



Western Australian Cricket Umpires' Association

Minutes from the General Meeting on Tuesday December 15th 2020, Perth & Tatts Bowling Club, East Perth.

Meeting opened: 6:40pm

Attendance: Todd Rann, Roy Boyd, Jeff Brookes, Wayne Barron, Susan Bartlett, Robert Belcher, Subhankar Biswas, Matt Capone, Ernest Chua, Andrew Edwards, Rex Evans, Kirsten Funston, Ashlee Gibbons, Ahmad Shaaf Khan, Michael Kovalevs, Vijay Kumar, Garth McCrorie, Andrew Micenko, Nick Middleton, Colin Ogilvie, Ranjit Ratnayake, Tony Rutter, Justin Shakeshaft, John Sherry, Gary Simm, Dennis Smallwood, Isabel Satti, Hari Prasath Thindampatti Kumaraguru, Jamie Thomas, Dean Trigg, Nicholas Walters, Graham Zemunik

Apologies: Matthew Hall, Jarryd Buscall, Thomas Johnston, Ian Lock, Alan Wilson, John Gartner, Ned Hollick, Udara Dolwatte, Stephen Lamb, Neville Dhanaraj, Dan Smith, Mick Martell, Chaapa Pelpola, Basil Don

Business arising from minutes:

- Minutes proposed by Ahmad Khan, seconded by Nick Middleton. Carried.

President's report:

- Nil.

Secretary report:

- See attached report.
- Please sign attendance list – if your name is not there please write it on the list and Ashlee will follow up.
- BBQ on Saturday 2nd Jan, Matilda Bay
- Proposed by Ashlee Gibbons, seconded by Colin Ogilvie. Carried.

Financial report:

- See attached report.
- Expenses for life members jackets and second merchandise order.
- We should receive the membership fees from the WACA this month.
- Accounts = Cheque - \$ 668.66. Savings - \$ 14392. Cash - \$30.00. Total - \$15090.29
- Proposed by Andrew Micenko, seconded by Todd Rann. Carried.

WACA Report:

- Delivered by Peter Parker on behalf of Luke Douglas.
- Housekeeping – need to get reports and votes in at the end of the match, lots are forgetting.

- UAC meeting on 4th of January, please make sure your availability is up to date in MyCricket.
- First 3 games after Christmas are one day games.
- Feedback from T20s is that umpires are not giving enough feedback about overrates. Give them a piece of paper with the times and where they should be at in terms of their overs. Then Captains can be responsible. We shouldn't have to babysit them. Make sure that when you're communicating with them you use the normal timings, not including allowances. If Captain is going to the bowler 2 or 3 times in the over that is not our problem, we just tell them they are behind and they don't get an allowance for that. With allowances make sure that both umpires agree on them.
- Have noticed a trend from players that when a wicket falls, the players are rolling the ball on the ground just wherever expecting the umpire to go and get it. Players should hand or throw it to the umpire. If they don't leave the ball and make them get it. No allowances for them getting the ball. Players need to follow the etiquette of the game. It is just common courtesy.
- Ball out of shape – don't get hung up on it too much. It is not our responsibility to have a replacement ball, it is the responsibility of the clubs to have replacements. If they don't have a ball then keep using the original.
- Captain's reports will be coming out shortly. Happy to chat with you about them if you want.
- Luke will be putting in his email that you can book mid-season review meetings if you want. Peter away until 11th Jan but available via phone/email during that time.
- Looking to recruit more umpires
- 28th January running a female only course – if you know anyone who might be interested let Peter know.

Training:

- Training presented by Peter Parker after the meeting.

