

South Metropolitan Cricket Association

MINUTES for the SMCA Executive Meeting 9 June 2025



Venue: Thornlie Clubrooms, 6:04pm

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES: Steve Kemp, Norm Harris

ABSENT: Nil

MINUTES of PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE MEETING:

Moved by Mark Iannello and **seconded** by Shamez Rashid that the minutes of the previous meetings — *Executive Meeting held on 17 March 2025 and General Meeting held on 12 May 2025* — be accepted as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING:

Nil

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

I had the pleasure of attending the CricketWest Forum yesterday (Sunday June 8). Several topics were discussed, yet, pertinent subjects, are as follows:

The CricketWest Cup, based on WACA availability, appears to be scheduled for December 20 and 21. Meaning qualifying may be December 13 and 14.

If metrics are to be kept on the new web-site, and privacy statement and policy will be required, and provided by WA Cricket in due course.

The Club Belt-up Cup will be scheduled every two years, rather than annually.

Kookaburra attended the meeting as the existing 5 year partnership as a ball supplier had run its course. As part of the new agreement, CricketWest will be asking affiliates to submit evidence of poor ball workmanship. The new agreement will be initially 1 year, with the option of extending by two years. A copy of this document is to be circulated in due course.

To begin the General Meeting last month, I took the opportunity to welcome Ferndale / Lynwood back to the SMCA family. It is pleasing to see this great club return to their roots.

Recently, we received notification from Graeme Ashley of his intention to retire from both the Match Day Referee and Review Committees. I thanked Graeme for his service on behalf of the SMCA, and believe he has provided an incredible presence within the SMCA during his tenures.

Finally, with Mental Health being in the media so prominently, the Association will implement a themed round each season to promote this important cause in our cricket community. The logistics of this to be determined post the AGM on July 21.

Pete.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Nothing to report

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Cash Reserve: \$ \$40,240.76

Community Reserve: \$ \$52,118.39

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

UMPIRE'S ADVISOR:

No report.

CRICKETWEST:

Cricket West fixtures are scheduled for the weekend of 13 and 14 December, with finals to be played on 20 and 21 December. This raises concerns regarding potential conflicts with SMCA fixture planning.

A one-year deal with Kookaburra was proposed, with ball quality to be closely monitored. There was some discussion around alternative suppliers.

Mark Iannello advised he would forward the minutes of the Cricket West Forum to all SMCA Executive members.

It was noted that a privacy statement and policy is required on the SMCA website.

Cricket West Squads are to be submitted by mid-November.

All clubs with players under 18 years of age must appoint a Child Safety Officer.

The CricketWest Forum is scheduled for 18 August 2025, to be hosted by Jacob Landsmeer.

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS:

David King presented a draft of two proposed By-Law changes, which arose from discussions held during last month's General Meeting.

62. Protests and disputes

- a. The Protest & Disputes Tribunal (hereafter referred to as the P&D) may consist of up to five (5) persons who will make up a sitting board to hear any matters brought before it. **The**

board members shall be made up of the P&D Chairman and up to two (2) members of the SMCA Executive and two (2) club members from a roster of club nominated P&D representatives. Each club must nominate a P&D representative one (1) week prior to each season starting. Alternate persons may be co-opted to assist this board to carry out its duties if so required.

80. Use of Live Streaming Footage, Images and Sound

For the purposes of this By-Law all clubs are to assume that all matches played within the SMCA Competition will be live streamed using Frogbox. Footage and images obtained from such videos can and will be used by clubs for own their purposes.

If any registered player's do not consent to being filmed, photographed or to having their images used by any club then it should be the responsibility of that member's club to inform all other clubs.

All clubs should include a mandatory question in their PlayHQ registration process relating to the use of such recordings and images, so that all players have the opportunity to give that consent automatically when registering. All clubs should provide a list of any player's that do not give consent to all the other clubs and the SMCA Secretary prior to the season starting and then update as required.

Unless otherwise advised it will be assumed that consent has been given.

Moved by Mark Iannello and seconded by Shamez Rashid that the proposed By-Law amendments and additions be approved.

PROTESTS AND DISPUTES:

The SMCA is considering the use of Microsoft Teams for some aspects of future Protests and Disputes (P&D) Tribunals. This would allow for greater flexibility and accessibility, particularly in situations where in-person attendance is difficult. Should Teams be used a camera must be provided.

The Executive will further investigate feasibility, including procedural requirements and potential limitations, with a view to trialling Teams use in the upcoming season if appropriate.

Joe Covic suggested that an individual be appointed to mediate potential reports prior to a P&D Tribunal hearing. Gary proposed that this responsibility could potentially fall under the duties of the Match Day Referee. The proposal is to be considered further by the Executive.

