



Western Australian Cricket Umpires Association

**Minutes from the General Meeting on Tuesday November 15th 2016 WACA,
East Perth.**

Meeting opened: 6:35pm

Attendance: Trent Steenholdt, Stephen Rose, Trevor Krink, Matthew Hall, Nathan Baktsos, Bill Wood, Roy Boyd, Mahesh Gopukuttan, Martin Brennan, Prashant Pai, David Mattock, Darryl Power, John Taylor, Garth McCrorie, John Gartner, Jeff Brookes, Bob Watson, John O'Brien, Clair Burns, Michael Kovalevs, Andrew Mollatt, Jamie Thomas, Yasir Mursalin, Glen Morgan, Wayne Barnes, Farshad Rabbi, Nick Walters, Yogesh Jagdale, Mark Hooper, Alan Wilson, Angelo Porcaro, Wayne Barron, Aiden Pover, Todd Rann, Hari Yamula Palli, Shane Boyle, John Mearns, Justin Shakeshaft, David Kirk, Hennie Botes, Vijay Kumar, Tyler Karkes, Shrikant Ramadurg, Nicholas Gallagher, Jarryd Buscall, Andrew Micenko, Nathan Johnstone, James Hewitt, Neil Holland, Dean Trigg, Ernest Chua, Hugh Creasy, Ashlee Kovalevs.

Apologies: Colin Ogilvie, Mathew Cheeseman, Mick Martell, Rex Evans, Bazil Roberts, Stephen Lamb, Ranjit Ratnayake, Vivek Solanki, David Campbell

Previous meeting's minutes proposed by John Sherry, seconded Bill Woods. Carried.

Committee report:

- Work on running order for meetings to make them smoother.
- Constitution
 - New constitution has been worked on over the last few months.
 - The draft is going to go up on the website and Facebook group to give you the opportunity to make comments.
 - December meeting draft discussed.
 - January meeting to hold vote.
 - Need a special meeting - 28 days' notice (aiming for January)
 - Most of the changes are procedural and formatting. Includes - changing the definition of the financial year, categories of members, changing role titles of committee members.

President's report:

- A reminder to be careful about what you post on social media etc because you will be held accountable for it.
- Potential for December meeting to be at Tatts for more social environment if people would like. Rough show of hands indicates preference is to go to Tatts.
- Propose report accepted, seconded by Todd Rann. Carried.

Secretary report:

- Check email address with me if you are not receiving emails from me so I can make sure it is right on my list.
- Need to fill out a WACUA membership form to be a member, not just tick box on Matthew's form. Can check with me if you aren't sure.
- Propose report, seconded by Andrew Micenko. Carried.

Financial report:

- Financial report tabled by Treasurer.
- With subscriptions coming through the WACA, the money coming in is slower than usual. Won't come in until December when the pay comes out.
- Proposed report, Martin Brennan seconded. Carried.

UAC report (delivered by Jeff Brookes):

- Met a couple of weeks ago to go through rankings again.
- On a whole Captain's reports are positive.
- James Hewitt - Futures League game coming up with NSW partner.
- BBL/WBBL 4th umpire requirements changed. Nathan and Trent.
- Observations from around the ground - communication with partner is lacking on field. Also positioning for run outs, need to keep an eye on the ball when moving, don't turn your back. Need to be there before the first run is complete.

Umpire Report:

- Roy Boyd
 - Over 60s carnival last week. 42 teams. Review of 4 days umpiring in the carnival. Great fun.
 - Day 1 - Stevens (Fremantle), Qld v Tas, partner was on strike, ran 3 runs (unheard of) and then another 3.
 - Day 2 - umpiring with John. Knee injury. Hit John on the arm. Two hamstrings and a calf.
 - Day 3 - SA need to fill some spots so got two of the over 70s squad members to play.
 - Day 4 - Final of the Over 70s competition. First bowler (Qld) Jeff Dymock, could still swing the ball.
- John Gartner
 - Over 60s carnival. Player safety. Short leg fielder close, got a helmet for him.
- Andrew Mollatt
 - T20 at Trinity, 6 hit onto the roof of a house, into the garden. Owner came out and wouldn't give the ball back.
- Matthew Hall
 - U/13 with Clair. Gave kid out LBW, wasn't happy. Had a word with him at tea.
- John Mearns
 - 230n/o at Scarborough u/17s.

Umpire Manager Report:

- Availability - please put in for after Christmas, a lot of blanks
- People who still haven't done playing conditions and laws exam - please do them.
- No allowances for wickets. Please apply strictly. If going to penalise, needs calculations in the report.

- Make sure you fill out WACUA forms.
- Pay coming in mid-December.
- Please read email about Legacy.

General Business:

- Danny Henderson – Membership Officer at WACA
 - All WACUA members will be joined to the WACA waiting list with no fee. Can join at concession price.
 - 5 years of umpiring + 7 matches per year = single WACA membership.
 - Hopefully within the next 2-3 weeks those who have already been umpiring for 5+ years will receive their memberships.
 - Can get a guest card at cost, approximately \$170.
 - Must be a WACUA member to be eligible.

Training:

- Wes Robinson (Scarborough) & Tim McDonald (Claremont-Nedlands) to give player & coach perspective on umpiring.
 - Player behaviour has become a bigger focus which is good.
 - Communication levels between umpires and players has improved.
 - Player management – want hard and fair game, we don't want it to be personal. Warnings should be given. Keep the captain informed. Still want a contest. Often same people that are being pulled up – from a coach perspective we want those people stamped out. Not just up to the umpires, up to the clubs to adjust their culture etc.
 - Quality – decision making, communication, how you're perceived to handle pressure etc
 - You're human and will make mistakes.
 - When we're asking why it's not out, the explanation is really important. Not "because it is". Make it genuine.
 - Consistency of decisions.
 - When asking players to do something given explanation as to why/context.
 - Maximising play is important. Happy to come off if it isn't safe to play.
 - Relationships are important. Decisions will be forgotten over a few weeks but the relationships that are made are remembered. Helps with player behaviour too.
 - Respect.
 - Captain reports.
 - Being able to move on from 'bad decisions'.
 - Welcome to come down to Scarborough training sessions (Tuesday and Thursday) to stand in the nets.

Thank you for coming along to share your perspectives with us.

Raffle drawn.

Meeting closed: 8:10pm