Umpire Reports:

- Milestones
 - 350th senior grade game – Dean Trigg
 - 200th senior grade game – Chaapa Pelpola
 - 50th first grade game – Rex Evans
 - 100th senior grade game – Michael Kovalevs
 - 50th Senior grade game - Kedar Deshpande
 - 50th senior grade game – Graham Zemunik
 - Gemma Cassidy – debut in 4th grade umpiring, then umpired the grand final female youth league, then played in the A Grade grand final for Melville who won.
 - Lots of debuts this season including
 - 1st grade debuts- Nick Middleton and Thomas Johnston
 - 2nd grade debuts – Matt Capone, Terry Cooper, Nick Middleton, Dennis Smallwood
 - T20 – Matt Capone, Andrew Edwards, Mahesh Gopukuttan, Nick Middleton, Justin Shakeshaft
- Umpire reports
 - Colin Ogilvie – Sunday, colts t20, Mt Lawley and Melville, playing music between each ball, first wicket played “hit the road jack”, second one “another one bites the dust”
 - Roy Boyd – current game, feel he has to make a confession, made a blunder, umpiring 4th grade game by self, gave counter to bowling side, first ump came out for 10 overs then changed over, went to lunch and there had been 23 overs bowled, so when returned after lunch thought the same guy would be out, first ball bowled, then looked over to square leg and there was no one there, fielding side yelled out, someone came out, gave 47sec

allowance, while he was coming out Roy apologised to fielding side and said please don't fine at end of game, bowler said it's okay, last week we bowled 5 overs and then in 6th over we appealed for a stumping and there was no one there! Did some reflection- only way you can avoid, 1. Give up. 2. Going to put the counter in my hat and that will be a trigger that you need a partner!

- Welcome to all new members.

Special Business:

- Nil.

General Business:

- Life Member Pin Presentation
 - Jeff Brooks
- Todd – umpire payments?
 - Ahmad – going through, hopefully before Christmas
- Todd – WACA memberships?
 - Ahmad - Hopefully hearing from WACA soon. WACA membership department should be contacting people directly.
 - John – have been dealing with the WACA about his. Call the WACA membership department directly.
 - Ahmad – Luke will send an email about it very soon.
- Bob – lack of umpires, believe that one of the reasons is that the Committee made a ruling that first grade umpires are paid more. Shouldn't be paid more on top of the normal pay rates just because of first grade. WACUA needs to get more money available from the WACA for third and fourth grade. The way it is going there will be no third and fourth grade umpires.
 - John – we were facing a 25% cut in pay this year. WACUA does advocate for umpire pays. Work of the WACUA reversed a 25% pay cut.
 - Roy – regarding the number of umpires, all games by self have been in 4th grade. In the first one noticed that the spirit between the teams was good, second game on own previous round was shocked by the way the teams appealed, frivolous appeals all day, on day 2 had a partner and it was slightly better. Told captains at the meeting that their appealing could have an affect on umpires wanting to continue, and both agreed that the way they were appealing could do that. Maybe the WACA need to contact the clubs and tell them they have a responsibility to appeal in a way that is sensible etc and then we might be able to retain umpires.
 - Ahmad – this year has been bad in terms of player behaviour, WADCC has taken a stance though and handed out record penalties. Some instances where umpires haven't reported but the WADCC has felt that things should have been and have acted on it. WADCC on the side of the umpire.
 - Garth – is live streaming being used in reporting? Ahmad – in some cases.
 - Ahmad – acknowledge staff at the WACA who assisted the WACUA in their case with the pay rates, and Christina Matthews who added 90k to the budgets after they were finalised so that umpire pay rates did not go down.
 - Peter – feedback is going back to clubs is that they need to change their behaviour. As umpires we need to not allow the behaviour otherwise, they will continue to do it. Need to put the reports in and issue cautions. If a player is apologising at the end of the day then there should be a caution. Clubs are being followed up about bad behaviour.

- Ahmad – cautions are good. 3 cautions across 2 years then one game suspension. Harsher penalties if have caution on record then get reported. No extra paperwork to complete, just put it in the match report.
- Nick W – do clubs get notified when players are notified? Ahmad – not until 2nd caution. Nick – should be straight away so that clubs can start doing something about the players straight away rather than waiting.
- Ranjit – excessive appealing will continue unless you take a stand against it.
- Raffle drawn.

Meeting closed: 7:40pm