



# WESTERN AUSTRALIAN CRICKET UMPIRES' ASSOCIATION

Western Australian Cricket Umpires Association

## **Minutes from the General Meeting on Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup> 2013 at Perth and Tatts Bowling Club, East Perth.**

### **Meeting opened 6.32pm**

**In Attendance:** T.R Singh, Brijesh Sharma, Colin Ogilvie, Andrew Micenko, Nick Walters, Ernest Chua, Justin Shakeshaft, Daniel Skinn, Mathew Cheeseman, Daniel Gibbons, David Gowel, Trevor Krink, Nathan Batskos, Reuben Garlett, Jamal Principe, Andrew Jones, Dean Trigg, John Sherry, Aron Downing, Ian Thompson, Jeff Brookes, Michael Kovalevs, Ken Thorpe, Martin Brenna, Wayne Barron, Barry Rennie, Trent Steenholdt, Nathan Johnstone, Neil Holland, Matthew Hall, Bob Watson, Stephen O'Dea, Ashlee Kovalevs.

**Apologies:** Ian Lock, Clem Gannon, Ranjit Ratnayake, Mick Martell, Terry Prue, Todd Rann, Shane Boyle, Stephen Lamb, John Taylor, Alan Wright, James Hewitt, Mark Hooper, Fred Davis, Graham Capper, Chris McCann.

Meeting was opened at 6:32pm by President. The minutes of previous meeting were circulated. John Sherry proposed they be accepted, this was seconded by Trent Steenholdt. The motion carried.

### **Welcome/President's report:**

President welcomed all and wished everyone well for the 2013-14 season. Thoughts go out to Bill Wood and family, offered assistance on behalf of the WACUA.

Meetings will run in a similar format to last year; committee reports, training, general business then sausage sizzle/networking.

Membership is still open. It's the committee's aim to have all umpires registered as WACUA members. Welcomed Ashlee to committee in role of Secretary, thanked John for contributions as previous Secretary and glad he will still be involved as a member of the committee.

### **Secretary's report:**

Incoming correspondence: Letter from Tom Polich regarding his retirement from cricket. President read out letter to members as per Tom's request and wishes Tom all the best for the

future.

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

Incoming funds from membership payments. Currents fund in good health; \$10 056.69 in term deposit, \$2 579.30 in BOQ account, \$2828.43 in Com Bank account.

### **Training Session – Barry Rennie:**

Welcomed David Gower to WA, and WACA cricket. Explained that David is an English umpire who has come for the 2013-14 season to experience cricket in WA and share his knowledge and experiences.

Very pleased with the number of umpires this season, able to put two umpires at almost every game in round one.

Due to illness Graeme Bibby has stood down from the UAB, Jeff Brookes has filled the vacancy.

Women's and Futures League games start this weekend. Well done to those appointed to the games.

WT20 - James Hewitt and Wayne Barron  
WNCL- Matthew Hall and Dean Trigg  
WT20 - Trent Steenholdt and Chris McCann

Futures League - Nathan Johnstone and Todd Rann

Asked umpires to keep entering their availability into MyCricket and to complete match reports. So far Captains' reports have been generally good.

Training was had on One Day playing conditions with group.

### **Umpire Reports:**

John Sherry – interesting moment when the batsman told him it was a good decision after giving him out LBW.

Discussion regarding the use of white balls in First Grade and if there was any effect it may have on the game. ie visibility and GWL.

Comment made about thinner lines being marked on the pitch which made making decisions clearer.

Discussion on making decisions on issues of GWL; It is the umpires call as to whether play goes on/is called off, and the aim is to play as much cricket as possible so long as it is not unsafe, or unreasonable to continue.

Question asked regarding duty of care. Barry Rennie responded that umpires should act in the manner of a reasonable person.

Trent Steenholdt spoke about Match Official System (MOS) -  
Thanked Matthew Hall and the WACUA for their support with the new system.  
Total number of MOS users; 123. Logins in last 30 days; 55%. Games registered in MOS; 45.  
Reviewed games; 11. Confidential; 17. Awaiting review; 17.  
Discussed other statistics from the usage of MOS.

**General Business:**

President noted that there were two vacancies on the committee after the AGM.  
Matthew Hall proposed that Chris McCann, Trent Steenholdt and Rex Evans go onto the committee as general members, Nathan Johnstone seconded. Motion passed.

Proposal from the WACA that the Olly Cooley medal votes are made public up until a certain point in the season. The committee had discussed the proposal and didn't think it was a good idea. Open to floor for discussion. Discussion had about whether the players want it to happen, whether it will help with the promotion of umpires and clarification that the proposal is for it to go in the Monday paper.

General consensus from floor vote is that a public vote count is not wanted.

Discussion about a possible re-vamp of the WACUA logo, image of new logo was passed around.

**Other business:**

Jeff Brookes informed group of upcoming milestones:

Matthew Hall – 150 WACA games in round 3

Shane Boyle – 100 WACA games in round 4

Neil Holland – 100 1<sup>st</sup> Grade games in round 2

Ken McPharlin – 100 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade games in round 2

There being no further business, meeting closed at 7:45pm.