

# South Metropolitan Cricket Association

## MINUTES for the SMCA Executive Meeting 13 April 2026



Venue: Microsoft Team (Online) 1805

### PRESENT:

Peter Anderson, David King, Steve Kemp, Mario Baeli, Mark Iannello, Shamez Rashid, Ian Hale, Joe Covic, Gary Hartman, Steve Kemp, Andrew Ring Jacob Landsmeer.

**APOLOGIES:** Ian Del Rosso, Norm Harris

**ABSENT:** Nil

### MINUTES of PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE MEETING:

**Moved** by Mark Iannello and **seconded** by David King that the minutes of the previous meetings — *Executive Meeting held on 09 Mar 2026*— be accepted as a true and accurate record. **CARRIED**

### MATTERS ARISING:

Nil

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Another season has been completed, and as I said at the end of season celebration, congratulations to all clubs on winning their respective grade premierships. Special acknowledgement to both Cockburn and Jandakot Park for winning 1st and 2nd Grade respectively.

Also, it would be remiss not to acknowledge both Leon Coombs, of SJ Blues, for winning the 2025/26 Jim McKenna Medal and Charlie Hunt, of Jandakot Park, for winning the 2025/26 Ian Hale Medal. Congratulations to both lads for an impressive season.

I would also like to thank everyone involved with Kardinya Lakes for putting on another fantastic event, as well as JL for his wit, humour, and professionalism on the night.

As always, we will review the event and look at ways to improve the evening. One item that did come to my attention is that it may now be the time to re-introduce grade awards for batting and bowling and look to do something for women's cricket. I would like to make the evening as inclusive where possible.

Attention now moves to the 30 Year Celebration in May, where I encourage all clubs to make an effort to attend. This is sure to be a wonderful evening, where all credit should be given to our organising committee as an event of this magnitude does take a lot of effort and time to pull together.

On a final note, April 30 is fast approaching, so anyone who is interested in the Association Appointed Positions should please submit a nomination to [president@smcacricket.com.au](mailto:president@smcacricket.com.au).

#### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

The season finished fine with no issues. I have prepared Job Description for secretary and administrator role which was sent to President, Senior Vice President and Secretary for review. Gary will be away from 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026. Gary will be away during the 30 Year SMCA Celebration.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Cash Reserve: \$ \$40,331.95

Community Reserve: \$ \$49,831.21

I have asked clubs to confirm their bank details, so I can process the reimbursement for forfeits. We have one club who have paid \$675 which I can't reconcile to the invoice, have followed up with the club and waiting on the response.

30% of the clubs have confirmed their bank details and waiting on others to confirm

Mario will visit Westpac to complete my ID verification as the account was blocked. Temporarily I have managed to unblock the account. This is a new requirement by Westpac Business Unit to complete the ID verification

#### **UMPIRE'S ADVISOR:**

No report provided

#### **CRICKETWEST:**

Mark advised that next Cricket West meeting is scheduled for 04<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

#### **CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS:**

Will be covered in General Business

#### **PROTESTS AND DISPUTES:**

Nothing to report

#### **30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

To date, 14 Clubs have confirmed their attendance, and 2 clubs will not be joining event. We have so far sold 78 tickets confirmed and we are looking around 140 people to attend the event.

The book is a significant project and has taken considerable time to compile. Given the large number of photos submitted by different clubs, I suggest we prepare a slideshow for the celebration evening to showcase the images.

Rather than aiming to have the printed book ready for that night, it would be better to include

photos from the celebration evening in the book as part of the overall commemoration. We could upload a draft version online for clubs to review and provide feedback, then finalise and print the completed book in time for the start of next season.

This approach allows us to produce a higher-quality final product and ensures the book is completed properly. If possible, we should also include a section featuring the top team together, so they can be included in the final publication.

It was noted that there are approximately **35 nominations** for the *Team of the 30*, with the intention to **reduce the list to 15**. The plan is to **recognise and celebrate the final team** at the event. It was agreed the final selection should be **kept confidential** to preserve the surprise for the evening.

Ian Del Rosso and Sabrina have been very supportive with the event preparation.

Ian Hale asked whether the additional invitees were Life Members, and clarified that Life Members may attend free, but partners would pay for their own ticket. This was generally agreed.

The Committee also expressed its appreciation for Joe Covic's significant contribution to the 30th anniversary preparations and the commemorative book.

The invitation will be extended to Mayors and Cricket West. The invitation needs to be sent out ASAP to all parties given we are 4-5 weeks away from the event.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **Wind Up**

Over the last few seasons, attendance at the Wind Up has noticeably declined, particularly from clubs in 1st and 2nd Grade. At the same time, clubs previously opted for teams in 3rd Grade and below to receive **virtual recognition only**, rather than physical trophies presented on the night.

Given the reduced attendance this year, it may be timely to review this approach.

We would like clubs to provide feedback on the following:

1. **Should physical trophies be reintroduced for all grades**, including 3rd Grade and below?
2. **Do clubs have suggestions on how we can improve attendance** at the Wind Up, especially from higher-grade teams?

Your input will help us shape the format of future events to ensure they remain meaningful and well-supported.

## **Promotion and Demotion**

We received a letter from Kwinana inquiring about the promotion to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade for season 2026/2027 as they finished second in the ladder.

The SMCA Executive Committee discussed the matter of 3rd Grade promotion at length, particularly in light of the ongoing conversation around Cockburn Cricket Club's dominance in that grade over recent years. Cockburn Cricket Club has, for the past two seasons, formally requested the opportunity to participate in 2nd Grade, having finished at the top of the ladder for the last three seasons and losing only two home-and-away games during that period. After considering the overall integrity and competitiveness of the competition, the SMCA determined that Cockburn Cricket Club had earned the right to be promoted to 2nd Grade for the upcoming season.

The motion to promote Cockburn to 2nd Grade was carried 7–3 and was not unanimous. The member club representative did not participate in the motion.

## **Review of One-Day Only Grades and Proposed Amendments to By-Laws 51.b and 51.d**

Please see attached document which will be discussed at the General Meeting for feedback from member clubs

## **General Business**

David King advised that he will be reducing his commitments and will no longer oversee the By-Laws. He noted he will be supporting Gary Hartman more regularly.

The Committee acknowledged David King's significant contribution to the By-Laws and thanked him for his work, noting the documents are always evolving and his efforts have been instrumental in their current state.

**CLOSURE:** As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8.06pm.

## **NEXT MEETINGS:**

General Meeting 25 May at Thornlie – 7:00pm