



Western Australian Cricket Umpires' Association

Minutes from the general meeting on Tuesday December 17th 2019, Perth & Tatts Bowling Club, East Perth.

Meeting opened: 6:36pm

Attendance: Trent Steenholdt, Andrew Micenko, Fred Davis, Raju Ahamed, Bruce Banyard, Wayne Barnes, Wayne Barron, Jim Bell, Jarryd Buscall, Ernest Chua, Terry Cooper, Steven Duke, Rex Evans, Reuben Garlett, John Gartner, Daniel Gibbons, Matthew Hall, Thomas Johnston, Tyler Kaljee, Ahmad Khan, Trevor Krink, Vijay Kumar, Stephen Lamb, Ethan Lamont, Bayley Lamont, Santhosh Mannuru, Garth McCrorie, Nick Middleton, Tony Rutter, Justin Shakeshaft, Jamie Thomas, Lewis Wegner, Alan Wilson, Graham Zemunik.

Apologies: Ashlee Gibbons, Nathan Johnstone, Michael Kovalevs, Sam Kronje, Ian Lock, Colin Ogilvie.

Business arising from minutes:

- None

Previous minutes:

Proposed by Trent Steenholdt, seconded by Matthew Hall. Carried.

President's report:

- See report that was emailed. Also at <http://www.wacua.asn.au/news/committee-report-december-2019/>
- Proposed pay rates for next season were attached to the president's report. They are subject to approval from the WACA.
- The T20 was mentioned, however the club rooms at Kent Street were not available, so a golf day was proposed instead. Proposed date 28th December.
 - About 10 people from the floor indicated they were interested.
- At the last committee meeting we were joined by Daniel Gibbons and Alan Johanson from the WACA. We started the conversation around the MOU including co-branded off-field uniforms and new colours for the on-field uniforms. This is still in early stages and is subject to further review.
- We had the life members' lunch
- Trent presented Fred Davis with his life member's pin.

Proposed by Trent Steenholdt, seconded by Stephen Lamb. Carried.

Secretary report:

- Ashlee was unable to attend, so Trent read out the report that Ashlee had previously prepared.
- There were emails in and out regarding pay rates and the life members' lunch.
- Ashlee wished everyone a merry Christmas.
- Proposed by Trent Steenholdt, seconded by Ahmad Khan. Carried.

Financial report:

- We paid Ace Promotions for the second batch of merchandise.
 - Encouraged everyone to get their payments in.
- Asked everyone to get their life members' lunch payments in.
- Current balances:
 - Cheque - \$1,222.35
 - Savings - \$12,214.73
 - Cash - \$265.85
 - Total - \$13,702.93

Proposed by Andrew Micenko, seconded by Ernest Chua. Carried.

Training:**Match Officials Manager Report:**

- Presented by Daniel Gibbons. Started out with a congratulations for reaching the middle of the season.
- Mid-season captains' reports and pay should be received by everyone by the end of the week.
- Encouraged everyone to set up a mid-season meeting with Peter Parker.
- Ashlee Gibbons will be headed to the Gold Coast for CA duties.
- Trent Steenholdt has just finished at the national U19s tournament where he was appointed to a semi-final.
- Nathan Johnstone and Trent will be involved in BBL duties.
- Encouraged everyone to review the playing conditions over the break as there have been a few errors popping up recently. Please ask Daniel or Peter with any questions.
- Please keep reading the umpiring updates – there will be games happening over the break that may require umpires.
- Daniel wished a safe and happy Christmas to everyone and their families.

UAC Report:

- Delivered by Jeff Brookes. The UAC met on 25th November and 16th December. There has been a significant move through the rankings for a number of people.
- Please make sure you're available after Christmas! Daniel is having some issues sourcing umpires.
- Peter Parker has noticed some technical issues that have been surfaced in the captains' reports.
- Jeff made note of some poor player behaviour that has been noticed around the clubs, and encouraged all umpires to be on top of it.
- The general nature of the captains' reports has been very good.
- Jeff encouraged umpires to be proactive in post-match meetings as that's a good way to get consistent marks from both captains for the game.
- Jeff wished everyone a merry Christmas and asked everyone to keep enjoying their umpiring.

