



WACUA

Western Australian Cricket Umpires Association

**Minutes from the General Meeting on Tuesday November 19th at Perth and Tatts Bowling Club,
East Perth.**

Meeting opened at 6:36pm

In attendance: Daniel Gibbons, Nathan Batskos, Andrew Micenko, Vijay Kumar, Lorenzo Fogliani, Colin Ogilvie, Nick Walters, John Taylor, Shane Boyle, Aron Downing, Stephen O’Dea, John Sherry, Matthew Cheeseman, Martin Brennan, Geoff Proudfoot, James Hewitt, Dean Trigg, Justin Shakeshaft, David Krieg, Stuart Blacker, Mark Hooper, Wayne Barron, Ken Thorpe, Andrew Mollatt, Trevor Krink, Peter Smith, Michael Kovalevs, John Gartner, Alan Wright, David Gowel, Barry Rennie, Terry Prue, Bill Reynolds, Nathan Johnstone, Greg Davidson, Bob Stratford, Bob Watson, Matthew Hall, Ashlee Kovalevs, Trent Steenholdt, Bruce Banyard.

Apologies: Wendy Oliver, Darryl Power, Ernest Chua, Daniel Skinn, Rex Evans, Graham Capper, Jeff Brooks, Fred Davis, Neil Holland

Meeting was opened at 6:36pm by President. The minutes of previous meeting were circulated. Matthew Hall proposed they be accepted, this was seconded by Andrew Micenko. The motion was carried.

President’s report:

President reported that membership was healthy, currently sitting at 47 members. Hopes to see this number increase.

Secretary’s report:

Email was received from Barry Rennie. The UAP feels that it is a conflict of interest for them to award the umpire medal winners presented at the Olly Cooley night. They would like the WACUA to take over this role; using captain’s reports and our own criteria to choose the recipients.

Treasurer’s report:

Funds in good health; \$10 056.69 in term deposit, \$3568.30 in BOQ account, \$2908.45 in Com Bank account. Sundry expenditure to cover medals from last year’s Olly Cooley night.

Discussion about ways the association can spend the money. Concern raised about potential issues if the association is seen as making a profit, President to look into it.

Committee report:

Jeff Brooks is going to discuss umpire medal selection at next UAP meeting then report back to committee.

The first OVER magazine for the 2013-14 season has been printed. Available on website. Alan Wilson has come on as printing sponsor again, thank you Alan.

Changes have been made to Facebook and the website which will be discussed later under 'general business'.

The Committee is currently looking at making some changes to the Constitution. A few grey areas have been highlighted and updates are being drafted at present.

General business:

Terry Prue – UAP:

Congratulations to all umpires for the numbers that have been available for WACA cricket. Hope that the numbers maintain as the temperature rises.

Congratulations to **WA umpires** for the following appointments:

Nov 6	SS	Vic v NSW	Mike Graham-Smith and Mick Martell
Nov 6	SS	WA v SA	Ashley Barrow and Ian Lock
Nov 13	Tour	NSW v England	Simon Fry and Mick Martell
Nov 13	SS	Tas v Vic	Ian Lock and Sam Nogajski
Nov 18	FL	WA v Tas	G Davidson (NSW) and Nathan Johnstone
Nov 22	SS	SA v Tas	Mike Graham-Smith and Ian Lock
Nov 22	SS	NSW v Qld	Mick Martell and Damien Mealey
Nov 22	WT20	WA v Vic	Trent Steenholdt and Dean Trigg
Nov 23	WNCLWA	v Vic	Matthew Hall and James Hewitt
Nov 24	WT20	WA v Vic	Chris McCann and Wayne Barron
Nov 29	Tour	NSW v England	Simon Fry and Mick Martell
Dec 13	Test	A v E	M Erasmus, W Bowden, T Hill (3 rd), and Mick Martell (4 th)

Discussion around some general UAP observations - need to wear white shoes; distance that you stand from the stumps when at bowlers end; holding your position after dismissing someone; body language and routines when at square leg, same 'switch-on/switch-off' routine as when at bowlers end; maintaining concentration until the ball is dead; making eye contact with your partner after every delivery; no need for signalling to partner whilst moving into position, signal during dead time; when at square leg, avoid interfering with play by moving forwards or backwards rather than left or right.

Barry Rennie – Umpire Coordinator:

The use of MOS has been good, nearly two thirds of umpires using the system. System can be used to suit individual needs, option to get feedback from Barry.

Learn from what you do. Instead of saying "I had a good game" say why you had a good game. Use "TED PIE" to fill out MOS entries.

Still in the process of reviewing the system, hope that it will become something that is used by all umpires.

Congratulations to Ashlee, going to umpire the u18 female carnival in Ballarat in January.

Mick Martell:

Discussed situation where player had gone off field and was then standing inside fence but not on field of play. Ball was heading towards the player for four so he runs on, fields the ball and throws it back to center. What do you do?

Call dead ball, 5 penalty runs to the batting side, any runs scored and if they've crossed, report to governing body.

Trent – new WACUA branding:

New branding has been outlined in OVER magazine.

There has been a new 'closed group' created on Facebook for paid WACUA members. There is a public Facebook page which is open to the public. The page will be used to promote umpiring, put up photos etc

Also created new website; www.wacua.asn.au, which will have WACUA information, links to the OVER etc.

So far there has been a very good reception to the Facebook page in terms of 'likes' and 'views'.

The current logo was never endorsed. The new logo uses the new WACA shape and the older style owl.

President thanked Trent for all the work that he has put in with the rebranding. Section 9.8(?) of the Constitution refers to committee decisions being endorsed by the membership. Through show of hands, all in favour of accepting the committee's decision in terms of rebranding. Consensus, decision endorsed.

Bill Reynolds:

Gave a very interesting speech about the history of the WACA, cricket clubs in Western Australia and WA umpires.

Has written a book "Making the Grade" available from the WACA store.

President thanked Bill for coming down and speaking to us about his work and the history of WA cricket.

President presented WACUA caps to our two guests; Greg Davidson (CA EUP and umpiring FL) and Bob Stratford (CA UHPP).

Special Business

John Gartner – umpires should score pitches accurately, if it is bad say so.

Nathan Batskos – would like payments more regularly.

There being no further business, meeting closed at 8:02pm.