

South Metropolitan Cricket Association

MINUTES for the SMCA Executive Meeting 15 June 2026



Venue: Thornlie Clubrooms, 6:05pm

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES: Andrew Ring

ABSENT: Nil

MINUTES of PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE MEETING:

The following amendments were noted for the previous meeting, the General Meeting held on 25 May 2026. Kenwick were represented at that meeting. The correct date for the AGM is 27 July.

Moved: Mark Iannello Seconded: Mario Baeli That the minutes of the previous meeting as amended — *General Meeting held on 25 May 2026* — be accepted as a true and accurate record. CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING:

Nil

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

As we bring the 2025/26 season to a close, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the outstanding work performed by our Executive Team over the past 12 months.

Firstly, I would like to thank Gary, Shamez, Mario, and Norm for their contributions while serving in the Honorarium positions during the 2025/26 season. These roles carry significant responsibility, and each of you has demonstrated exceptional dedication and commitment. For that, the Association is sincerely grateful.

As we are aware, each of these positions was due for reappointment at the conclusion of the season. I would like to congratulate Gary, Mario, and Shamez on their reappointments for the 2026/27 season and thank them for their willingness to continue serving the Association.

Following the close of Honorarium applications, we received three nominations for the Umpires Advisor position. However, during the interview process, one nominee withdrew their application. Later in this meeting, we will discuss the recruitment process in greater detail and seek Executive endorsement of the preferred candidate.

The work undertaken this year has been remarkable. Our introduction of a themed round to support Mental Health Awareness was a tremendous success, and I would like to specifically acknowledge the

Blue Stumps initiative. It was simply outstanding and received widespread praise throughout the Association. Thank you, Mario, for your help in bringing this initiative to life. Next season we will look to align the round with the last round of the One Day competition of two day competition.

To our P&D personnel, I extend my personal thanks for your efforts throughout the season. David, Jacob, Joe, Shamez, Mario, Ian, and Mark, your contributions in this area are first-class. It is often a thankless task, yet it remains a critical component of our game. We are fortunate to have such capable and dedicated individuals overseeing this important process. The introduction of two club representatives into the process has also been exceptionally well received, and I am pleased that this initiative will continue into the seasons to come.

The introduction of the 'first past the post' for all one-day matches has also proven to be a resounding success. We have received overwhelmingly positive feedback from clubs, players, and supporters alike regarding its impact on the competition. It is pleasing to see such strong support for an initiative that has clearly benefited the Association.

The success of our 30-Year Celebration was a credit to everyone involved. I have already expressed my thanks, but it is worth repeating that the evening was a tremendous occasion. The venue was excellent, the atmosphere was outstanding, and it was a fitting celebration of our Association's history. I look forward to the publication being released and encourage any clubs yet to submit their information to do so at their earliest convenience.

The CricketWest Forum is scheduled for Sunday, 28 June, with Mark, Joe, and myself attending on behalf of the Association. At this stage, it appears the forum will be held at Osborne Park Bowling Club rather than the WACA, although this is yet to be confirmed. The 2025/26 season was expected to be the final year of incumbent Chairperson Brad Pearce, so it will be interesting to see how that situation develops.

As mentioned at our previous meeting, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank David for his tireless work on the Association's by-laws. David has advised that he will be stepping away from the By-Laws Committee due to increasing commitments elsewhere. His knowledge, expertise, and contribution in this area have been invaluable, and his dedication is a credit to him. The Association's by-laws are in an excellent position today because of his efforts. Thank you, David.

Several discussion points emerged from the General Meeting in May, and several of these warrant further consideration ahead of the AGM. One such topic was the operation of bonus points during the third and fourth innings of two-day fixtures and how these may influence the pursuit of outright results. I note that another CricketWest affiliate has implemented a points system that rewards outright results without incorporating bonus point provisions. Should we choose to explore a similar model, it may also present an opportunity to review the current 5.00 pm by-law. As an Association, our objective should always be to maximise opportunities to play cricket wherever possible—after all, that is why we are here.

Finally, as this will be my last opportunity to address the Executive prior to the AGM, I would like to sincerely thank each of you for your contributions and support throughout the season. Your commitment to the Executive, the Association, CricketWest, and, importantly, your respective clubs, has been invaluable.

