



Western Australian Cricket Umpires' Association

Minutes from the Special General Meeting on Tuesday November 21st, Perth & Tatts Bowling Club, East Perth.

Meeting opened: 6:34pm

Attendance: Tom Polich, Todd Rann, Sean Ayres, Bruce Banyard, Wayne Barnes, Nathan Batskos, James Bell, Roy Boyd, Martin Brennan, Jeff Brookes, Jarryd Buscall, David Campbell, Fred Davis, Mark Charlesworth, Mathew Cheeseman, Neville Dhanaraj, Marcello Ferreira, Reuben Garlett, Daniel Gibbons, Mahesh Gopukuttan, Peter Graham, Matthew Hall, James Hewitt, Kate Holloman, Yogesh Jagdale, Thomas Johnston, Andrew Jones, Tyler Kaljee, Ahmad Shaaf Khan, Ashlee Kovalevs, Michael Kovalevs, Trevor Krink, Stephen Lamb, Garth McCrorie, Andrew Micenko, Colin Ogilvie, Jack Patterson, Chaapa Pelpola, Shrikant Ramadurg, Ian Robinson, Ciaran Sanders, Marko Sasic, John Sherry, Daniel Smith, Trent Steenholdt, John Taylor, Jamie Thomas, Michael Tindall, Dean Trigg, Connor Whelan, Darren Oliver, Steve Rose, Balaji Ramasang, Stuart Blacker.

Apologies: John Gartner, Justin Shakeshaft, Ian Lock, Robert Osborn, Shane Boyle, Ernest Chua, Nathan Johnstone, Mark Hill, Bob Belcher, Darryl Power.

Business arising from minutes:

- Proposed by Trent Steenholdt, seconded by Matthew Hall. Carried.

President's report:

- See attached report.
- Proposed by Trent Steenholdt, seconded by Colin Ogilvie. Carried.

Secretary report:

- See attached report.
- Proposed by Ashlee Kovalevs, seconded by Stephen Lamb. Carried.

Financial report:

- See attached report.
- Updated figures: Current balance of cheque account - \$1787.90. Savings interest account balance - \$13 339.29
- Proposed by Andrew Micenko, seconded by Daniel Gibbons. Carried.

Training

- Will take place after meeting.

State Umpire Manager Report:

- Good to see so many umpires here, especially new umpires.
- Congratulations to Nathan Johnstone for making First Class debut in Townsville.
- Congratulations to Todd Rann – 480th senior game. Umpiring at Mount Lawley on Saturday.
- Playing conditions – first two day round presented us with some challenges. Probably did meet standards in terms of knowing playing conditions around over recalculations, extra time etc. Lack of teamwork between partners. Recommend everyone re-reads the playing conditions. Please contact Matthew if you have questions around playing conditions.
- Availability has been relatively good. We have a busy period in January.
- Code of Conduct – 7 reports so far this season, up 5 from this time last season.
- Relationship between WACA and WACUA – WACA membership, good value. Offer is still open, if anyone wants to make use of it they need to contact the membership offer at the WACA.

UAC Report:

- Congratulations to Todd Rann on 480th senior game. Started in 1996. One of the attributes of Todd is that he is always supportive of his partner on the cricket field.
- Generally speaking, the captain's reports have been good across all grades.
- First grade debuts in last month – Jarryd Buscall, Trevor Krink, Luke Lindsay and Michael Kovalevs.
- Second grade debuts in last month – Mark Hill, Sear Ayres, Andrew Jones, Ciaran Sanders, Mark Tindall.
- Third grade debuts in last month – Yogesh Jagdale, Stephen Denys, Garth McCrorie.
- Scorchers T20 Culture Cup – 8 umpires appointed.
- Indigenous T20 Competition – 4 umpires appointed.
- Ashlee Kovalevs going to U18 Female National Championships.
- Trent Steenholdt and James Hewitt going to U19 Male National Championships.
- Nathan Johnstone 3rd Umpire appointment in BBL.
- All state panel doing WBBL games.

Umpire Reports:

- Milestones:
 - 480th grade game – Todd Rann
 - 100th grade game – Mark Hooper
 - 50th grade game – Michael Kovalevs
 - 100th grade game – Steve Rose
 - 50th grade game – Ernest Chua
- Andrew Micenko – umpiring with Chaapa Pelpola. There was a mankad during the game. Batsman had been warned numerous times, other team said they would run him out and batter said 'Well do it then', so they did. Left a sour tone on the game.
- Colin Ogilvie – game at Melville, UK player wasn't getting wickets. When he finally did he gave the batter a send-off. Umpires pulled him up on it and suggested that they weren't far from the airport and they would be happy to organise a flight back to the UK for him. Player apologised three times during the game and twice afterwards.

Special Business:

- Nil.

General Business:

- Have created a budget this year, it sees us creating a surplus this year. It is on the last tab of the financial report spreadsheet that comes out.

- Presentation of Life Members' badge and framed memorabilia to Mick Martell.
- Match payment review discussion.
 - Questions asked so far:
 - Why \$17 when minimum wage is ~\$18? We are not employees of the WACA.
 - Field calculations to but not from? Forgot to put those calculations.
 - Why wasn't the pressure score release? Committee responsibility to organise.
 - Why are some payments going down? Working off numbers given to us.
 - Why has female cricket games gone up so much? A Grade is stepping stone into CA system.
 - This review is not about giving every umpire the exact amount to cover every cost they have.
 - No actual guarantee that the WACA will accept any of it.
 - WACA has come to us and given us the opportunity to discuss this – we actually have no power over pay.
 - Bruce Banyard
 - Times allocated to each game, two day games difference of 30 minutes, one day game difference of 1 hour. Why don't the times match the reality?
 - Why is there only a pressure score listed for 1st grade? We should know criteria used for scores.
 - 1st grade at 1.5. 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade at 1.
 - Need to look at pressure score. Will have something in writing before next meeting with explanation of criteria.
 - Roy Boyd
 - Make claim based on hours etc not pressure score.
 - A lot of the increases seem to be going to the 'first grade people'.
 - Lots of areas that aren't covered eg. T20 culture cup, weekday rates etc. Why aren't those games included?
 - Those games aren't covered by WADCC or WAFDCC so not included in the pay agreement.
 - Jeff Brookes
 - Why is it so complex? Needs to be kept simple.
 - Have a rate for each grade and then set increases across all levels.
 - Fred Davis
 - Umpires always considered lowest rank.
 - Nothing is going to change.
 - Tom Polich
 - Have been through 4 reviews trying to get compensation for expenses.
 - Previous score rating from WACA – 1st grade, 1.15. 2nd grade, 1.05. 3rd & 4th grade, 1.
- Raffle drawn

Meeting closed: 7:31pm