



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN CRICKET UMPIRES' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES FROM THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON TUESDAY 25TH JULY 2023,
WACA GROUND, EAST PERTH.

MEETING OPENED

6:47pm

ATTENDANCE

Jeff Brookes, Todd Rann, Shane Boyle, Ashlee Gibbons, Wayne Barron, Andrew Micenko, Ken Ashwin, Ernest Chua, Michael Kovalevs, Saptarshi Chakraborty, Andrew Dix, Andrew Edwards, Stephen Farrell, Matthew Hall, Nathan Johnstone, Harik Joshi, Mohammed Zaman Khan, Stephen Lamb, Sai Chandra Ramineni, Justin Shakeshaft, John Sherry, Dennis Smallwood, Daniel Smith

APOLOGIES

Ian Lock, Vijay Kumar, Susan Bartlett, George Christides, Jamie Thomas

QUORUM

The presence of 23 members constituted a quorum.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- The minutes from the previous AGM held in July 2022 were circulated by the secretary along with the invitation to this meeting and were also brought up on the projector screen at the meeting. There were no alterations proposed.

Shane Boyle proposed that the previous minutes be accepted, seconded by Daniel Smith. Carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- The president's report was part of the annual report which was circulated prior to the meeting. Shane invited members to read the report and mentioned a few of the highlights from the year.
- George's Burgum's life membership which was conferred at the 2022 AGM.
- A thank you to life member Mick Martell for organising the attendance of ICC and national panel match officials at our general meetings throughout the year.
- Congratulations to all the award winners, including the recipients of the two new awards that were presented at the annual dinner and presentation night in April.
- Thank you to the committee and members for supporting Shane through his first year as president.
- Proposed by Trent Steenholdt, seconded Kate Holloman, carried.

Shane Boyle proposed that his report be accepted, seconded by Stephen Lamb. Carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- The secretary's report was part of the annual report which was circulated prior to the meeting.
- Meetings this year were moved to the Osborne Park Bowling Club due to the increase in price of Perth and Tatts. The experiment was successful with a nicer environment.
- There were special guests at many of the meetings, and Ashlee thanked them all.
- A highlight was the December general meeting where an invitation was extended to life members to come and celebrate the presentation of George's life membership jacket and pin.
- The annual dinner and presentation night was also held at Osborne Park Bowling Club and was a great night.
- After 10 years as secretary, Ashlee informed the members that she'd be stepping down in order to be able to spend more time with her young family. She intends to stay involved with umpiring in WA and looks forward to being an active member of the association in the future.
- Matthew Hall offered a massive thank you to Ashlee on behalf of the members for her 10 years of service. There was a general applause.

Ashlee Gibbons proposed that her report be accepted, seconded by Todd Rann. Carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND AUDITOR'S REPORT

- The treasurer's report and summary of accounts were circulated prior to the meeting as part of the annual report and were shown on the projector screen.
- Andrew highlighted the increase in turnover, due to being able to hold in-person events again after the lifting of COVID restrictions.
- Some transactions relating to the previous season fell just outside the financial year, but the accounts were still a good representation of the season.
- Social and merchandise spending and revenue increased.
- The association's balance increased by \$1,023.58 during the previous financial year.
- The final balance on 31st May 2023 was \$18,829.43.

Andrew Micenko proposed that his report be accepted, seconded by Dennis Smallwood. Carried unanimously.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS ABOUT THE ANNUAL REPORT

- Ken Ashwin commented that there was a mistake with the female B grade grand final listed as being held at Richardson Park when it was in fact held at Lilac Hill.
- Andrew Micenko questioned whether the WACA museum was currently operating. John Sherry confirmed that it was operating out of Osborne Park and that he could take a hard copy for their records.

Proposed by Shane Boyle, seconded by Andrew Dix. Carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Meeting suspended at 7:01pm.

Stephen Farrell, acting as returning officer, addressed the membership, declaring all committee positions vacant.

- Due to a process failure, Stephen did not receive any valid nominations for committee positions. As per the constitution, he declared invited members to nominate from the floor.

