

Minutes of the WAG Meeting

Monday 14 April 2014 at 6.00pm

Present: Amy Satterthwaite, Barry van Beurten, Steve Graham, Sarah Hey, Laura Hughes, Haley Aburn, Andrew McKenzie, Mike Harvey (Metro), Mike Fisher (Metro)

Apologies: Selena Charteris, Mandie Godliman, Keryn Ambler (Metro), Richard Pithey (Canterbury Cricket)

1. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Barry/Steve
2. **Matters Arising:** taken as Agenda items
3. **Playing dates**

3.1 4 October-28 March 2015

3.2 Premier Women would start on the first Saturday (4 October).

3.3 Premier Women to play on Show Weekend

3.4 The structure of the season with four playing components was, in general, working satisfactorily. An earlier start in October and perhaps a week earlier after Christmas were suggested. No firm commitment could be made until the dates for the first class season and the White Ferns programme were published.

4. Premier review

4.1 There was considerable discussion around the bye situation. Sydenham, under current Metro conditions, were able to play in the Premier grade and other teams needed to be patient with their development. Andrew indicated that Sydenham CC was bringing in two overseas players to strengthen their player roster.

The opinion of clubs would be sought over the bye team playing a Canterbury Under 21 team on a Sunday. This would get rid of the bye while providing useful matches in the lead-up to the National tournament. There would need to be an enlarged squad. Playing conditions would be similar to those that apply to the Canterbury Under 20 team in the Premier Men's competition.

4.2 The use of the bonus point was discussed. It was decided that it should remain but efforts to have it shown on the website would be investigated.

4.3 It was suggested that a definitive list of players would be submitted prior to the start of the season listing those players who could not play down in Division 1; that is, Magicians, Under 21s and the top Under 17 players.

5. Division 1-2

Unless there was an increase in team numbers this grade should stay as it had been successful. Although it was better, there was a need for continued emphasis on better understanding and co-operation. It is important that clubs ensure that team captains and coaches have a copy of the playing conditions so as to avoid disagreement prior to the match.

6. The Kirsty Bond Series

This should be a Twenty20 format with some tweaking needed depending on team entries. Ideally, there should be a full round robin which might necessitate double-headers.

7. Metro would supply **umpiring and scoring instruction** prior to the start of the season. All players must attend and clubs would be asked to ensure that this occurred.

8. Funding model for Women's cricket

Mike H spoke to this. Over that last 4-5 years, Canterbury Cricket and now CMCA have funded the Premier clubs and part of that funding is ear-marked for the Women's game (\$10k). This was to allow clubs to supply coaching and development to schools in the club's geographical area. The meeting felt that, while this was desirable, a return to having a Metro Development person co-ordinate and drive this area of our game would complement the work of the clubs. To achieve this would see a lessening of funding to clubs.

9. Canterbury Under 15 rep programme

Canterbury Cricket had already been approached about the need to have earlier organisation for this group as they prepared for their post- Christmas tournament. It was preferable that a group was identified prior to the end of the previous season so they could receive winter training and early season trials. Action: Barry was to forward Lee Germon's email to Mike H.

Mike H commented that at the next Districts meeting, the rep programme was an agenda item which could see significant change.

Meeting finished at 7.45pm