



Western Australian Cricket Umpires' Association

Minutes from the General Meeting on Tuesday January 25th 2022, Perth & Tatts Bowling Club, East Perth.

Meeting opened: 6:39pm

Attendance: Soham Kembhavi, Michael Kovalevs, Todd Rann, John Sherry, Wayne Barron, Dean Trigg, Dan Smith, Tony Rutter, Nick Middleton, Shane Boyle, Roy Boyd, Andrew Dix, Graham Zemunili, Marcus Moody, Gary Simm, Matthew Hall, Susan Bartlerr, Garth McCrorie, Stephen Lamb, Ken Ashwin, Steven Wenban, Isabel Satti, Ernest Chua, Ahmad Khan, Michael Daniels, Terry Cooper, Justin Shakeshaft, Andrew Micenko, Ashlee Gibbons

Apologies: Liam Wolff, Greg Sinclair, Ian lock, Andrew Edwards, Kate Holloman, Vijay Kumar, Nathan Johnston, Fred Davis, Paul Heywood

Business arising from minutes:

- Nil.

Previous minutes proposed by Dean Trigg, seconded by Stephen Lamb. Carried.

President's report:

- Rex has verbally resigned on 11th January. Committee have been waiting for resignation in writing, not received yet. Will follow up so there is an official record.
- Committee met last week. Number of decisions made –
 - Jeff acting as President.
 - Financial plan – looking to get feedback in annual survey at the end of the season.
 - Increase of membership fee – currently on hold.
 - Merchandise – will be discussed in general business. Online shop. Brochures to be handed out.
 - Hat bands – have ordered 50 through the WACA to get everyone who needs one up to date. Discussion about who pays for next season to be had to come.
 - Functions – don't know what is going to happen with Covid. Will still have grand final breakfast, possibly 20 final event, and annual dinner (9th April if full season, if season ends early then the weekend after the final).
- Question from Wayne – who is paying for the 50 hat bands and does it have Premier Cricket logo? WACUA is paying for these 50, with the Premier Cricket logo on it. Will discuss if this changes for next season, if WACUA paying then maybe WACUA logo. WACA previously ordered through Beastwear.
- Comment from Matthew - have conversation with WACA about suppling the hay band instead of the wet weather jacket. Comment from John – likely that the WACA will cover hat bands next year.

Proposed by Jeff Brookes, seconded by John Sherry. Carried.

Secretary report:

- Any concerns regarding membership status please contact Ashlee ASAP.
- Emails will be sent to people who nominated to become WACUA members but who we did not receive a membership fee from the WACA for. If you receive one of these emails and want to be a member of the WACUA please pay the \$55 membership fee directly to the Association.
- Please make sure you sign the attendance sheet for the meeting.
- Correspondence in:
 - Email from The Primary Club of Australia regarding a cricket webinar on 25th January.
 - Email from Perth and Tatts confirming room availability for January meeting.
 - Email from WACA about registering with EFTsure to receive payments.
 - Email from Dean Trigg about possible changes as a result of Covid.
- Correspondence out:
 - Email to Perth and Tatts to arrange for January meeting to be pushed back a week.
 - Email to the WACA to arrange room booking for Committee meeting.
 - Email to Dean Trigg informing that WA Cricket will be addressing the January meeting to update.
- Proposed by Ashlee Gibbons, seconded by Dan Smith. Carried.

Financial report:

- Financial plan – outlining what has been happening for last few seasons. Bar tabs at every function isn't necessarily the best use of funds. Trent (Match Officials System) is sponsoring \$1000. Trent has indicated he is happy to co-sponsor in the future if there are other people/businesses that want to. Matthew Hall – happy to make personal sponsorship. Susan – business happy to do as well. Wayne – business would like proposal in writing then could possibly sponsor. These options to be followed up for next season.
 - Main expense for last few seasons has been the end of season dinner. Planning on having that function again. \$5000-\$6000 expenses, \$2000-\$3000 from tickets.
 - Grand Final breakfast – have occasionally made money because the WACA contributes and then there are ticket sales.
 - Possibility of moving the general meetings to a club – look at next season. Question from the floor – why not hold the meetings at the WACA? It is very expensive to hold at the WACA. Drinks are expensive and can't do sausage sizzle.
 - Keen on suggestions for what the members want – will ask for suggestions in end of season survey.
 - Likely will end the season with less money than we started, might break even with sponsorship.
- Accounts = Cheque - \$5967.89. Savings - \$ 14478.08. Cash - \$126. Total - \$ 20571.97.
- Proposed by Andrew Micenko, seconded by Matthew Hall. Carried.

