

South Metropolitan Cricket Association

Minutes of the Executive Meeting 10 February 2020

Venue: Melville Reserve – 6 pm



PRESENT: Paul Speering (Chair), Clifford Joseph, Ian Hale, Gary Hartman, Ian Del Rosso, Mario Baeli, Graham Santich, John Griffin (minutes)

APOLOGIES: Mark Iannello, Norm Harris

GUESTS: Melissa Evans – Good Sports – Alcohol and Drug Foundation

Paul Speering opened the Meeting at 6.02 pm and welcomed all to the meeting.

Melissa Evans from Good Sports provided an overview to the meeting on the Good Sports program and the 3 levels of accreditation. Currently 14 SMCA clubs are accredited (4 x level 3, 8 x level 2 and 2 x level 1). 6 clubs have indicated that they are interested in attaining accreditation and 4 clubs have indicated that they are not interested in gaining accreditation.

Melissa further explained that It would be great if we could get 5 more clubs from the SMCA to sign up to Good Sports.

For all new clubs that join Good Sports this season, they will receive **\$350 worth of incentives** from the WACA. For clubs that progress through Good Sports this season, they will be eligible to enter the Senior Club Improvement Fund. The prizes for it are:

- 1st prize: \$4,000 cash and Alcohol Think Again Marquee
- 2nd prize: \$2,000 cash and Alcohol Think Again Marquee and Scoreboard
- 3rd prize: \$1,000 cash and Alcohol Think Again Marquee and Sunscreen pack

The competition closes on the **2nd March 2020**, so all the current Level 2 clubs have less than a month to get their policies signed and returned.

The WACA have also advised that there may be financial implications to the WACA, Cricket West and the Associations if the target of 80 clubs signed up to the program is not achieved by the end of the season.

Melissa advised the meeting, that staff from Good Sports are available to assist clubs in achieving the accreditation levels.

It was agreed that Good Sports would be invited to attend the SMCA General meeting in May 2020 to provide an update and overview on the Good Sports program.

Paul then thanked Melissa for attending the meeting.

MINUTES of PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE MEETING: 6 January 2020

Moved by Ian Del Rosso and Seconded by Ian Hale that the Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 6 January 2020 be accepted.

MATTERS ARISING

1. Roleystone- Karragullen CC Grievance.

The Secretary had emailed RKCC asking them if they wish to continue with the grievance.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Paul reported the following;

1. The standalone mid-season one-day final was a success with good spectator attendance. Phoenix CC being the host club had a successful trading day. The crowd was well behaved. It was agreed that a standalone mid-season final for 1st grade would be fixtured in for next season.
2. Day/Night match - The day/night match between SJ Blues and Phoenix was considered to be successful. Pink balls were used (one from each end).

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Gary reported that:

1. The number of fines being incurred by clubs is amazing
2. Umpires reports – clubs need to be aware that they need to tick the 'absent/not applicable box in the umpires report module if the allocated umpire is absent. By doing this, an automatic fine is not generated for not submitting an umpires report.
3. Some minor bylaw issues in regard to Bylaw 11. To be reworded to avoid any ambiguity.
4. A number of clubs have withdrawn one-day teams and a \$200 fine IAW the Bylaws applies.

TREASURER'S REPORT

1. Mario presented the SMCA Financial report. The bank balance as at 10 Feb 20 in the operating account is \$41,458.43 and the balance of the Cash Reserve account is \$48,811.18. Refer to the attached statement for further details.

Seconded by John Griffin

CARRIED

2. All clubs have paid their team nomination and club affiliation fees.
3. **Windup** – An amount of \$5k was budgeted for the Windup catering. Indicative costs indicate that the catering cost maybe \$7,500 (150 x \$50 per head). The cost for last season was \$5,011
4. **Cricket West Cup** - the final cost of the SMCA's Cricket west Cup involvement was \$15,914. The allocated budget was \$7,265, which resulted in a gross overspend of \$8,699. Cricketwest reimbursed the SMCA \$800 for umpires and \$1,250 from Belt Up sponsorship. This resulted in a Net overspend of \$6,649.

The significant overspend resulted from having to purchase 60 playing shirts, 60 playing trousers, and pad covers for the three SMCA teams. Last season the SMCA did not field a Colts team and at the time the budget was presented at the AGM it was unlikely that the SMCA would field a Colts team.

It was moved by John Griffin and Seconded by Paul Speering that the net \$6,649 overspend for the SMCA's Cricket West involvement be approved.

CARRIED

5. Mario advised the invoices for the semi-finals umpires levy and the windup tickets had been issued.

UMPIRES ADVISOR

In the absence of Norm, it was noted that requests for umpires for specific matches are being received. These have been referred to Norm for allocation if possible.

CRICKETWEST

J Griffin and G Santich attended the CricketWest meeting held on 29 Jan 2020. Relevant matters are:

- a. Helmets - clubs become eligible for free Helmets (limited number) when their Association make mandatory helmet use as part of their playing conditions or bylaws.
- b. Player insurance – no change to current method for season 2020/21.
- c. Good Sports Accreditation – Associations are encouraged to get the clubs in their association accredited.
- d. Bouncing back – mental health initiative is available to all clubs.
- e. WA Community Cricket Awards.
- f. Cricket West Cup 2020/21 to be held on 19/20 December 2020 – this has a direct impact on our playing dates for 20/21.
- g. The Cricketwest Forum for season 20/21 to be held on 26 October 2020.
- h. Applications are opening for the second round of the Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund (ACIF) for season 2019/20 on Tuesday 11 February 2020.

