

# South Metropolitan Cricket Association

Minutes of Executive Meeting held at Market City Tavern on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2012.  
Meeting commenced at 6:00pm.

**PRESENT:** Graham Santich (Chairman), Ian Hale, John Griffin, Steve Michael, Graeme Ashley, Steve Nichols, Gary Hartman (minutes).

**APOLOGIES:** Brian Waterer, Brendan Jones, Kiel Sigley.

**ABSENT:** Nil

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

It was moved Steve Michael and seconded John Griffin that the minutes of the previous meeting, 10<sup>th</sup> October, be approved. **CARRIED**

## **MATTERS ARISING:**

Nil

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Gary expressed concern regarding a recent clearance where a player who's team was not playing due to a forfeit against them was cleared to another SMCA Club to play one match before being cleared back to his original club. The Executive felt that although this was not necessarily against the rules at this time this sort of clearance does have the potential to cause unfair issues.

After discussion it was moved Steve Michael and seconded Steve Nichols;

To take immediate effect, no player cleared or transferred to a SMCA Club during the season can be cleared or transferred to any SMCA Club for a period of 28 days.

**CARRIED**

After a query from a Club it was confirmed that a player is deemed to be out if he retires for any reason other than being injured.

At Riverton Park on 1<sup>st</sup> December two Riverton Rostrata players collided while attempting to take a catch, the subsequent injuries required the attendance of an ambulance and transport for one player to hospital for scans. All parties involved appear to be OK

The Executive noted, with regret, the passing of Phoenix Cricket Club founding and life member Seddon Shivers who passed away In November. He was only in his 60's but suffered from early onset dementia and had to be admitted to a nursing home earlier this year where his health continued to deteriorate.

## **TREASURERS REPORT:**

Graeme presented the Treasurers Report.

Funding from Cricket West should arrive soon.

Graeme expected a surplus of around \$3000 at the end of the season.

Graeme advised that a request from East Fremantle for members of that Club to do a WACA Coaching course was still outstanding. It was agreed that these funds should be paid to the Club forthwith.

It was moved Steve Michael and seconded Ian Hale that the Treasurers Report be accepted.

## **UMPIRE'S ADVISOR:**

Steve Nichols reported that umpire numbers had improved after some experienced umpires had joined us from the eastern states. Steve felt that numbers were at a good level with umpires in all grades to Fifth Grade.

Steve felt that advertising for umpires in the newspaper had been a waste of money and the web site was the only reasonable source of obtaining new umpires.

There was concern at the last umpires meeting regarding continuing to play in wet conditions. If the two captains cannot agree then the umpire shall decide and this has resulted in some umpires being harassed and threatened with legal action. The Executive agreed that they would give all reasonable support to the umpire and that any umpire who felt harassed should report the player/s involved.

Some umpires have found themselves in the awkward position of asking for money at the end of the match when payment has not been offered to them. Clubs should make payments to the umpire no later than the completion of the tea break.

In a recent incident referred to in the Administrators Report a second grade umpire held up play for some time after two players collided in the field. One player sustained an injury that may have been serious and involved an ambulance being called to the ground. The umpire felt that he might have been harassed because of this delay to play. Steve stated the umpire did the right thing and all players should respect that the umpire will always stop play in the case of serious player injury.

As Match Day Referee, Steve has received a number of calls where a person has disagreed with an umpire's decision even when the umpire is an official umpire. Clubs are reminded that the Match Day Referee should only be called to resolve disputes arising where there are no official umpire appointed and where the two captains cannot agree to make a decision and also to receive reports from unofficially appointed umpires only.

#### **CRICKET WEST:**

Steve Michael reported our Association match will be in Kalgoorlie this coming Sunday. A chartered flight will depart Perth at 5am and return at 10pm.

Any person having issues with MyCricket should address them to Steve so they can be brought up with the MyCricket authorities.

#### **FIXTURES AND GRADINGS:**

Hilton South is unavailable for most of the remainder of the season and has resulted in some venue changes with matches moved to Dick Lawrence.

#### **PROTESTS AND DISPUTES**

Caution 1 December 2012 Marc Dodds, Kardinya Lakes. First Grade. Offensive Language

Caution 24 November 2012 Luke Smith, Cockburn. First Grade. Dissent to an umpire's decision

Prescribed Penalty 18 November 2012 Craig Timbrell, Kardinya Lakes. First Grade. Dissent towards an umpires decision - 1 Match

Prescribed Penalty 17 November 2012 Jarryd Kenna, Riverton Rostrata Match, Second Grade. Throwing bat, gloves helmet or other equipment in an aggressive manner - 1 Match

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J Temple, Kelmscott ODD 27th October 2012. Found not guilty of abusive language towards an umpire, but guilty of a Level I offence of persistent sledging of batsmen. Penalty: Suspended for one match, until Sunday 11th November.

D. O'Brien, Kelmscott ODD 27th October 2012. Found guilty of Level II offence of threatening and intimidating behaviour towards an umpire and guilty of a Level III offence making contact with an umpire. Penalty: Suspended for 6 matches for Level II offence and suspended for 6 matches for Level III offence. Unable to play until 10th February 2013.

B Marks, Kelmscott ODD 27th October 2012. Found to have no case to answer.

It was moved Steve Michael and seconded Ian Hale that all reports be accepted. **CARRIED**

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Ian Hale brought up the issue of teams being allowed to play 12 players in a two-day match with two players nominated to play on separate days. This may be of assistance to Clubs where players are only available one week at a time. Ian advised that other associations had tried this with apparent success. The Executive felt that this may have merit and Ian was authorised to investigate further with a view to implementation for next season if deemed appropriate.

Steve Michael discussed funding for the SEMJCC and SWMJCC umpires. He felt that some support from the SMCA would likely improve umpiring numbers in the future. After discussion it was moved Steve Michael and seconded Gary Hartman;

That the SEMJCC and SWMJCC umpire groups each be supported by the SMCA through a \$500 sponsorship. **CARRIED**

Graham requested that the Administrator again place match scores in the West Australian. Given the time clubs are given to submit their scores this can only be done for Tuesday's paper. There was discussion regarding bringing time limits for match and player scores forward to Sunday, this to be considered for next season.

Leeming will again host this seasons Association Windup which is planned for Tuesday 19th March.

**CLOSURE:** As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 7:00pm

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Executive Meeting will be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January, 6:00pm at Leeming.