

South Metropolitan Cricket Association

MINUTES for the SMCA Executive Meeting 11 August 2025



Venue: Thornlie Clubrooms, 6:03pm

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES: Norm Harris

ABSENT: Nil

MINUTES of PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE MEETING:

Moved by Mark Iannello and **seconded** by Kemp that the minutes of the previous meetings — *Executive Meeting held on 30 June*— be accepted as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING:

Nil

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Welcome to season 2025/26!

Congratulations to each of you for successfully being nominated by your peers and returning to the Executive Committee. I would like to take a moment to welcome our newest member of the Executive, Andrew Ring, from Ferndale / Lynwood Cricket Club. I am sure that you will learn a lot from the experience of this Executive. I would also like to welcome back our current co-Patron Ian Hale from Kardinya Lakes Cricket Club, who I am sure will provide his insights of Executive's of the past.

I will not take up too much time in this first report, other than to say I am humbled to be renominated as President, as I do not take this position at all lightly. I am delighted that the Senior Executive have been reappointed, and I would like to congratulate both DK and Kempy for their success. It is a credit to the Executive that the club membership have endorsed the three of us to continue improving the SMCA as we strive to be the first choice Association within CricketWest.

As we embark on our 30th season as the SMCA, as an Executive, we will have several challenges presented to us, and as we have done in the past, as a collective, we will review these and determine the best approach for the betterment of the Association. As an Executive, we need to take our club caps off whilst participating on this Committee, as decisions will be made which will not appease our home club, yet as a collective, these decisions will be the most appropriate for the Association.

Our first challenge will be how the season can be conducted in another condensed fixture as challenges are presented by Councils as the Association is required to release grounds by mid-March rather than March-end as tradition would dictate. With the Ashes in November, and the CricketWest Cup scheduled for December, some creative thinking will be required to achieve

our fixturing needs this season.

As mentioned at the AGM, this season, the Association will be introducing a Mental Health round. We are shining a spotlight on the importance of looking after our mental wellbeing. Just like physical fitness, mental health is essential for performance, resilience, and connection. Whether you are playing or cheering from the sidelines, this round isn't just about cricket; it's about breaking down stigma, encouraging open conversations, and reminding everyone that it's okay to not be okay. Let's stand together as a cricketing community to support each other, raise awareness, and promote a game where every mind matters.

With that said, welcome to season 2025/26, let's see what the next 12 months presents.

Thanks.

Pete.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

SMCA Web site is now correctly linked to Google.

Following Clubs did not submit their Office Bearers by the deadline.

Armadale
Champion lakes
East Fremantle
Forrestdale
Hilton Bicton
Kelmscott
Maddington
Piara Waters
Perth Tamil
North Baldivis

Following Clubs did not attend the May General Meeting

Kelmscott
Leeming Spartan
Perth Tamil

Following Clubs did not attend the Annual General Meeting

Forrestdale
Perth Tamil
Roleystone-Karragullen
SJ Blues

It was agreed that fines will be implemented, although additional time will be given to clubs that have not yet submitted their office bearers. The Secretary will advise clubs that they have until 5:00 pm this Friday to update their office bearers on the SMCA web site. Fine is \$100.

A fine of \$50 will apply to clubs that fail to attend a meeting for the first offence, and \$100 for each subsequent offence.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Cash Reserve: \$ \$40,294.79

Community Reserve: \$ \$64,618.39

Mario is working on the budget which he will submit to the next meeting.

UMPIRE'S ADVISOR:

No report.

CRICKETWEST:

Cricket West held a lengthy meeting.

All Associations, other than the SMCA, have scheduled no fixtures for the Ashes Test on Saturday.

The Cricket West Cup will now be played on the weekend of 20–21 December. The WACA will not be available that weekend, so the final will be played at a later date to be confirmed at the September meeting.

Saturday, 13 December will no longer be used for Cricket West fixtures.

Mental Health Round will now be held on 6 December, in conjunction with other Associations and Healthways.

Umpires training is now available to all Associations – Norm Harris has been advised.

Coaching accreditation is being organised, with dates to be advised.

Women's cricket will remain with Cricket West for the time being. Peter advised that he had heard of a 5-year strategy some time ago, but nothing has been seen to date. It was suggested that the SMCA trial its own women's competition for one year to assess feasibility.

The Cricket West Forum will be held on 18 August at 7:00pm at the WACA. Information is on the Facebook site, will be added to the website, and Shamez will advise clubs.

ELECTION OF SUB COMMITTEES:

Sub Committees

Protest & Disputes:

David King, Jacob Landsmeer and Shamez Rashid. As agreed at the previous meeting, clubs will assist with the creation of a pool, with two clubs providing assistance each week on a rotating roster. A fine of \$200 will apply for non-compliance.

