



Western Australian Cricket Umpires' Association

**Minutes from the general meeting on Tuesday March 15<sup>th</sup> at Perth and Tatts Bowling Club, East Perth.**

**Meeting opened:** 6:48pm

**Attendance:** John Sherry, Bob Watson, Garth M<sup>c</sup>Crorie, Trevor Krink, Darryl Power, Andrew Micenko, Bill Wood, Bruce Banyard, Hennie Botes, John Taylor, Marko Sasic, Todd Rann, Fred Davis, Neil Holland, John Gartner, Terry Prue, Bob Belcher, Nathan Johnstone, Stephen Lamb, Justin Shakeshaft, Dave Campbell, Ranjit Ratnayake, Matthew Hall, Junaid Chistie, Dean Trigg

**Apologies:** Colin Ogilvie, Ashlee Kovalevs, Michael Kovalevs, Mathew Cheeseman, Nick Walters, Shane Boyle, Ernest Chua, Martin Brennan, Ian Lock, Roy Boyd, Jeff Brookes

**Changes required to previous meeting's minutes:** Roy Boyd and Ranjit Ratnayake were present and should be added to the attendance list.

Proposed Nathan Johnstone, seconded Neil Holland. Passed

**President's report/committee report:**

- John Sherry detailed plans to allow umpires to have their WACUA fee deducted from their first WACA pay of the season. Gauged interest from members on whether they would like this option, which was mostly positive. Some discussions occurred around:
  - o Opt-in policy only
  - o WACUA constitution may need to be changed to allow members that use this option to be considered financial members
  - o What happens when someone opts for this option, but changes their mind before the first WACA payment comes through
- Some discussion about fees for next season. Raised the possibility of a fee increase
  - o Bruce Banyard asked why fees should be going up when there's money in the bank
  - o Stephen Lamb mentioned what happens at other organisations he's involved in where there's a compulsory raffle
  - o Bruce had an idea for spending the money currently in the bank - help to develop young umpires, and/or provide a starting package for new umpires
  - o Ranjit proposed fully subsidising Olly Cooley tickets
    - John Sherry responded that Olly Cooley tickets were limited and not available to everyone, so it would be an unfair use of funds

- Grand final breakfast discussions:
  - o Matthew Hall to get Delaware North to provide a detailed quote that wouldn't have the same surprises that the T20 barbecue had
    - Approximate cost already available at \$35/head plus labour
  - o Show of hands on whether this should be a member only event. No hands shown.
  - o Cost would be \$15 for members and full price for non-members
  - o Everyone must RSVP
  - o Alan Johanson and Luke Douglas to be invited as guests of the WACUA
    - No objections
- There have been changes to the incorporations act in Western Australia. John Sherry believes we already comply with the new rules. One notable change is that we no longer require a liquidator under the act. Auditors are no longer required for organisations with a turnover below a certain limit.
  - o Martin Brennan is still able to audit the association's finances this year

### **Secretary report:**

- Secretary not available.

### **Treasurer's report:**

- Financial summary was provided to all members. Current balances are:
  - o \$143.16 in Commonwealth Bank
  - o \$4 571.08 in the Bank of Queensland cheque account
  - o \$13 027.81 in the Bank of Queensland term deposit
- Bob mentioned that he doesn't currently see a need to increase fees

### **UAC report:**

- Delivered by Terry Prue
- Terry acknowledged the contributions of all umpires this season, especially umpires that stood alone in matches.
- Numbers were not ideal but improved throughout the season. It remains to be seen what the numbers will be like next October.
- Acknowledged umpires involved in representative cricket.
- Acknowledged Mick Martell's achievements, stating that he's the benchmark we should all aim for.

### **Special acknowledgement:**

- John Sherry wanted to acknowledge and thank Matt from Brooklyn's meats for providing the sausages for our meetings. He's at the Vale shopping centre for anyone interested.

### **Umpire reports:**

- John Gartner reported on an interesting game of country cricket in Yealering. He arrived at 11:00am for a 12:00pm start. The players were all ready and the game started at 11:50am. A council worker came and sprayed for midges mid-game, but it wasn't very effective. There was a jet-ski rider doing laps of the nearby lake. The game finished at 5pm, but there was only 1 shower for everyone to use!
- Trevor Krink's game was interrupted the Sunday before by a puppy. It turned out that the puppy belonged to another umpire (that was in the room)!
- John Sherry figured out that dogs were attracted to smelly things, so he used a fast bowler's hat to lure and capture a stray dog

- Also mentioned a story from Michael Kovalevs where he arrived in Northam one hour early for a country final. No players were there yet. At 12:35, the batting captain was there, decided he didn't have enough players, forfeited the game and paid Michael! Michael then went home.

**Membership raffle:**

- Drawn by Terry Prue
  - Nathan Johnstone the winner after a redraw

**Raffle:**

- Drawn by Dean Trigg
  - Winners were Trevor Krink, Matthew Hall, Hennie Botes and James Hewitt

**Other business:**

- None

**Meeting closed:** 7:33pm