

**South Metropolitan Cricket Association**

**MINUTES of the Committee Meeting 8 April 2024**

Venue: Thornlie Clubrooms, 6:01pm



**PRESENT:** Peter Anderson, Steve Kemp, David King, Jacob Landsmeer, Joe Covic, Mario Baeli , Gary Hartman (minutes).

**APOLOGIES:** Ian Del Rosso, Shamez Rashid, Mark Iannello

**ABSENT:** Nil

**MINUTES of PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE MEETING:** 11 March 2024

Moved by Steve Kemp, seconded by Jacob Landsmeer that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 11 March 2024 be accepted. **CARRIED**

**MATTERS ARISING:** Nil

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Windup went well, disappointed with no show of some clubs. 98 in attendance. Having function after the Grand Final weekend appeared to work well. Jacob Landsmeer did an excellent job as MC. Congratulations to Ian, Sabrina and the team at Kardinya Lakes for an excellent job.

Peter would like a review of penalties for non-playing members who are found guilty of an offence. He proposes a forum, including people not on the SMCA Executive. He will discuss this at the coming General Meeting.

A question was raised about the potential for captains receiving the same penalty as the offending player. This is already possible in some circumstances.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

In relation to playing dates for next season I have had a couple of queries about Bye's on 23 November, Perth Test Australia v India and 25 January, Australia Day Long Weekend.

Alec Grainger confirmed his suggestion (to ensure no Sunday matches) for shorter one day competition in two-day grades – in short, each two-day grade be divided into two four team competitions with two winners playing off.

Still working on updated web site. Looking to June for change.

From all reports the windup went well – John Griffin attended and received his Life Membership medallion.

The Constitution needs work, Last updated it in 2019 and needs urgent work.

I believe at times there needs to be streamlining of communication. Members of the committee communicating with a member of a club through me is time consuming. I believe this may have been overcome with the President and Senior Vice President obtaining their own smca email addresses. However, communicating with a disgruntled club after a recent P&D decision took a lot of time and effort. I understand I am paid but I still think there needs to be a time where the decision maker does the communication direct.

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

Westpac main account - \$39,064.72

Westpac Reserve - \$39,663.10

Umpires have yet to pay for their windup tickets.

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

Norm reported that the finals seemed to go well.

There has been a query on a player's bowling action. Norm will look at this next season.

Officials HQ being updated.

#### **CRICKETWEST:**

There hasn't been a CricketWest meeting since last meeting. The meeting has been moved to 17 April.

#### **GRADINGS AND FIXTURES:**

There was a discussion on playing dates for the coming season. It was agreed that there would be no Sunday cricket other than for finals.

It was agreed that there would be no play on 4 January. A general bye for the Australia Day weekend be considered. Also potential for no play in One-Day grades on the date of the WACA test match.

The potential of one of the one-day fixtures in two-day grades be a day of two T20 matches played at venues with adjoining grounds was thought to have potential. This would mean the 7 one day matches could be played in 6 Saturdays.

Playing date suggestions to be submitted to clubs at the General Meeting.

It was agreed that one day matches in Fifth and Seventh Grade should be completed once a result had been made as per First to Fourth Grade and ODA and ODB for this past season. This to be put clubs at General Meeting.

It was agreed that all one day matches in both the Two-Day and One-Day Grades should start at 12:30pm.

David King provided a grading change (attached) as a possible fix to the issue of Cockburn not getting competition in Third Grade.

It had previously been strongly supported by the clubs that the top two grades should comprise of the top 16 clubs within the SMCA. However, due to the mirroring of First and Third Grade it shows a big divide between the top four teams and bottom four teams in that competition. This was also seen in Fourth Grade, albeit to a lesser extent.

If we were to take the better teams from Fourth Grade (priority to a club's top grade) and put them into Third grade and vice versa this, in theory, should make both grades more even.

In the One Day competitions we should also try and put the top team of a First Grade club into One Day A's and a Second Grade Club into One Day B's.

In conclusion the Executive recommended that First and Third Grade no longer be mirrored and created as evenly as possible by the Fixtures and Gradings Committee with promotion/demotion between First and Second Grade to remain as is

The committee discussed the complications of having One Day A and One Day B between Fourth and Fifth Grade. Qualifying for finals had become more complicated. It was agreed that we put to the clubs at the General Meeting that we return grading to First to Seventh followed by the One Day Grades. Further, consideration be given that players in a clubs First to Fourth Grade be allowed to drop to a clubs top one day grade and players in Fifth to Seventh Grade be allowed to drop to any one day grade.

## **CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS:**

David King submitted the following By-Law amendments for consideration.

By-Law 7g be amended to

Where there is an issue with player ID (including ~~clearances~~ **transfers and permits**), Clubs may submit a dispute to the Association Administrator. There is no time limit on this. The Association Executive will then investigate the matter(s) and if a breach is found to have occurred, appropriate penalties will be applied in accordance with the relevant By Laws.