Without your dedication and hard work, our Association would not be what it is today. The success we continue to enjoy is a direct reflection of the efforts of the people in this room, and for that, I thank each and every one of you.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Nil

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Cash Reserve: \$ \$40,351.33

Community Reserve: \$ \$38,928.24

Mario provided a draft budget for consideration, with this to be further discussed at our next meeting.

There was discussion on costings for the Association Windup and the 30th Anniversary events.

Wind Up

Costs: \$9,000

Money received from tickets: \$6,800

Cost paid by Association: \$2,200

30-Year Celebration

Catering: \$14,700

Photography: \$726

Printing: \$477

Trophies: \$450

Total cost: \$16,353

Money received from tickets: \$6,300

Cost to the Association: \$10,053

UMPIRE'S ADVISOR:

Norm advised that the Umpires Association AGM had been held, with no changes to their committee other than Murray Robins now taking on the role of Secretary.

The umpires discussed their pay and requested that the daily rate be increased from \$160 to \$180. After discussion, it was moved Peter Anderson and seconded Mark Iannello that the umpires' daily pay be increased to \$180, provided this amount does not exceed the Cricket West limits. **CARRIED**

CRICKETWEST:

Mark advised that there will be a Cricket West meeting on 28 June. No one from the WACA will be attending, and no WACA venue is available for the meeting. The Cricket West AGM will be held in October, and it is believed that Brad Pearce will be stepping down.

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS:

Needs a few changes, David will look into these.

PROTESTS AND DISPUTES:

Nil

GRADINGS AND FIXTURES

There was discussion around teams in consecutive two-day grades. After discussion, it was moved Peter Anderson and seconded Joe Covic that, for teams in consecutive two-day grades, if the team in the higher grade finishes last and the team in the lower grade finishes first, they would be demoted. **CARRIED**

It was agreed that the President write to the City of Cockburn seeking their approval to extend the season to 21 and 22 March. This was considered necessary to avoid a shortened season or the need for Sunday fixtures. This matter will be discussed again at the next meeting.

30th ANNIVERSARY:

It was agreed that this was a good night, and well done to the Sub-Committee. It was suggested that the Association Windup follow a similar format, including a Team of the Year, etc. Ian Hale was keen to add to the list of legends on a regular basis, and David suggested this occur every five years or so. A criteria will need to be developed for both the Team of the Year and the Legends. Joe is working on the book, which will be published soon.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Items from General Meeting

There was discussion on the education of captains, including the suggestion of producing a video to outline important matters such as the 3:30pm deadline. This could be placed on the website and the Facebook page.

Analysis of P&D results — Joe will look into this.

Formula 15 – Last Man Standing. There was discussion on changing the Formula 15 format to a Last Man Standing model. Mario will report on the costing for Formula 15, and Joe will look at the costing for Last Man Standing. The matter will be discussed further at the next meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Umpires Advisor Position

Norm Harris left the meeting for the discussion on the Umpires Advisor position. Peter thanked Mark Iannello and Steven Kemp for their role on the Selection Committee. There were two final applicants — Sean Ingram and Norm Harris. Mark and Steve discussed the results of both

interviews, which led to lengthy discussion.

This discussion resulted in the Selection Committee recommending Sean Ingram for the role of Umpires Advisor for the coming season. This recommendation was endorsed by the committee.

Peter advised that he had received communication from an SMCA club seeking to leave the SMCA and join the Perth Swan Cricket Association. He confirmed that he had informed the club of the criteria required for such a request. These criteria included a formal deadline for submission—which had already passed—and the requirement, under Cricket West regulations, for the club to provide minutes from a meeting demonstrating that at least 75% of all club members had approved the motion to change Associations.

It was agreed that the SMCA would not enforce the missed deadline. However, the requirement to provide the appropriate meeting minutes would still apply. It was further agreed that, pending the provision of these minutes by the time of the Association AGM, the SMCA would approve the club's request to move Associations.

Ian Del Rosso suggested that there be a moratorium on player movement for the first two or three weeks of the season to allow clubs time to sort out their playing groups. This was generally considered a good idea and will be considered further.

It was agreed that the General Meeting in May was too late. It was decided that a survey would be sent out at season's end, with a follow-up meeting to be held toward the end of April.

There was approval to start Executive Meetings at 6:30pm in the future.

CLOSURE: As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8.28pm.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Executive Meeting 6 July at Thornlie – 6:30pm

Annual General Meeting 27 July at Thornlie – 7:00pm