amount of teams, they will need to seek permission to stay within the competition by formally writing to the Administrator with their request and plans to rectify the problem.

This was agreed to by the members present.

## **PROTESTS AND DISPUTES**

8 players/spectators have been suspended since our last meeting

1 prescribed penalty

Further matters before the P&D this week.

There was discussion regarding how to improve player behaviour – stronger penalties, fines.

Peter Anderson apologised to the Thornlie Sports Club for appalling behaviour of one player after being dealt with by the P&D. Hopefully this will not affect the Thornlie Sports Club being used in the future.

Having P&D's online might be something to be considered in the future.

## **FIXTURES AND GRADINGS**

F15 to be played in January/February with 3 teams in 2 grades, semi finals and a grand final. 6 teams nominated - Roleystone-Karragullen, CBC, East Fremantle, Piara Waters, Cockburn, Phoenix.

Current position of gradings were discussed

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **From Peter Anderson**

Matter of - Umpires Advisor deferred whilst Peter Anderson makes further enquiries.

Award Presentations for One Day Finals (December 8). Home team President should not be required to do presentations at their own club. Umpires to do awards when no SMCA official available. Peter Anderson will be at First Grade final.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Joe Covic felt the First Grade player who swore at the 17 year old to be put on notice (a warning) for his behaviour to his club. In the event a similar issue is raised, there is documented history of his behaviour.

Action: A warning to be issued to offending player, and SMCA President is to attend next Umpires Meeting to address Umpires

Norm had written to Ferndale Lynwood. The club had received no response from Cricket West since their notice of intent to change associations. Peter Anderson advised that Ferndale-Lynwood send an email to the SMCA reiterating their intentions and cc their current association and CricketWest

Shamez asked if inner circle lines are required in all grades in all one-day matches. Yes they are, although many grounds do not have these markings.

No one day grades this weekend – anyone wishing to umpire should contact Norm.

There will be no SportsFM broadcast of the First Grade one-day final this season due to date coinciding with a Sheffield Shield match.

**CLOSURE:** As there was no further business the meeting closed at 7:20pm.

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

Executive Meeting 20 January 2025 at Thornlie – 6:00pm