



Western Australian Cricket Umpires' Association

**Minutes from the General Meeting on Tuesday February 15<sup>th</sup> 2022, Perth & Tatts Bowling Club, East Perth.**

**Meeting opened:** 6:50pm

**Attendance:** Todd Rann, Fred Davis, Roy Boyd, Jeff Brookes, Ken Ashwin, Wayne Barron, Susan Bartlett, Shane Boyle, Jarryd Buscall, Ernest Chua, Andrew Dix, Kirsten Funston, Matthew Hall, Soham Kembhavi, Vijay Kumar, Andrew Micenko, Nick Middleton, Ranjit Ratnayake, Gary Simm, Dennis Smallwood

**Apologies:** Ashlee Gibbons, Michael Kovalevs, Merv Rudrum, Ray Schuller, Tony Rutter, Justin Shakeshaft, Dean Trigg, Stephen Lamb, Graham Zemunik, Kate Holloman, Neville Dhanaraj, Terry Cooper, Isabelle Satti, Jamie Thomas, Mick Martell, Basil Don, Garth McCrorie

**Previous minutes:**

- The previous minutes were sent out by Ashlee on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February.
- No changes were required.
- Proposed by **Matthew Hall**, seconded by **Shane Boyle**. Carried.

**President's report:**

- The annual dinner is booked at the Osborne Park Bowling Club on Saturday 2nd April. More details will be sent out soon.
- The plan for the grand final/life members' breakfast is for the Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March in the Bradman Room at the WACA. It will be a buffet breakfast. The WACA has sponsored \$1500 and our cost will be \$600. Ticket prices still need to be confirmed but will be around \$30.
- 100 hat bands have been purchased. We're awaiting their arrival before we get them embroidered.
- The Olly Cooley was discussed, the event will be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April.
- Proposed by **Todd Rann**, seconded by **Matthew Hall**. Carried.

**Secretary report:**

- Ashlee was unable to attend the meeting due to a last-minute medical appointment.
- Correspondence in:
  - An email was received from Rex Evans tendering his resignation as WACUA president.
- Correspondence out:
  - A condolence card was sent to Bill Reynolds after his wife passed away. Jeff Brookes mentioned the book called Making the Grade which Bill wrote. It's an excellent read.
- Proposed by **Todd Rann**, seconded by **Ernest Chua**. Carried.

**Financial report:**

- January had the usual meeting expenses, but the main expense was the hat bands, totalling \$750.01. The 1 cent was a weird rounding error when applying GST.
- Roy Boyd commented that the hat bands could last a very long time – up to 25 years!
  - Jeff Brookes replied that we need about 20-30 each year, so it shouldn't be that long.
- Accounts = Cheque - \$4996.63. Savings - \$14481.76. Cash - \$101.00. Total - \$19,579.39.
- Proposed by **Andrew Micenko**, seconded by **Dennis Smallwood**. Carried.

#### **WA Cricket report, registrar's report:**

- WA cricket has been readjusting the COVID policy to match the government's policy. The season was shortened, and WA Cricket is getting ready for different COVID outcomes.
- All the Scorchers players are back with stories about the COVID bubble for 9 weeks. There's a great photo in the office.
- The UAC had a meeting for the rankings for finals. Only 2 hours! There was vigorous and productive discussion where everyone came to a consensus.
  - We'll find out how it's going at the start of finals.
- John thanked everyone for their help and support. There were challenges particularly with regards to numbers. John thanked those who volunteered to fill in games that had no umpires.
- Milestones:
  - Dan Smith 100 games
  - Basil Don 100 games
- Bob Belcher phoned today with a story about calling over after 3 balls!
  - Roy Boyd commented that Bob could get away with it, but if he tried that he'd get punched in the nose!

#### **Umpire Reports:**

- Ranjit - if you're short by one ball and about to bowl the next over, and the scorers tell you, what do you do?
  - Complete the last over.
- Ken – in a Sunday women's game a batter carried her bat, scoring 114 not out. Faced the first and last balls! This also happened in a male game at Gosnells - 103 not out.
  - Fred - Ellyse Villani was dropped in the first over (an absolute sitter!). She made 200 not out!
- Roy – wanted us not to have the shortest meeting ever! So he told a story told with a mask on as he thought it was appropriate. In country week Roy umpired the juniors, seniors and some other cricket. 11 games out of 12, 6 of which were over 40 degrees. It was a T20 coming down to the last over with a side needing 30. A left hander batter at Charles Veryard's west ground hit it for 6. Second ball went over a car and landed on the road, bouncing into the Italian kindergarten. 3rd ball went into a tree above the car which broke a branch off. 4th ball bounced off a car. On the last ball he was bowled! They didn't make the 30 runs.
  - Roy told the players he'd been umpiring for more than 30 years and learned something every game. Today he learned he'll never park his car near Charles Veryard!
- Jeff - One of the funniest things was with Bruce Bennett at Charles Veryard. Bruce signalled 6 before the ball was bowled! Then it actually got hit for 6!
- Roy commented on something Matthew had said in a previous meeting. In the previous meeting Matthew told everyone to get off the ground at tea due to hot temperatures. Roy was on the 2nd ground at Scarborough and Matthew was on the 1st ground.
  - Roy got off half way between tea and scheduled stumps and Matthew was still on the ground!

- Ernest - had his 1st ever 5 penalty runs. Signalled to the scorers who had no idea what the signal was.
  - There was a quick discussion about checking the scores at every interval, and making sure the scorers both agreed. Particularly important when something strange like penalty runs or overthrows happens.

**General Business:**

- Roy - in the finals, will there be 3 umpires for each final? John Sherry: No. One umpire will be volunteering for it but won't be paid.
- Jeff - A flyer will be coming out asking what members would like to see from the WACUA and WA Cricket next season. Please all ask your mates if they'd be interested in joining the committee.
- Andrew Dix - A batsman is out obstructing the field. Is there also a 5 run penalty? No.

**Meeting closed:** 7:18pm