Life Member's Committee:

Ian Hale, Graeme Ashley and Gary Hartman

By-Laws and Constitution:

David King with assistance from Gary Hartman

Women's Cricket:

Ian Del Rosso and Joe Covic

Cricket West:

Cricket West Cup: Ian Del Rosso, Joe Covic, Jacob Landsmeer and Mario Baeli.

Cricket West Committee: Mark Iannello and Joe Covic

Review Committee:

Graham Santich and Steve Kemp – one more needed.

Fixtures and Gradings Committee:

David King, Jacob Landsmeer, Steve Kemp and Ian Del Rosso.

Match Day Referee

Mario Baeli

This role now also includes potential mediation prior to some potential P&D Tribunals.

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS: Nil**PROTESTS AND DISPUTES: Nil****GRADINGS AND FIXTURES: Nil****AGENDA ITEMS**

The closing date for team nominations on PlayHQ is 5:00pm, Friday 19 September.

The Fixtures and Gradings Committee will meet on dates to be confirmed, with their draft to be provided to the Committee at the 22 September Executive Meeting.

Playing Dates: The City of Cockburn will not permit play after mid-March. To avoid Sunday fixtures and complete the two-day grades season, the season will recommence after the mid-season break on 3 January and include a final round two-day match condensed into one day, as in the past season. The proposed dates were agreed upon and are attached in the spreadsheet.

Grade Structure: A minimum of six eight-team grades is preferred. Further discussion on the grade structure will be held.

Club Focal Point: A focal point within the Association for clubs to raise issues was discussed. Multiple volunteers are required. Joe Covic and Ian Del Rosso volunteered, with more needed.

Grading Issues: David King raised current and potential grading issues facing the Fixtures and Gradings Committee for the upcoming season.

North Baldivis: Discussion took place regarding ground issues. There is potential for them to sub-lease from other clubs.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

An existing club from another Association has contacted the SMCA regarding the potential to join us. This club would need to have a minimum of 3 teams, have a general meeting where 80% of members approve of their merger and this to be minuted correctly. Also advise the other association, Cricket West and the SMCA prior to 31st March.

It was agreed that should Karragullen Oval be nominated as a ground for use this season that its fitness for use be approved.

There was discussion on the 30th Anniversary. Ian Hale is going through old records – it was agreed that the sub-committee should decide what they need to proceed and report back – sub-committee is Joe Covic, Ian Del Rosso and Ian Hale.

CLOSURE: As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8:18pm.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Executive Meeting 8 September at Thornlie – 6:00pm
Executive Meeting 22 September at Thornlie – 6:00pm
Executive Meeting 13 October at Thornlie – 6:00pm
Executive Meeting 10 November at Thornlie – 6:00pm
Executive Meeting 8 December at Thornlie – 6:00pm

		Two Day	8 team grades		6 team grades	One Day
04-Oct-25		1	One - Day 1		One - Day 1	
11-Oct-25		2	One - Day 2		One - Day 2	1
18-Oct-25		3	One - Day 3		One - Day 3	2
25-Oct-25		4	One - Day 4		One - Day 4	3
01-Nov-25		5	One - Day 5		One - Day 5	4
08-Nov-25		6	One - Day 6		One - Day 6	5
15-Nov-25		7	One - Day 7		One - Day 7	6
22-Nov-25		8	Two - Day 1	Perth Test	One - Day 8	
29-Nov-25		8	Two - Day 2		One - Day 9	7
06-Dec-25		9	Two - Day 1		One - Day 10	8
07-Dec-25			One Day Mid-Season Final			
13-Dec-25		9	Two - Day 2			9
20-Dec-25						
27-Dec-25						
03-Jan-26		10	Two - Day 3		Two-Day 1	
10-Jan-26		10	Two - Day 3		Two - Day 1	10
17-Jan-26		11	Two - Day 4		Two - Day 2	11
24-Jan-26		11	Two - Day 4		Two- Day 2	12
31-Jan-26		12	Two - Day 5		Two - Day 3	13
07-Feb-26		12	Two - Day 5		Two - Day 3	14
14-Feb-26		13	Two - Day 6		Two - Day 4	15
21-Feb-26		13	Two - Day 6		Two - Day 4	16
28-Feb-26		14	Two - Day 7		Two - Day 5	17
07-Mar-26		Two - Day - SF			Two - Day - SF	One-Day - SF
08-Mar-26		Two - Day - SF			Two - Day - SF	
14-Mar-26		Two - Day - GF			Two - Day - GF	One-Day GF
15-Mar-26		Two - Day - GF			Two - Day - GF	