

South Metropolitan Cricket Association

Minutes of Executive Meeting held at Leeming on Wednesday 12th September 2012.
Meeting commenced at 6:00pm.

PRESENT: Graham Santich (Chairman), John Griffin, Brendan Jones, Graeme Ashley, Steve Nichols, Gary Hartman (minutes).

APOLOGIES: Steve Michael, Kiel Sigley and Brian Waterer.

ABSENT: Ian Hale

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was moved Graeme Ashley and seconded Steve Nichols that the minutes of the previous meeting, 4th July, be approved. **CARRIED**

MATTERS ARISING:

Nil

The Chairman welcomed two new members to the committee, Brendan Jones and John Griffin.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Gary reported that he had been busy with grading and fixture issues.

Letter received from Rob Sims regarding the Willetton Club's 40 anniversary. As always the Association was mindful of setting a precedent in this matter. However, it was felt appropriate that the Association should support Willetton on this occasion.

It was moved Graeme Ashley and seconded Steve Nichols that the Association provides \$500 towards Willetton's 40th Anniversary celebrations. **CARRIED**

Letter from Defib Your Club For Life. It was noted that this letter was sent to all Clubs and it was deemed best for Clubs to deal with this issue as they felt appropriate.

The following Clubs had provided details of their playing shirts and had them approved; Cockburn, Kenwick, Armadale, Willetton and Riverton Rostrata.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Graeme presented the Treasurers Report.

Efforts to locate the Auditor remain unsuccessful.

Advertising for Umpires had cost \$790.

UMPIRE'S ADVISOR:

Steve Nichols reported that two umpires had left but two umpires had been picked up.

Adverting for Umpires had been placed in this weeks and next weeks Community News.

CRICKET WEST:

Cricket West had denied the pay rise for umpires. The Executive was disappointed with this and its late timing. A decision had already been made by the SMCA to proceed with the pay rise and the Executive stands by this. It was felt that Cricket West should deal with issues such as these much earlier than September.

No Cricket West fixtures had been released as yet.

Steve Nichols asked about the Cricket West shirts, which were to be provided to the Executive. It was believed these shirts were with Steve Michael.

FIXTURES AND GRADINGS:

Gary reported that the fixtures were nearly complete.

There are eight teams in First to Fifth Grade. Two Clubs declined to play Fourth Grade one replaced by Bicton Attadale and the after some effort the second was replaced by Canning Districts. Thanks to Steve Michael for assisting and avoiding a bye in Fourth Grade.

Fifth Grade is mirrored with First and Third Grade other than Thornlie who replace Kardinya Lakes who only wanted the two two-day sides.

Originally we had 11 teams to comprise Sixth and Seventh Grade – we had planned to have an 8 team Sixth Grade and move three teams down to the one-day grade. However, thanks to Rob Sims, Willetton moved up and now Sixth and Seventh are 6 teams each. The two grades were split to make for the easiest fixturing potential although both these grades were the hardest to fixturing.

We do need a future policy should there be a need to drop teams from the lower two-days grades if numbers dictate. Perhaps the lowest teams from the previous seasons six team grades.

We had the usual problem with ODA Grade – numerous clubs 'requesting' not to play there due to various reasons. In the end we named just the six teams in ODA, playing each other 4 times each over a 20-week season.

ODB and ODC are 10 teams each and ODD is 11 teams with a bye.

Fixturing was OK First to Fifth Grade. Sixth to Seventh was the toughest but in the end all teams play an even number of home and away matches.

In the lower grades home and away runs are not really considered. The main criteria are ensuring that home grounds are used when available. Efforts are made to ensure that two teams do not play each other too close together, however this is not always possible. For example, In Sixth Grade Leeming Spartan and Maddington play each other in a one-dayer two weeks in a row. Attempts to correct situations like this make many more problems elsewhere.

Gary further reported that the providing of draft grades to the clubs had been a success. The issue of the By-Laws and the difficulty of adhering to them when Clubs basically refuse to play in a grade may need to be reviewed. However, the Association is currently covered by By-Law 51E.

The Gradings and Fixtures Sub-Committee recommended that in future seasons teams that have three or more sides must have at least one two-day team.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS:

Steve Michael, who was not at the meeting is doing the change to the Constitution, which was approved at the recent AGM.

