



Western Australian Cricket Umpires Association

**Minutes from the General Meeting on Tuesday December 20th 2016 WACA, East Perth.**

**Meeting opened:** 6:35pm

**Attendance:** Michael Kovalevs, Lorenzo Fogliani, Andrew Micenko, John Sherry, Ashlee Kovalevs, Trent Steenholdt, Dave Campbell, Ian Robinson, John Taylor, Brent Cockman, Kedar Deshpande, Mahesh Gopukuttan, Garth McCrorie, Hennie Botes, Ernest Chua, Neil Holland, Chaapa Pelpola, Bill Wood, Justin Shakeshaft, George Burgum, Ranjit Ratnayake, Mathew Cheeseman, Yogesh Jagdale, Nick Walters, Angelo Porcaro, Todd Rann, Andrew Mollatt, Vijay Kumar, John O'Brien, Fred Davis, Bob Watson, Matthew Hall, Alan Wilson, Wayne Barron, Stephen Lamb, Martin Brennan, Neville Dhanaraj, Marko Sasic, Balaji Ramasamy, Bazil Roberts, Terry Prue, Andrew Jones, Prashant Pai, Ernest Chua, Colin Ogilvie, Hennie Botes, Daniel Gibbons.

**Apologies:** Ian Lock, Dean Trigg, Rex Evans, Shane Boyle, Nathan Johnstone, Jarryd Buscall.

Daniel Gibbons added to attendance, Ian Lock added to apologies. Previous meeting's minutes proposed by John Sherry, seconded by Vijay Kumar. Carried.

**Committee/President's report:**

- Didn't have quorum at last committee meeting.
- Matthew Hall attended.
- Couldn't have tonight's meet at Tatts as it was booked.
- Those who are entitled should be receiving their WACA membership soon.
- John Sherry propose report be accepted, seconded by Bob Watson. Carried.

**Secretary report:**

- 101 approved members.
- Need to check if we have received your form, especially if you have had money taken out of your pay from the WACA.
- Ashlee Kovalevs proposed report be accepted, seconded by Alan Wilson. Carried.

**Financial report:**

- Financial report presented by Treasurer.
- Bob Watson propose report be accepted, seconded by Stephen Lamb. Carried.

**UAC report (delivered by Terry Prue):**

- Generally speaking the Captain's reports have been good.
- Congratulations to those who have gone up in grades.
- Congratulations to Mick Martell for his various appointments.
- Congratulations to those involved in Futures League, BBI, WBBL games.

- Have a Merry Christmas.

#### **Umpire Report:**

- Hennie
  - T20 appointments. Thought it was at Richardson, actually at Sutherlands.
  - Partner also running late. Didn't arrive until 9:45am, game start at 10am.
  - Called umpires at second game to ask them to do the toss etc for them.
  - Lesson learnt – double check where your games are.
- Nick
  - Keg ball under 16 story
- John Sherry
  - Lines marked in different colours (yellow and blue)
  - Batter didn't get bat across the yellow line so short run was called
- Andrew Micenko
  - Above the waist/shoulder full tosses
  - Called from square leg, sometimes the bowler's end doesn't issue the caution when they need to.
  - Situation where caution was not issued and then next week issues.
  - Need to be consistent.
- Steve Rose/Michael Kovalevs
  - Drunk spectator.
- Andrew Mollatt
  - T20 game where the ball went into someone's back yard. The lady complained to the WACA so for the next game they were only allowed to bowl from one end.
  - Ran 4, but was run out on the 4<sup>th</sup> and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> were short runs. So a lot of running for one run.
  - Super over, one team had already started celebrating so not everyone was able to bat due to alcohol consumption.
- John Sherry
  - Keith and Silvia guests here today from England, have umpired previously in our grade competition.

#### **Training (discussion about how the season is going/review of year):**

- Pre-season
  - Recruitment – big improvement in recruitment of new umpires this season compared to previous years.
  - Reduced the amount of time needed to spend at the WACA based on feedback from survey last season.
  - Assessments online. Thanks to Trent for organising the online components.
  - Umpire seminar weekend was successful. State Panel group put a lot of effort into it.
  - Captains, Coaches and Umpires meeting night. Opportunity to network and discuss issues.
  - Guideline issued to Captains about how to complete their reports. Overall marks from Captains have improved.
- Season
  - Rotation of first grade umpires into lower grades.
  - Mentoring program – will continue to grow and improve.
  - Provided more feedback – access to Captains marks for first four rounds. Will be put up again with up to date information. Mid-season review to be send out with marks and comments.

- Feedback that UAC was not visible – 69 umpires have been observed up to this point and observation reports entered into MOS.
- Availability has been an issue however only one game this season where there has only been one umpire and it was a late pull out.
- Some people still have not completed laws/playing conditions exam. Errors are being made with playing conditions. Players will forgive a 'wrong decision' on field but not an error with the playing conditions.
- Other
  - Worked extremely hard to get the WACA to offer umpires an incentive program with WACA membership.
  - CA are sending accreditation cards for coaching and community courses, an error with the system. Is being corrected. Important to make sure your Representative accreditation is up to date.
  - Thank you for your support thus far and for what you do for cricket on weekends.
- Questions/comments from floor
  - Some issues with the online training component.
  - With the 15s is it possible to provide some practical game examples to attach to exams? Going to put examples for seniors and juniors next year.
  - Replacement players, could an email be sent to the umpires with the information? Information is provided on the premier cricket website which lists the replacement players.
  - Penalty overs. When applied they don't seem to be applied to the ladder. Is this something the competitions department is looking at? It is difficult for teams to get through their over with no allowances for wickets etc. A lot of confusion amongst teams about penalties, also with some umpires. Matthew to send formula and general clarification out to everyone.
  - Think about playing conditions over the course of the season so that at the end of the season we can provide feedback.
  - If Captains say to you there are issues with the playing conditions tell them to go to their club delegate to discuss it so they can put suggestions forward.
  - Need to be proactive in keeping Captains informed with over rates, every half hour.
  - Has player behaviour got worse this season? From WACA perspective about the same as previous seasons.
- Enjoy the break, come back refreshed for the second half of the season.

### **General business**

- Email going out about Constitution changes for feedback.
- Changing date to the 24<sup>th</sup> for January to accommodate for country week. Have it at Tatts as WACA is busy with BBL/WBBL etc.
- Thoughts about spending money – Grand Final breakfast, possibly our own umpire's dinner at the end of the season, merchandise etc.
- Raffle drawn.
- Encourage you to go and talk with your mentor while you enjoy food/refreshments.

**Meeting closed: 7:51pm**