By-Law 28a be amended to

In accordance with the SMCA Insurer **Marsh Advantage Insurance Pty Ltd (ABN 31 081 358 303)** and their Risk Management and Cricket Australia's National Risk Protection Program the two opposing captains shall complete the Match Day Checklist together prior to commencement of each day's play. In accordance with the Risk Management Policy a copy of this Checklist should be kept for a period of seven (7) years by the Home Club/ Team.

By Law 46a be amended to

All clubs must ensure that their players are registered regardless of age, on PlayHQ prior to such players playing for that club in any match organised by the SMCA. No late registrations **or Fill-In players** will be accepted.

By Law 52a be amended to

The home team shall be bound to see that the playing wicket is in good order, ~~the boundary and pitch lines~~ **the boundary and inner circle lines (One-Day fixtures) and bowling, popping and return creases to be** clearly and permanently defined **(See Annexure A)** and to provide stumps and bails. The popping crease lines to be extended and permanently marked two metres wider than the pitch on both sides, where possible. Boundaries are to be set at sixty (60) metres, where possible. **Failure to do so may incur a penalty as per By-Law 69.16**

By-Law 62a be amended to

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. Alternate persons may be co-opted to assist this board to carry out its duties if so required.

By-Law 62n be amended to

A suspended player or official is not permitted to enter the playing field, **act or participate as an official in any match day duties** during the scheduled hours of play of any SMCA fixtured match.

63a (v) be amended to

Should the SMCA Executive become aware of a matter involving an offence **contravening a Level 2 or Level 3 offence** under these By- Laws, that matter may be referred to the P&D for consideration and determination. Notification to the Secretary must be submitted by a Club Executive or SMCA Executive member and must be received **by the Administrator before** 7pm on the second day after the completion of the day's play.

By-Law 65a be amended to

Any player offered a Prescribed Penalty may elect to accept the penalty for the offence which that player is reported. Should a player wish the matter to be heard by the **Protest & Disputes Tribunal**, notification should be made to the Association Administrator by email prior to 2.00pm on the day after play in which the player was reported. A lack of notification to the Association by the deadline will automatically invoke the penalty for the offence which that player was reported for. The umpire shall leave a copy of the Prescribed Penalty Form with the player, his captain or other player/official.

The umpire must advise the Association Administrator, through the Umpires Advisor, before 10am on the day after play in which the player was reported.

This does not dilute the right of the association to reject this acceptance and have the matter heard by the **Protest & Disputes Tribunal** if it deems appropriate to have the matter heard.

If a player elects to take the prescribed penalty to a **Protest & Disputes Tribunal** the penalty will be increased if the prescribed penalty is upheld.

By-Law 65d be amended to

If a player, who has been found guilty of an offence in the past, is found guilty of another offence then his past indiscretions will be taken into consideration in the penalty handed down at the **Protest & Disputes Tribunal**. If no offence has been committed in the previous five years the penalty will be a standalone penalty based on the **Protest & Disputes Tribunal** finding of a guilty verdict in the current case before the **Protest & Disputes Tribunal** and be based on current guidelines.

By-Law 66a be amended to

If any dispute shall arise between one club and another club, or between a member of a club and the committee of such club, it may be referred to the **Review Committee**. The club or person aggrieved shall give notice to the Association Administrator, by email, setting forth the grounds of the dispute or difference, which has occurred.

By-Law 66c be amended to

In items other than those listed in By-Law 69, any club which has been suspended, expelled or upon which a fine or penalty has been imposed or any person who has been suspended, fined or penalised by the Association, without recourse to the **Protests & Disputes Tribunal** for any offences under these rules has the right to appeal to the **Review Committee**. Notice of such appeal, signed by the appellant and stating the grounds upon which it is made, must be delivered to the Association Administrator within two (2) days from the time that the club or person shall have received notice of such fine, suspension, penalty or refusal of permit, or the name of such person as defaulting member has been furnished to the Association. All conditions covered in this by-law are also subject to By-Laws 67.a, 67.b, 67.c and 69.

By-Law 75b ii be removed

~~.01 of a point deducted for each dollar the Club is fined by the SMCA. Excluding fines involving team forfeits, withdrawal of teams, match result, player scores and for the non-submission of Captain's Report on Umpires.~~

It was moved Peter Anderson and second Mario Baeli that all these amendments/changes to the By-Laws be approved.

**CARRIED**

There was discussion regarding By-Law 67 and the following suggested change be put to the clubs at the General Meeting

By-Law 67a

Any person or club affected by a decision of the **Protests & Disputes Tribunal shall have the right of appeal to the Review Committee** provided one of the following applies:

- i. That new evidence can be provided; this specifically precludes evidence that was given at a previous sitting and upon which a club believes not enough weight was placed.
- ii. It is the responsibility of the defendants to present a full case when given the opportunity to do so. If new witnesses are to be presented, they must show reason why they were not available to present that evidence at the initial hearing.
- iii. There has been an incorrect interpretation of the Constitution and its Bylaws.