Milestones:

- Presented by John Sherry.
- James Rodgers officiated in his 100th senior game.
- John mentioned the umpires that made their debuts in the T20 competition.

Umpire Reports:

- From John Sherry – John was unavailable on the weekend because his daughter was performing in a dance competition. Some of the fathers were performing Singing in the Rain! John noticed our very own Steve Rose as part of the group!
- Vijay Kumar umpired with Shane Boyle in a Claremont-Nedlands vs Scarborough game. Vijay couldn't believe that 9 wides were bowled in a single over! There was also a no-ball that landed way off the pitch. The over ended after 16 balls with 18 runs being scored!
- Trent Steenholdt apologised for going to Floreat Oval instead of Fletcher Park! It was the first time ever that Trent had gone to the wrong ground.
- Trent also reported on the U19s competition. It was a fantastic 2 weeks. CA looked after everyone by reducing game time and adding additional breaks in the heat. The first game started at 1:30pm and finished at 6pm. The playoff game on Thursday at Lilac Hill was 44 degrees in the middle! There were some amazing umpires. Trent called out Eloise Sheridan as a great up and coming umpire. Trent believes that all the umpires in the competition would be comfortable in any Sheffield Shield game.

Training:

- Meeting adjourned at 7:02pm for the training presented by Peter Parker.
- Pitch handovers should be performed across the board. Don't take your notebook out until after the first ball of the over is bowled.
- Be aware of what's happened, and what's being said and any interactions between the players.
- Player behaviour - the caution isn't utilised as much as it could be. It doesn't necessarily have to be a full code-of-conduct breach. It's a way that we can regain control of games.
 - We should be using the captains to help us around player behaviour. E.g. bad language that's heard off the field should become a report.
 - Captains are the ones that are ultimately responsible. Work with them and make them accountable.
 - Don't get into arguments with coaches. Give them explanations, but don't argue.
- We're missing a bit of soft signalling. E.g 2-to-go or halfway, balls above waist, bouncers over the shoulder/head, crossing arms for byes, tapping leg for leg-byes, tapping hand for runs off the bat.
- Peter used soft signals as a way of maintaining concentration and focusing.
 - Don't do it when there's an appeal! Do nothing.
- If you're convinced that you're right, don't be afraid to go against what your partner is signalling when you're at the bowler's end.
- At square leg, make sure the batsmen are not running short. Be aware of where the batsmen are.
- If there's a high catch, the striker's end umpire needs to know whether the batsmen have crossed or not.
- When we're moving into position from the bowler's end to judge runouts, there's often no urgency. Peter would like umpires to be in position by the time the batsmen complete their first run.
 - Some umpires are still moving when there's a runout chance at their end. It's easier if you're stationary by the time the ball reaches the stumps.
 - Identify whether you're looking at the line or the end of the bat. Work out which one works for you!
- Please brush up on your playing conditions over the break. Even if you're at the beach or the pub!
- Make sure you're ready to take opportunities when they come.
- Merv Rudrum has been chosen to head to Sydney over the Australia Day weekend as the exchange umpire!
- Merry Christmas everyone, and see you in 2020!

Meeting resumed at 7:15pm

Special Business:

- Nil.

General Business:

- Jeff Brookes mentioned that James Hewitt has retired from all forms of umpiring due mainly to family reasons. Trent thanked James on behalf of the umpires' association. It's sad to see him go but we wish him all the best.
- Fred Davis asked if there was any thought of changing the date of the meeting to accommodate the test match umpires. Could we have potentially brought the meeting forward a week to get those umpires here? We will consider it for next year.

Meeting closed: 7:19pm

Raffle and BBQ followed!