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS:

Ian Hale

Ian proposed the following changes to the Bylaws for consideration at the season's end:

Bylaw 8 – Substitutes

8. Substitutes must be registered members of the Association – with the following to be added in:

8.1 Substitutes can be used at any time as deemed necessary by the fielding team. The Umpire must be informed prior to the use of a substitute at all times.

8.2 The use of substitutes on the field are subject to the "Laws of Cricket" except where negated or modified by these rules (Bylaw 2a).

8.3 The minimum age for a substitute is 14 years old (By Law 46b).

Note: The Laws of Cricket 2019 edition, Law 24 – Fielders Absence, Substitutes is the primary authority.

Bylaw 24 – Hours of Play –SMCA One-Day Matches)

Add the following:

24c Thirty five (35) over matches as per By laws 24a and 24b

Bylaw 25 – Match Rules and condition of play

Add the following

25h Thirty five (35) over matches as per Bylaws 25a, 25b, 25c, 25d, 25e, 25f and 25g.

After discussion, it was agreed that the proposed changes to the Bylaws by Ian Hale be incorporated into the Bylaws at the end of the season.

PROTESTS AND DISPUTES

1. P&Ds were held on 14 Jan and 28 Jan 2020. The following appeared before the P&D:
 - a. 14 Jan 2020- Barry Barone, LSCC and Gionanni Silvestri PWCC.
 - b. 28 Jan 2020 – S Harrison RRCC, Alistair Turner RRCC and Anthony Knowles JPCC.
2. It was noted that Jordan Petrone who appeared before a P&D on 10 Dec 2019 was given a Prescribed penalty of 6 weeks on 18 Jan 2020 for umpire abuse. Given that J Petrone had a six week suspended sentence from 10 Dec 2019, his total penalty is 12 weeks suspension.

FIXTURES AND GRADINGS

1. – EFCC withdrew their ODB team prior to round 12 after 3 consecutive forfeits (a total of 4 for the season). A bye has been placed in the ODB fixtures for the remainder of the season with average winning points being given to the teams with the Bye.
2. PWCC withdrew their ODF team effective round 14. A bye has been placed in the ODF fixtures for the remainder of the season with average winning points being given to the teams with the Bye.
3. Kwinana CC withdrew their ODH effective round 14. A bye has been placed in the ODF fixtures for the remainder of the season with average winning points being given to the teams with the Bye.
4. Progressive total of team withdrawals this season is five (5).
5. EFCC have forfeited the past two sixth grade matches. **It was agreed that if EFCC forfeit their next Sixth grade match, then that team would be removed from the competition.**
6. Cockburn CC have submitted suggestions for the grade composition and promotion and relegation for season 2020/21. To be considered along with other received submissions at the end of the season
7. With CricketWest cup scheduled for 19/20 December 2020 – this will have an impact on our playing dates and will require a Sunday match for the two- day grade competition.

Three options for playing dates for season 2020/21 were tabled. After discussion it was agreed that:

- a. A Sunday fixture for the two day grades will have to be played. The two options are Sunday 11 Oct 20 (One dayer Round 3) or Sunday 29 Nov 20 – one dayer.

- b. Stand alone 1st grade one day final to be fixtured – 24 Jan 2021.
- c. Draft playing dates for season 2020/21 to be distributed after the conclusion of this season.

AGENDA ITEMS

Ian Hale

- 1. - Update on the 25 Year Celebration and booklet.

Ian and John provided an update on the 25 year booklet. Work has begun on the layout and chapter headings. The clubs have been asked to provide a concise history (3-4 pages) of their clubs. Given that season 2020/21 is the 25th season it was recommended that the publication of the booklet be moved to the end of the 2020/21 season. This way the statistics and other information from the 25th season can be included in the booklet.

AGREED

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Mario Baeli

Mario advised the meeting that he is concerned that players who play in the Cricket West Cup are being asked to play with other clubs.

The SMCA does not have a recruitment policy. The advice to any affected clubs is to contact the club that has made the approach.

2. Graham Santich

Graham advised that interest in women's cricket is increasing and requested that an EOI for Women's cricket for the 2020/21 season be placed on the SMCA website. The number of participants is being closely monitored by the WACA.

3. Clifford Joseph

Clifford apologised for not being available to present pennants and medals to the mid-season one-day final winners due to work commitments.

Further discussion occurred on the presentation of pennants and medals at the end of season finals and it was agreed that where possible members of the Executive would try to be represented at the grand finals.

4. Trophies

Gary requested that the match results and the player scores are to be submitted by 10 pm into Mycricket on the 7th of March. This will enable the batting and bowling awards for each grade to be determined and sent to the Trophy supplier in order to be available for the Association Windup on 17 March 2020.

AGREED- notice to be placed on the website and the Secretary to email all clubs prior to the 7th of March.

5. Ipads

A number of clubs have been reimbursed for their purchase for ipads. The ipads are to be used for electronic scoring of matches. It was noted that the number of matches being electronically scored is increasing slowly. The WACA through Cricketwest wants an increase in the number of matches being electronically scored and training sessions are offered. It was noted that a program for Laptops –Total Cricket Scorer is now available to use and links into Mycricket.

SMCA Clubs who have not purchased an ipad to date are encouraged to do so or purchase a laptop,

with the maximum value of reimbursement to remain at \$700.

Mario is to provide a list of clubs who have already acquired an Ipad.

Further discussion occurred and it was agreed that consideration be given to making electronic scoring compulsory next season for 1st and 2nd grades.

CLOSURE: Paul thanked all for attending. The meeting closed at 8.03 pm

NEXT MEETINGS:

Executive Meetings:

- 1. Monday 23 March 2020 – 6 pm at Atwell Reserve.**
- 2. Monday 4 May 2020 – 6pm – TBA**
- 3. General Meeting Monday 25 May 2020- Leeming**