GRADINGS AND FIXTURES:

Peter Anderson congratulated the previous Fixtures and Gradings Committee on their great work during the past season, noting the effort and attention to detail that contributed to a successful competition structure.

Some Associations are facing pressure to implement a general bye for the Perth Test weekend. While this may have merit, it would further reduce the already limited number of available playing days. It was suggested that a general bye for the one-day grade only—consistent with the approach taken last season—may be the most practical option.

AGENDA ITEMS

Items arising from the General Meeting.

There had been a proposal raised and discussed regarding allowing clubs to forfeit a team in any grade. It was agreed to trial this forfeiture policy in one-day grades only for the 2025–26 season.

The Executive discussed concerns regarding team forfeits and agreed on the following:

Forfeiting a club's bottom one-day side will incur a \$50 fine, which will double for subsequent offences.

Forfeiting any other one-day side (not the bottom side) will incur a \$200 fine, which will also double for subsequent offences.

If a team needs to be withdrawn from the competition, it must be the club's bottom one-day side.

If a club forfeits a team that is not their bottom one-day side, no players from that team's most recent fixture will be eligible to play in any lower one-day grade for that round.

A formal request was made to relax By-Law 51b, which governs grading procedures and restrictions. Following open discussion, the motion was put to a vote and carried, allowing greater flexibility in grading decisions for the 2025–26 season.

The Executive reaffirmed that the priority of the Association is two-day cricket. While it was agreed to relax the requirements of By-Law 51B, it was also agreed that a minimum of 48 sides must be maintained across the two-day grades.

It was agreed that all One Day Grades become first past the post. E.g. The game finishes once a result is achieved.

The Executive supported the decision that all one-day grade matches shall conclude once a result has been achieved, with no requirement to continue play beyond that point.

Furthermore, the Executive confirmed that the current overs format for one-day competitions will remain unchanged:

ODA and ODD grades will remain at 40 overs per side.

ODE and all lower grades will remain at 35 overs per side

There was general agreement with the suggestion, with the SMCA to provide a roster of clubs to assist with the P&D Tribunal—two clubs, along with a backup, to be scheduled each week.

A roster of Clubs will be established to assist with Association duties and responsibilities. This roster is likely to be arranged in alphabetical order to ensure fairness and clarity.

East Fremantle requested an amendment to the By-Laws to address situations where artificial lights are activated due to circumstances beyond the club's control.

It was agreed that no penalty shall be applied to clubs where artificial lights are activated due to circumstances beyond the control of the home club.

Willetton proposed a By-Law amendment to allow for up to 30 minutes of additional play in finals matches where a result is imminent at the scheduled stumps time.

It was agreed that up to 30 minutes of additional play may be permitted in finals matches where a result is imminent at the scheduled stumps time.

The Executive will consider the role and processes of the Review Committee after the Annual General Meeting.

At the request of the clubs, the 12-player rule will remain in place. The following conditions will apply:

All 12 players must be present on the day of the match.

Any anomalies or breaches must be reported to the SMCA.

In such cases, clubs will be issued a “please explain”, with the possibility of a financial sanction imposed at the discretion of the Executive.

It was agreed that the points system for the Brian Waterer Shield be updated.

Clubs will earn points toward the Champion Club award as follows:

First and Second Grade: 6 x points received

Third and Fourth Grade: 4 x points received

Fifth Grade to One Day B: 3 x points received

Only the top three scoring teams of each club in the above categories will be considered for the Champion Club award.

It was agreed that the start time for end-of-season finals will return to 12:30pm, with some flexibility allowed if junior matches are still in progress on the ground. All matches scheduled in October will also maintain a 12:30pm start time.

No decision had yet been made regarding the Umpires Advisor position. Peter Anderson will discuss the matter further with the Umpire’s Association. Norm Harris has reapplied for the position.

Following discussion, Shamez Rashid was appointed Association Secretary. As there were no other nominations, Gary Hartman was reappointed Association Administrator, and Mario Baeli was reappointed Association Treasurer.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Ian Hale raised the topic of the Association’s 30-year anniversary. All statistics have been completed. Joe Covic and Ian Del Rosso have agreed to participate on a subcommittee. Rob Sims and Sabrina Del Rosso also expressed interest in being involved.

A function to celebrate the anniversary will be budgeted for, likely to be held at the completion of the upcoming season.

All clubs were requested to provide the secretary with the year they were established.

Ian Del Rosso expressed the view that clubs should not be penalized with a loss due to a clerical error. The matter was discussed, and it was agreed that further consideration would take place after the AGM.

Joe Covic expressed the need for a designated Focal Point within the Association for Clubs to raise any issues they may have. This proposal will be considered further after the AGM.

CLOSURE: As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8:14pm.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Executive Meeting 30 June at Thornlie – 6:00pm

Annual General Meeting 21 July at Thornlie – 6:00p