WA Cricket report & UAC Report:

- Delivered by John Sherry
- UAC Report
 - Meeting on Monday to look at next two rounds of appointments as well as colts, T20 finals and one day semi-finals.
 - Very robust discussions happening about appointments.
 - Main factor in appointment decision making is performance. Good performance is being rewarded.
- WA Cricket Report
 - Moving to Version 8 of the Covid policy.

- No saliva or sweat on the ball.
- Sanitise the ball if sweat or saliva is put on the ball. Your discretion about other incidents.
- Have had a couple of scares – people in teams being close contacts etc.
- Any player or umpire who needs to isolate or has tested positive needs to inform WA Cricket. Contact John/Luke and fill out a form.
- With borders now not opening, might be some small changes to the season but not what was being planned if the borders had opened.
- Meeting on the 31st has been changed to an online Teams meeting. Link will be sent around. Please attend if you can.
- It is a shifting situation, nothing set in stone. Any changes and you will be informed ASAP.
- Question from Dean – if a player tests positive mid-way through the game, can they have a replacement player? Wait for information from WA Cricket.
- Proof of vaccination – guided by the Government. If clubhouse comes under regulations after the 31st then will need proof to enter. Not WADCC decision, Government decision.
- Comment from Roy – on the weekend, only umpires were wearing masks in the clubrooms at tea time. John – if you don't think they followed policy, put it in the match report.
- Comment from Shane – Perth and Tatts venue, from next meeting members will be required to double vaccinated to enter the venue. Perth and Tatts regulations, not WA Cricket or WACUA decision.
- Hot weather policy in place again this weekend. Drinks recommended every 30 minutes. Umpire and player safety important.

Training:

- Nil – discussion in umpire reports.

Umpire Reports:

- Milestones
 - Ken Ashwin - 50th senior grade game
 - Jarryd Buscall – 50th first grade game
 - Ahmad Khan – 50th first grade game
 - Michael Kovalevs – 50th first grade game
 - Tony Rutter – 50th second grade game.
 - Nick Middleton – 50th senior grade game
 - Next round – Dan smith, 100th senior grade game.
- Ken – been umpiring in 3rd and 4th grade, no balls and wides are not being called loud enough. Umpire at square leg and players can't hear it.
- Dan – last two games at certain stages/in breaks, have been approached by players about decisions that have been made. Player approaching at tea break, “your partner has made two shockers”, told him to discuss with his captain to raise in the meeting. Important to make sure you're together with your partner, and be supportive of partner. Don't think it is appropriate for players to be doing it. Jeff – be blunt, tell them “this is not the forum”. Put it in your match report. Matthew – technically it is dissent so you could report them.
- Soham – first season umpiring, how do you deal with excessive appealing? What is the process? Todd – I would talk to the captain, tell him that he needs to pull his players into line. Dean – had it on the weekend, right before the drinks break. Was going to talk to the captain, but the captain came to them because he knew that he was going to be spoken to. Jeff – make sure when you speak to the captain it is very obvious, everyone can see what you are doing. It is not on. Roy – call the captain over, don't go to him. Then all the players will know that it is being discussed.
- Terry – have had 3 super overs this season. 0/7 made by Perth, MG 5/6, including a no ball.

Special Business:

- Nil.

General Business:

- Merchandise
 - Online shop with KC Sports.
 - T-shirts, jumpers, jackets, bags, hats, pants etc
 - Live now.
 - Can order and pick up from Osborne Park, or have it delivered for \$10.
- Dan Smith
 - Andrew Edwards, lost his Mum last week. Suggest that the Association to get around him.
- Andrew Dix
 - Parody email about “recommendations” to the WACA for the Covid policy eg players only fielding using their feet, cleaning ball with a toothbrush etc.
 - Listening to podcast with Rod Tucker about worst decision made.

Meeting closed: 7:32pm