It was moved Steve Nichols and seconded John Griffin that all reports be accepted.

CARRIED

AGENDA ITEMS:

The following sub-committees, boards and tribunals were appointed as required by the Constitution.

- Ron McDonald was appointed P&D Chairman.
- Gary Hartman, Graham Santich and Graeme Ashley were appointed to the Fixtures and Grading Committee.
- Gary Hartman was appointed to oversee any permit issues and will receive the support of the Executive if it is required.
- Brian Waterer, Ian Hale and Tom Hegarty were appointed to the Life Membership Sub-Committee.
- No other sub-committees were deemed necessary at this time.

Riverton Rostrata's item from the AGM was discussed.

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.

The Executive noted that this matter had not been provided as an Agenda Item or Notice of Motion at the recent AGM. It was brought up as a General Business item and therefore had not given Clubs time to properly consider the matter. Therefore the Executive decided to leave the matter as it stands for the coming season and the matter can be brought up for next season's AGM if a Club deemed it necessary.

Club Champion

At the AGM an item from Leeming Spartan regarding awarding points for the Club Champion Award – the Brian Waterer Shield was referred to the Executive to consider.

Gary Hartman had provided a draft points system, which takes into account items from Leeming Spartan's submission.

After discussion it was agreed, for the coming season, not to include added points to Clubs providing players for Cricket West 'inter-association' matches. Further, points will not be deducted for fines involving forfeits and the withdrawal of teams, as the Club will already be penalised by the loss of points. It was also decided that fines for the non-submission of Captain's Report on Umpires would also not be included. For the coming season the system below will be in place from the date of this meeting (12th September).

- The points system to remain as in By-Law 74B
- To qualify a Club must have a minimum of three teams with one of those teams in either First or Second Grade.
- The following weighting system to be used;
First and Second Grade – 100%
Third to Fifth Grade – 80%

Sixth, Seventh and ODA Grade – 70%
ODB, ODC and ODD – 60%

- .10 of a point deducted to the Club for each week a player is suspended by the P&D.
.01 of a point deducted for each dollar the Club is fined by the SMCA. (Excluding those mentioned above)

This system to run from the AGM to the end of the following qualifying rounds and shall include any penalties made in all qualifying rounds. For this season only the system to run from 12th September.

The above system is to be reviewed at the end of the season.

Wet Weather Guidelines

Gary Hartman had provided a short wet weather guideline for approval. John Griffin had further provided a much more detailed wet weather guideline and it was agreed that this detailed guideline would be provided to the Clubs for the information of all captains.

Electronic Scoring

MyCricket has advised that in a partnership with Prowess Sports they are now able to provide the StatsMaster programme – a new laptop based electronic scoring program. StatsMaster is fully integrated with the Weet-Bix MyCricket website and allows users to login via MyCricket, import a match into StatsMaster, score at match with a laptop or tablet and then upload a scorecard to MyCricket at the touch of a button.

The Association would appreciate any feedback from Clubs using this programme and look forward to its use throughout the Association in the future.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

It was agreed that Steve Nichols would be Match Day Referee for the coming season. This information is to be provided to the Clubs with Steve's phone number. The old phone number for the Match Day Referee will not longer be in use.

Representatives of Clubs are apparently demanding that their supplier provide only balls with the Cricket West logo. Clubs are advised that balls stamped with the Cricket West logo will not be provided until the old supply of balls has been exhausted.

Clubs are advised that they should renew their Insurance and Risk Protection for the 2012/2013 season as soon as possible. The National Club Risk Protection Programme is arranged by Jardine Lloyd Thompson Pty Ltd (JLT) Sports and designed for the cricket community throughout Australia. MyCricket is used to submit the renewal and obtain subsequent Certificate of Currency, which is usually required by your local council. The Association pays the costs of basic protection.

There was discussion on the issue of an injured batsman having a runner. This was no longer allowed in many first class matches but it was decided that the proper use of runners for an injured batsman be allowed in all SMCA Grades.

Coming meetings; 10th October, 14th November, 5th December,

CLOSURE: As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 7:15pm

NEXT MEETING: The next Executive Meeting will be held at Leeming on Wednesday 10th October, 6:00pm.