

South Metropolitan Cricket Association



Minutes of Executive Meeting held at Leeming Club rooms on Monday 14th October 2013.

Meeting commenced at 6.00pm.

PRESENT: Graham Santich, John Griffin, Brendan Jones, Kiel Sigley, Graeme Ashley, Ray Howe and Gary Hartman (minutes)

APOLOGIES: Ian Hale, Scott Knight

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Moved John Griffin, seconded Graeme Ashley that the minutes of the previous meeting, 2nd September 2013 be approved. **CARRIED**

MATTERS ARISING: Given that matches are now locked when confirmed by the Administrator clubs should email the Administrator to correct any errors.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

A number of Clubs needed to be prompted to submit their Captains Report on Umpires. These should be submitted before 8pm on the Monday following the completion of the match.

Some Clubs listed weather affected match result as "Match Abandoned" when it should have been "Match Drawn".

Some matches have been given a result without team scores being submitted. Team scores must be added to the original result.

Reports: Nil

Cautions: Nil

Prescribed Penalties: Nil

Fines: Kelmscott \$100, failure to submit player scores in both Second and Fourth Grade by deadline - By-Law 7b

Kelmscott \$20, failure to submit a Captains Report on Umpires by deadline - By-Law 7d

Loss of Points: Kelmscott, match report (Second Grade) remaining incomplete five (5) days after the completion of the match – By-Law 7c

Gary did contact Kelmscott and gave them a secondary guideline and they did provide Fourth Grade details but not Second Grade.

Further fine: Canning Districts \$50, Failure to submit Team and Ground Nomination form.

Nine General Notices had been distributed. Info for Captains and Info for Committees were also distributed.

Split player rule commences this week. One club asked if there could a split player option involving more players in a team, eg 10a and 10b. It was agreed that the by-law was just for one split player option for each team – 11a and 11b.

In week one the ground lights were turned on in a Third Grade match, this was not authorised by the Umpire who considered that the conditions were fine to play without the lights. One team protested the continuation of the match after the rain break, however the umpire's decision is final and stands. Ground lights are not to be used.

Correspondence was noted from the President of the Armadale Club. Armadale are celebrating their 100th anniversary this season and it was agreed to contribute \$500 to their celebrations, planned for 30th November.

In week one there was a revised target set after the rain delay in one match. It appears that rules in an old fixtures book were used to make a decision on this matter. Rules in old fixture books are likely to be updated. Updated By-laws are on the web site and can easily be downloaded and printed. There are no revised targets after a rain delay – if the chasing team gets the necessary runs they win, if they are all out they lose – if they do not get the runs and are not all out then the match is a draw.

Gary reminded clubs that he is a shift worker who cannot take phone calls whilst at work. Clubs should always communicate by email or text if it more urgent.

One club asked if they could use players from another club who may not be required under the WACA grade system. Gary had denied this request, as players need to play for one club or another. The Executive supported this denial believing that allowing clubs to use players from other clubs on an ad hoc basis was against the rules and spirit of the game.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurers Report was previously distributed.

There was brief discussion. Association insurance had been paid

It was moved Kiel Sigley and seconded John Griffin that the Treasurers Report be accepted.

CARRIED

UMPIRE'S ADVISOR:

Ray Howe advised that we had around 32 umpires umpiring down to sixth grade.

CRICKET WEST:

A gathering of senior players, umpires and First and Second Grade Club Presidents will be held at the Market City Tavern on 23rd October.

There was work to be done on the Colts competition.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS:

The issue of clubs with two-day grades being allowed to drop players to grades other than their highest one-day grades. In particular it has been suggested that teams with 2nd Grade to 4th grade as their lowest two-day grades only be allowed to drop players from that grade to their highest-level one-day grade. Clubs, whose lowest two-day grade is 5th or 6th, may still drop players to any of their one-day teams.

This issue was distributed to the Clubs with responses from Thornlie and Maddington. Thornlie supports the view as that was their intention anyway as dropping from 2nd grade to ODD or ODF would be against the spirit of the game. Maddington asked a number of questions and stated that they appreciate the response, and were sure that the members will be happy with this response.

It was moved Brendan Jones, seconded John Griffin that By-Law 11d be amended to read; *During qualifying matches only, in the case of Fifth Grade and below, all one-day only grades shall collectively be deemed to be one grade.*

This change means that if a Club's lowest two-day grade is in First to Fourth Grade no player can drop more than one grade at a time within his Club structure. This change is effective immediately.

FIXTURES AND GRADINGS:

ODE, Jandakot Park have withdrawn their team and been replaced by SJ Blues
ODF, Armadale have withdrawn their team and been replaced by CBC.

Adjustments have been made to the fixtures.

One Club did not submit their Team and Ground nominations. The Club did not respond to texts, emails or phone messages. This caused a great deal of problems to the Fixtures and Gradings Committee. It would appear the maximum fine for this is \$50 and perhaps should be increased for future seasons.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Players who have not played in the past three seasons do not need a clearance to their new club.

Brendan Jones provided a new playing shirt for Cockburn one-day teams, which was approved by the Executive.

After discussion it was agreed that umpires should endorse the scores in the scorebook when signing the book.

Graham Santich brought up the potential for a team to declare its innings closed in a one-day match when the opposition team may require premiership points.

It was moved John Griffin and seconded Brendan Jones that in one-day games a team cannot declare its innings closed. A match may be called off if a result has been achieved and both captains agreed.

CARRIED

CLOSURE: As there was no further business, the meeting was closed at 7:08pm.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 25th November 2013 – 6:00pm.