



Western Australian Cricket Umpires Association

Minutes from the General Meeting on Tuesday October 20th at the Perth and Tatts Bowling Club, East Perth

Meeting opened at 6:43pm

In attendance: David Krieg, Shane Boyle, David Tallala, Simon Lightbody, Tony Wilds, Nathan Johnstone, Bruce Banyard, Sandra Wheeler, Lance Catchpole, Stephen Lamb, Ernest Chua, Gareth Jacobs, Nick Walters, Dean Trigg, Ashlee Kovalevs, Nathan Batskos, Justin Shakeshaft, Bob Watson, Andrew Micenko, Jeff Brookes, Trent Steenholdt, Matthew Hall, John Sherry, John Taylor, Matthew Cheeseman, Neil Holland, Daniel Gibbons, Wayne Barron.

Apologies: Ian Lock, Wendy Oliver, Trevor Krink, James Hewitt, Michael Kovalevs, Chaapa Pelpola, Alan Wright, Boll Wood, Tom Polich, Mick Martell, Colin Ogilvie.

Meeting was opened at 6:43pm by President. Minutes of previous meeting not available, approval deferred until November meeting.

President's report: President acknowledged our special guests present at the meeting - the umpires and match referee from the Futures League game being played at the WACA, Simon Lightbody, Tony Wilds and David Tallala, as well as WACA scorers, Sandra Wheeler and Lance Catchpole.

Committee report: Two meetings prior to the first general meeting. Issues discussed:

- Matthew Hall and potential conflict of interest. Committee does not see this as an issue nor does the WACA, if anything it is a positive situation. Matthew will abstain from votes if there is a conflict. Discussion opened to floor – no members voiced concerns.
- Alan Johanson met with the Committee. Raised the possibility of moving WACUA meetings back to the WACA. More investigation into this needs to be done. Trying to create a scenario that is cost neutral for the WACUA. WACA is taking a greater interest in umpiring. Is looking at payments wanting to reward those at a higher level.
- WACUA membership fees left at \$50. When out umpiring, ask your partner whether they are a member/encourage them to join.
- A sub-committee has been formed to look at the training provided at meetings through out the season. If you have ideas on what you would like please let us know.
- Life Members Breakfast is on Sunday November 15th at the Mantra on Hay.

- Open to members to attend, \$25 each.
- One day final barbecue, family day.
- Grand final breakfast
- End of Season dinner possibility. WACA promoting idea, a night to celebrate umpiring not grade cricket. WACUA to still be involved in the Olly Cooley night.
- Merchandise will be available at the next meeting. Shirts, bags, notepad holders etc.

Secretary's Report: Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report: Account balances are good. Current cheque account at \$5144.17.

Umpire's Reports:

- Trent S and Hennie B reported back from being at the Under 17s carnival.
- Gareth J - handled the ball appeals.
- Matthew H – Leg bye wide singnals
- Sandra W – signal wides etc before signaling four runs etc
- Tony W - Assessing umpires, it is always happening. Must stick to Code of Behaviour and report players if necessary. Watch as much elite cricket/umpiring as you can.

General business: Stephen Farrell has taken on the role of Umpires Advocate for the upcoming season. Certificates of achievement and milestones headed out.

Training: Nathan Johnstone – Two day playing conditions.

UAC Report: UAC is looking for the complete package when looking at umpires performances. Recent appointments:

- Announcement of State Representative Group
- Hennie appointed to under 15s in Darwin
- Hennie and Trent did an under 17s game
- James, Todd and Nathan appointed to the WNCL
- Mick Martell appointed to Matador Cup
- Need to encourage people to join the umpiring family

Matthew Hall: Thank you to those who are umpiring alone. Please make yourself has available as possible, numbers are very low at the moment. Implementing a long term plan to get more umpires. Please ensure your availability is up to date in MyCricket. The system is alive, appointments are only confirmed once you have received email notification. If there is anything you want in terms of training during the season send in email. Need to re-read the playing conditions. Door is always open if you have any questions.

Meeting closed at 8:32pm