



WACUA

Western Australian Cricket Umpires Association

**Minutes from the General Meeting on Tuesday February 18th at Perth and Tatts Bowling Club,
East Perth.**

Meeting opened at 6:38pm.

In attendance:

Apologies: Alan Wright, Mick Martell, Bill Reynolds, James Hewitt, Hennie Botes, Alan Wilson, Darryl Power, Graham Capper, Barry Rennie, Jamal Principe, Ranjit Ratnayake, Terry Prue

Meeting was opened at 6:38pm by President. The minutes of previous meeting were circulated. Matthew Hall proposed they be accepted, seconded by Andrew Micenko. Motion carried.

President's report:

Had meeting with Brendan Reed regarding Olly Cooley, no cost to the WACUA as the WACA is paying. Have emailed the WADCCI with some criteria ideas for the umpire awards.

Secretary's report:

Nothing to report.

Treasurer's report:

Account balances are good. Current cheque account at \$4342.30.

Question regarding the length of the term deposit; 6 months.

Committee report:

Discussed membership, bank balance, BBQ to occur at the WACA on March 9th – waiting on correspondence from Barry regarding game time.

No UAB or Barry report.

Congratulations to those appointed to Sunday League and Colts finals.

Ashlee spoke about her experience at the Under 18 Women's Championships in Ballarat.

David Gower – Thanked everyone for their support during his time here. Open invitation to umpires if they are in the UK.

President thanked David for his support during the season.

Umpire reports:

Michael – streakers at Fourth Grade game. Had the opportunity to umpire a women's game with Ashlee during which 5 penalty runs were awarded for the ball hitting the helmet of the fielding team.

Game at Joondalup a Mum walked across the field.

Trent – game at Scarborough with Ian Lock, hawk flew by and injured a bird which landed on the field. Used hat to remove it from the field, bird pooped in hat, continued to wear hat for rest of the game.

Ashlee – ground number on appointments different from ground prepared for the game, confusion when the teams for the other game arrived.

Matthew – Dean picked the end. It was very windy and there were two LBWs in a row.

Ernest – thank you to Nathan and ___ for helping in a situation regarding a report.

General business:

President congratulated Ashlee on being elected Youth Governor.

Nathan Batskos – made a comment on Facebook, apologise for making the comment. Is supportive of the WACA and WADCCI. Understands that there are appropriate channels that work. Comments were made when frustrated.

President – takes bravery to stand up and take accountability publically, thank you. Facebook even though a closed group is still a public forum. Use WACUA meetings as a forum for discussion.

Wayne – when umpires don't report players we get phone calls asking why and when we do there is little done. Needs to be brought up with Brendan Reed.

President – we are in a good position at the moment to be able to communicate with them, feedback will be provided.

Dean – Barry sent an email about our use of Facebook. Players sometimes talk about umpires/decisions on Facebook, should be bring it up with them?

President – will raise issue and find out.

David – in Birmingham players have been reprimanded and not allowed to play due to comments paid on Facebook/Twitter.

Fred – decision to allow Barry into Facebook group is wrong, it should be a place where umpires can let things off their chest.

Steve – even if it is a private group we can't stop someone forwarding it on.

Mathew Cheeseman gave presentation on preparation and communication in relation to umpiring.

President thanked Mathew for talking to the group.

Special business:

Old merchandise being sold at reduced rates at the close of meeting.

Mark – do you allow drinks to come on at the fall of a wicket? Is it time wasting?

Todd – unless it is genuinely holding the game up then it should be allowed.

Neil – if anyone is interested in umpiring a charity game on Sunday please see him after meeting.

John – thank you to those who have submitted their votes. Please make sure you email them in as well as putting them in MyCricket. Second Grade has been the best this year in terms of submitting votes.

There being no other business, meeting closed at 7:58pm.