



Western Australian Cricket Umpires' Association

Minutes from the General Meeting on Tuesday February 16th 2021, Perth & Tatts Bowling Club, East Perth.

Meeting opened: 6:44pm

Attendance: Todd Rann, Mick Martell, Fred Davis, Roy Boyd, Wayne Barron, Susan Bartlett, Shane Boyle, Jarryd Buscall, Ernest Chua, Terry Cooper, Rex Evans, Ashlee Gibbons, Gary Godfrey, Matthew Hall, Kate Holloman, Nathan Johnstone, Ahmad Shaaf Khan, Michael Kovalevs, Stephen Lamb, Garth McCrorie, Andrew Micenko, Nick Middleton, Marcus Moody, Colin Ogilvie, Ranjit Ratnayake, Tony Rutter, Justin Shakeshaft, John Sherry, Gary Simm, Dennis Smallwood, Daniel Smith, Trent Steenholdt, Isabel Satti, Jamie Thomas, Dean Trigg, Nicholas Walters, Steven Wenban, Graham Zemunik, Andrew Dix, Stuart Rudd

Apologies: Jeff Brookes, Andrew Mollatt, Basil Don, Chaapa Pelpola, Udara Dolawatte

Business arising from minutes:

- Minutes proposed by Ashlee Gibbons, seconded by Matthew Hall. Carried.

President's report:

- See attached report.
- Thank you for all the support whilst I've been away, I really appreciate it. Glad to be back.
- Events coming up – Grand Final Breakfast and Annual Dinner.
- Proposed by Trent Steenholdt, seconded by Stephen Lamb. Carried.

Secretary report:

- See attached report.
- Please sign attendance sheet.
- Events coming up.
- Proposed by Ashlee Gibbons, seconded by Dean Trigg. Carried.

Financial report:

- See attached report.
- Have taken Life Members Breakfast out of the budget and combined with Grand Final Breakfast.
- Question – does the WACUA invest? No.
- Accounts = Cheque - \$6612.46. Savings - \$14408.51. Cash - \$102.95. Total - \$ 21123.92
- Proposed by Andrew Micenko, seconded by Nathan Johnstone. Carried.

WACA Report:

- Delivered by Luke Douglas
- Congratulations to Nathan on selection in Shield Match.

- Congratulations to Ashlee Gibbons and Jamie Thomas WNCL.
- COLTs and T20 grand final umpires, and to the one-day league semi-final umpires.
- 4 first grade debuts this season.
- Keep up the good work, keep performing at a good standard.
- Some issues around numbers – availability has been an issue.
- WADCC without a report, reported two players, offered players sanction, it went to tribunal. Tribunal gave a multiple match ban plus a leadership ban, leadership ban was not asked for. WADCC questioned procedural fairness, tribunal reconsidered and agreed they weren't procedural fair and reversed the leadership ban. WADCC will fully back umpires. WADCC are also reviewing the live streaming footage and reports are being made from the footage. Recently, footage reviewed from a game resulted in 7 reports. Umpires need to be reporting. Talk to Peter and Luke if you are not sure.
- Disappointed about things being seen on social media. For example, the masks. It was a health requirement. Discussion that was had on social media was not helpful for the game of cricket or with the group collectively. It was a Health Department directive. Only one person called for clarification. If you need clarification contact Luke directly, do not go to social media. Aims of the association – this was not met in the last week. Fostering exchange / umpiring = there has been concerning behaviour in that regard.
 - Peter – Everyone has a right to choose whether they umpire. Everyone also has to respect others decision. Have had umpires say they are not continuing for the rest of the season due to the direct messages they have received from other umpires. If Peter finds out who they are then there will be disciplinary action. Very disappointed in those umpires who chose to write those messages.
 - Todd – I was anti masks. What was the general feel within the competition department about the actual wearing the masks?
 - Luke – was communicating all week with various government departments to seek clarification. The information that the WACA was given that umpires did not meet any of the exemption reasons.
 - Wayne – That communication would have been good to come out during the week. Also, there were players that weren't wearing masks.
 - Luke – WACA will be following up with clubs about not wearing masks. Take on feedback about the communication.
 - Todd – was there discussion about cancelling the round?
 - Luke – that is a WADCC decision, not WACA.
 - Peter – happy for feedback to be emailed to the WACA about mask experience for future.

UAC Report

- Delivered by Mick Martell.
- Meeting last night – very happy with the standard of umpiring. The people that have had their opportunities have done really well. It is making the selection process for finals very difficult.
- Hats off to those who are doing both ends – doing really well.
- Have been talking to captains about umpires – feedback has been very positive.
- One day final at Breckler Park coming up – good opportunity for every to get together and get to know people.
- Frog box / live stream – need to adapt. Can use it as a tool to help us / to strengthen presence on the field. Lots of people watching. We can use it around code of conduct as well.
- Make sure availability is in MyCricket for the remainder of the season and the finals period.

- Peter – numbers aren't as good as we would like but the feedback about the umpiring is good. Always happy to take a call to discuss things that have happened during a game.
- Peter – for next season, would like feedback on what umpires would like training on at meetings or seminar weekend etc. What do you want the seminar to look like? Starting to do planning for next season so would like feedback.
- Some difficult situations recently with Code of Conduct – lots of experience in the room, talk to other umpires for feedback and support. Good for talking about strategies on how to deal with player behaviour / difficult game situations. Learn from each other.

Training:

- Presented at the end of the meeting.

Umpire Reports:

- Milestones
 - Bruce Banyard – 50th third grade game.
 - Todd Rann – 309 first grade games, broke all time record.
 - Encourage people to come and watch the one day final in a few Sunday's time at Breckler Park.
- Umpire reports
 - Terry Cooper – wearing mask reminded of working in the Pilbara. Get a good quality mask if it happens again as it makes a difference.
 - Ranjit Ratnayake – 1.5metres distance has been tested in the laboratory, went to the doctors and there was a lot of spit coming out. Need to have the distance.
 - Todd Rann – had four umpires partner in the space of 20 overs. Partner had to leave, player came out for a bit. Then Peter Parker for the last over of the first innings and the start of the second innings. Then Ahmad came because his game had finished so he finished the rest of the game.
 - Terry Cooper – sprint of the players running down when still one left in the over. Even when signalled two to go.

Special Business:

- Nil.

General Business:

- Annual Dinner
 - General consensus from the room was that an event like previous season was what is wanted this season.
- Colin Ogilvie - retiring after 21 years. Have enjoyed every moment, thank you to everyone who has been involved throughout the years.
- Raffle drawn.

Meeting closed: 7:42pm