

Pre-season meeting of Metropolitan Veterans Cricket Association

Date : 20 September 2023

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: Art Gallery Australia, Nedlands

Attendees: Team Representatives of Western Suburbs, Harlequins, Barbarians, Saints, Hillbillies

Minutes of Meeting

- Election of Office Bearers - 2023-2024
 - Damien Bainbridege (DB) was nominated for Chair by Western Suburbs and seconded by Harlequins. Meeting agreed.
 - Amit Patil was nominated for Treasurer by Saints and seconded by Harlequins. Meeting agreed
 - Rashmin Dandekar was nominated for Secretary by Saints and seconded by Western Suburbs. Meeting agreed.
 - Sean Duffy was nominated for Deputy Chair / Public Officer by Saints and seconded by Western Suburbs. Meeting agreed.
- DB thanked Graeme Chinnery for allowing the use of the venue for the meeting.
- Minutes of the previous meeting were presented for approval.
 - Hillbillies supported the wide ball rule and requested to implement the wide ball rule better
 - Saints recounted the issues with registering with PlayCricket
 - Minutes were accepted
- The Treasurer's Report was presented.
 - No money is owed by the Association
 - There is no balance in the Association's bank account
 - Report was accepted
- Ground Fees
 - DB informed the meeting that there were ongoing negotiations with City of Stirling for ground bookings. Once finalized, these will be communicated to the Teams. The approximate cost of ground bookings for the season would be \$130 per team.
- Age Limit
 - Discussion on raising the age limit to 40 to align with other organizations.
 - Proposed to retain the age limit to 35.
 - Meeting agreed to retain the age limit to 35.
- Wicketkeeper Helmet Rule
 - New rule has been implemented by MCC which requires the wicketkeeper to wear a helmet during play.
 - Meeting voted and all agreed to implement the new rule
- Five players on the boundary rule
 - The existing rule was proposed to be changed to have five players outside of the conventional infield

- Meeting voted and all agreed to implement the changed rule
- Two full tosses rule
 - Meeting discussed the two full tosses rule
 - The existing rule was proposed to be changed to offer to the batting side the discretion to allow the bowler to continue.
 - Meeting voted and all agreed to implement the rule
- Maximum ten deliveries over rule
 - Meeting discussed the maximum ten deliveries over rule, and agreed to retain the rule in the present form.
- Retire at 50
 - Meeting discussed the proposal for mandatory retirement of the batsman on reaching 50.
 - Meeting decided not to implement
- Umpires fees
 - DB informed the meeting that the umpires fees for the season are \$150 / umpire.
 - Meeting agreed to the umpires fees
- Scoring
 - DB informed the meeting that scoring will have to be digitally, in line with Cricket Australia recommendations using the Play HQ scoring app. DB also informed the meeting that there are still issues with the software and recommended to have paper scorebooks as backup.
 - Meeting agreed and all teams requested for scorebook format to be posted on the MVCA website
- Game forfeit penalty
 - Meeting discussed the game forfeit penalty rule.
 - Meeting agreed that a second forfeit will incur a penalty of -1 points awarded. Meeting also agreed to not impose any run rate penalty.
- Other Business
 - Grants:
 - DB informed the meeting about the efforts to secure grants for the Association.
 - Discussed the utilisation of the grant for website, umpires, sun protection, helmets for the benefit of teams and members
 - Website
 - Western Suburbs requested for addition of Anthony Booth as Manager on Team page
- Western Suburbs proposed a note of thanks to MVCA Chair and Office Bearers. Meeting agreed.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Rashmin Dandekar
Secretary, MVCA