By-Law 67b

An appeal against a decision of the **Protests & Disputes Tribunal** shall be lodged in writing with the Association Administrator who shall place the appeal **by email, before the Review Committee**. In every case of appeal to the **Review Committee** under these rules, the club or person making such appeal shall deposit with the Association when lodging such appeal, the sum of \$300.00, which shall be forfeited to the Association if it be decided by the **Review Committee that such appeal is lost. Any match penalty shall be doubled if the appeal is lost. and any further penalty shall be doubled.**

By-Law 67c

Any appeal against a decision of the **Protests & Disputes Tribunal** must be lodged within 24 hours of the hearing and the appeal, where necessary, be heard before the next playing date.

By-Law 67d

The executive's representative, may make a submission, **by email** to an appeal before the **Review Committee**.

By-Law 67e

**The Review Committee shall be provided all necessary information by email. This information should include the original report, decision of the Protests & Disputes Tribunal and written information involved in the appeal as well as other information deemed necessary. Legal representation is not allowed – only club officials and players are allowed to submit information to the Review Committee. The result of any appeal to the Review Committee shall be final.**

## **PROTESTS AND DISPUTES**

Sachin Jassal of Champion Lakes was found Guilty of a Level 1 Offence (Entered the field of play while the match was in progress without permission). Mr Jassal was given a 4 Playing Date suspension. However, all 4 playing dates have been suspended for a 12 month period. Mr Jassal is free to play this weekend.

Justin Varney of East Fremantle - the Panel discussed these matters and found that Mr Varney was Guilty of the Level 3 Offence (Physical assault of a player). The penalty given was a 24 playing date suspension as either a Player or Official for EFCC.

Brandon Aldersea of Phoenix found that Mr Aldersea was Guilty of the Level 2 Offence (Threatening or

intimidating towards an umpire, official or player including verbal abuse). The penalty given was 6 playing dates, the minimum for the Level 2 offence. In addition to this, a \$100.00 fine was issued to Phoenix.

Geoffrey Perera of Phoenix 2 x Prescribed Penalties referred to P&D. Mr Perera was found Not Guilty of the Prescribed Penalty under by-law 65b (v) Kicking or knocking stumps over deliberately. This was dismissed. In addition to this, the Panel then upheld the Prescribed Penalty (xvi) Abusing or swearing at an opposition player, teammate or spectator - Four (4) playing dates ban. In addition to this, as Mr Perera received a Caution earlier in this season, an additional 4 playing date suspension has been added to the upheld prescribed penalty (total 8 playing dates suspension).

The Executive noted the results of the P&D and confirmed the fine applied.

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

Peter advised that he was working on a change to the Heat Policy and will submit for decision bt clubs,

**CLOSURE:** The meeting closed at 7:49pm.

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

General Meeting 29 April at Thornlie – 7:00pm

### 2023-2024 Two Day Ladders

	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	6th Grade	7th Grade
1	East Fremantle	SJ Blues	Cockburn	Kelmscott	Armadale	Cannington	Kardinya Lakes
2	Hilton Bicton	Roleystone	Jandakot Park	Willetton	Cockburn	Cockburn	Cockburn
3	CBC	Riverton-Rostrada	Hilton Bicton	Kwinana	Kardinya Lakes	Hilton Bicton	Cannington
4	Phoenix	Kardinya Lakes	CBC	Cannington	Perth Tamil	Jandakot Park	Armadale
5	Cockburn	Willetton	East Fremantle	Maddington	CBC	Roleystone	Maddington
6	Piara Waters	Thornlie	Leeming	Roleystone	Thornlie	Kwinana	Phoenix
7	Leeming	Kenwick	Phoenix	Perth Tamil	Riverton-Rostrada	Champion Lakes	Thornlie
8	Jandakot Park	Canning Vale	Piara Waters	SJ Blues	Phoenix	North Baldivis	Hilton Bicton

### Proposed Two Day Grades

	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	6th Grade	7th Grade
1	CBC	Jandakot Park	Cannington	Armadale	Cannington	Armadale	Champion Lakes
2	Cockburn	Kardinya Lakes	Canning Vale	East Fremantle	CBC	Cannington	Hilton Bicton
3	East Fremantle	Kelmscott	CBC	Cockburn	Cockburn	Cockburn	Kwinana
4	Hilton Bicton	Kenwick	Cockburn	Leeming	Hilton Bicton	Jandakot Park	Maddington
5	Leeming	Riverton-Rostrada	Hilton Bicton	Perth Tamil	Kardinya Lakes	Kardinya Lakes	North Baldivis
6	Phoenix	Roleystone	Kwinana	Phoenix	Roleystone	Perth Tamil	Phoenix
7	Piara Waters	Thornlie	Jandakot Park	Piara Waters	SJ Blues	Phoenix	Roleystone
8	SJ Blues	Willetton	Maddington	Willetton	Thornlie	Riverton-Rostrada	Thornlie