



Western Australian Cricket Umpires' Association

**Minutes from the Special General Meeting on Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup> 2018, Perth & Tatts Bowling Club, East Perth.**

**Meeting opened:** 6:38pm

**Attendance:** Todd Rann, Sean Ayres, Bruce Banyard, Wayne Barnes, Wayne Barron, Martin Brennan, Jeff Brookes, Ernest Chua, Stephen Farrell, John Gartner, Daniel Gibbons, Matthew Hall, Mark Hill, Kate Holloman, Thomas Johnston, Michael Kovalevs, Ashlee Kovalevs, Garth McCrorie, Andrew Micenko, Jack Paterson, Steven Rose, Marko Sasic, Ranjit Ratnayake, Justin Shakeshaft, John Sherry, Trent Steenholdt, Michael Tindall, Dean Trigg, Steven Wenban

**Apologies:** Dave Campbell, Tom Polich, Fred Davis, Kirsten Funston, Nathan Batskos, Stephen Lamb, James Hewitt, Shane Boyle, Stephen O'Dea, Ahmed Khan, Cieran Sanders, Jarryd Buscall

**Business arising from minutes:**

- Minutes proposed by Trent Steenholdt, seconded by Stephen Farrell. Carried.

**President's report:**

- See attached report.
- Proposed by Trent Steenholdt, seconded by Marko Sasic. Carried.

**Secretary report:**

- See attached report.
- Proposed by Ashlee Kovalevs, seconded by Todd Rann. Carried.

**Financial report:**

- See attached report.
- Updated figures: Current balance of cheque account - \$1417.31. Savings interest account balance - \$17733.20. Cash: \$248.50.
- Proposed by Andrew Micenko, seconded by Todd Rann. Carried.

**Training**

- Nil.

**State Umpire Manager Report:**

- Good to see people here tonight – about 30.
- Thank you for contribution you have made to Premier cricket this season.
- Don't underestimate your role as officials in Premier cricket.

- Hectic pre-season with introduction of the new laws of cricket. Had to rewrite all the playing conditions. Thank you to Trent and Andrew for their assistance with this.
- Had 4 individual laws nights, each night with over 100 people in attendance to each. 60 people to senior playing conditions night and 50 people to junior playing conditions night.
- Over 100 people attend the training seminar weekend, over 25 from other associations.
- Over 25 new umpires recruited.
- Allocated 100% appointments games, huge improvement from a few seasons ago. Second season in a row where there have been two umpires appointed to every senior game.
- 113 umpires available for cricket on Saturdays, 47% available for more than 75% of the season. 17% available for full season.
- MyCricket was challenging regarding up to date availability being accurate.
- Much better at entering match reports at the conclusion of each game.
- Same number of reports as last year, if no reports this weekend. A bit of work to do in terms of code of conducts and how we write reports.
- Some challenges around the interpretation around the new laws and playing conditions which were anticipated. However, didn't anticipate the number of errors surrounding GWL calculations.
- Captains reports - 1<sup>st</sup> grade average 8.99. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade average 8.86. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade average 8.54. 4<sup>th</sup> grade average 8.93; 8.89 if you take out 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade umpires doing 4<sup>th</sup> grade games. Relatively on par with last season. Might look at putting words to reports in terms of "good", "average" etc which the system would then generate a number from.
- Finals allocations – some feedback passed on that there might be favouritism with final appointments, particularly with one day competition. Perception that even though UAC is a separate organisation Matthew still has a "captain's pick". This is not the case. No favourites. Umpire ratings unanimously agreed on.
- Availability during the season – in particular about SUM taking time off during the season. Some context; "Matthew the umpire" has only been unavailable for 4 days in the last 12 years. "Matthew the state umpire manager" was encouraged by employer (WACA) to take time off during the season, used time to visit sister. Will continue to do so.
- Your contribution to umpiring is not undervalued.
- Pay coming in over next fortnight.
- Finals pay in May.
- Post season review meetings will be available.

#### **UAC Report:**

- Delivered by Jeff Brookes
- Last meeting was before finals.
- Nathan – International under 16 in April. Shows well respected by selectors.
- Reiterate what Matthew said – no favouritism. Robust conversation.
- Suggest personally reviewing season, give yourself an honest mark so you can do your own comparison when final season report comes out and to build your experience bank. Learn from challenges through reflection.
- Fantastic to see 100% appointment level.
- Generally positive feedback about umpiring and appearance.
- Fantastic work so far in finals, good work those doing their first finals.
- Thank you for the season, hopefully will see you back next season.

#### **Umpire Reports:**

- Milestones
  - 100<sup>th</sup> senior grade game - Marko Sasic

**Special Business:**

- Nil.

**General Business:**

- Feedback survey went out – thank you to everyone who has already completed them. If you haven't done so yet please complete it, we look forward to your feedback.
  - Committee and working party to look through feedback and report back to relevant parties. Starting in early April.
- Raffle drawn.

**Meeting closed:** 7:12pm