- Stephen first asked for nominations for president.
 - There was one nomination from Shane Boyle for himself, seconded by Nathan Johnstone. Due to there being no further nominations, Steve declared Shane to be elected unopposed as president for 2023/2024.
- Stephen next asked for nominations for vice president.
 - There was one nomination from Wayne Barron for himself, seconded by Andrew Dix. Due to there being no further nominations, Steve declared Wayne to be elected unopposed as vice president for 2023/2024.
- Stephen next asked for nominations for secretary.
 - There was one nomination from Andrew Micenko for himself, seconded by Shane Boyle. Due to there being no further nominations, Steve declared Andrew to be elected unopposed as secretary for 2023/2024.
- Stephen next asked for nominations for treasurer.
 - There was one nomination from Dennis Smallwood for himself, seconded by Nathan Johnstone. Due to there being no further nominations, Steve declared Dennis to be elected unopposed as treasurer for 2023/2024.
- Stephen next asked for nominations for registrar.
 - There was one nomination from Jeff Brookes for himself, seconded by Harik Joshi. Due to there being no further nominations, Steve declared Jeff to be elected unopposed as registrar for 2023/2024.
- Finally, Stephen asked for nominations for ordinary committee members.
 - There were four nominations, being:
 - Stephen Lamb nominated himself, seconded by Andrew Micenko.
 - Andrew Edwards nominated himself, seconded by Ernest Chua.
 - Michael Kovalevs nominated himself, seconded by Stephen Farrell.
 - Ken Ashwin nominated himself, seconded by Ernest Chua.
 - Due to there being five positions open and only four nominations, Steve declared Stephen Lamb, Andrew Edwards, Michael Kovalevs and Ken Ashwin to be elected unopposed as ordinary committee members for 2023/2024.

The meeting attendees applauded all committee members that were elected. The new committee which will hold office until the July 2024 AGM is:

- **President** – Shane Boyle
- **Vice President** – Wayne Barron
- **Secretary** – Andrew Micenko
- **Treasurer** – Dennis Smallwood
- **Registrar** – Jeff Brookes
- **Ordinary Committee Members** – Stephen Lamb, Andrew Edwards, Michael Kovalevs, Ken Ashwin

Meeting recommenced at 7:08pm.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

The auditor role is optional, and due to there being no volunteers it was decided to keep the position vacant.

APPOINTMENT OF PATRON

Terry Prue had wanted to make the meeting, but was unable to attend. Shane Boyle will contact him and confirm if he would like to continue as patron.

APPOINTMENT OF UMPIRE SUPPORT PERSON

- Stephen Farrell willing to continue, and proposed himself as umpire support person, seconded by Shane Boyle. Carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT TO RULES

No constitution changes were proposed for this meeting. Andrew pointed out that the previous change to rename umpire advocate to umpire support person was lodged with the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety via the Associations Online portal. There was a fee of \$88.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION

Shane Boyle addressed the floor, stating that there were two nominations for life members, one of which was not seconded properly to the secretary before the cutoff date. Shane apologised for failing to second the nomination. The other nomination was discussed by the committee at the July general meeting and it was voted not to recommend the nomination to the AGM (5-2).

John Sherry contended that the first nomination was actually correct, as the constitution does not state that the seconding has to be in writing. Andrew brought the relevant section of the constitution up on the projector screen. The constitution states:

Life membership shall be the highest honour the Association can bestow, and shall be granted to a person for life,

A life member shall have all the rights and privileges of an ordinary member and shall be exempt from subscriptions and levies as defined in Rule 7.

Prior to the annual general meeting the committee shall consider nominations for life membership in respect of outstanding service to the Association. Each nomination shall be submitted in confidence. Nominations shall be in writing, proposed by a member, seconded by another member and received by the president or secretary, as defined in Rules 28 and 30, no later than thirty (30) days prior to the day of the annual general meeting.

As nobody else on the committee was informed by Shane of his intention to second the nomination either verbally or in writing, Shane reiterated that it was his error and that the nomination was not seconded properly. Nathan Johnstone proposed that the nomination process is clarified in the constitution.

Michael Kovalevs addressed the meeting with his intention to come up with a better and more understood system of nominating life members in future, including:

- A definitive structure around how nominations are done.
- A workshop with all members so that everyone understands the criteria for what should qualify someone to become a life member.
- A possible sub-committee for recommending life members.

Andrew Micenko shared the guidelines that were sent out along with the call for nominations:

- Time served as a member of the committee.
- Time served as a member of the association, supporting fellowship among peers.
- Years of service to umpiring cricket in Western Australia, Australia and overseas while a member of the association.
- Representing the WACUA in a positive light at all times to internal and external stakeholders.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND GENERAL BUSINESS

- A reminder from Ashlee that there's an attendance sheet out the front.
- Wayne Barron informed the meeting that there are sample on-field hats from KC Sports in two sizes available to try on.
- Todd asked about obtaining new hat bands. WA Cricket has purchased 200 black and 200 gold hat bands. Wayne said that the association could embroider them as needed.
 - Andrew Micenko will send a notice out to ask members if they need new hat bands.

Meeting closed: 7:25pm

Following the meeting, John Sherry spoke about Officials HQ, bank and tax forms, and complimentary WACA membership. John will be sending out reminders.