

Meeting Notes: O&M Pennant Committee

Meeting held at Wodonga BC, Friday, January 15th

Present: Ian Bilney, Paul Davies, Fran Don, Noel Murrell, Bev Reichman, Ross Rankin, Bryan Smith.

Business:

- Discussion took place about our heat policy. It was agreed that we will only cancel a round of pennant if the temperature is forecast to be extreme. As a 'rough guide' that would mean that if a forecast is between 38-41/42 we will mandate at 10:00 am start on weekends rather than cancel. Clubs are reminded that they can make alternative arrangements if both clubs agree but that it is important that they notify the pennant coordinator of such arrangements.
- There was considerable discussion in relation to players rolling-up on the greens prior to pennant. There was also considerable discussion as to the role that the Region's umpires should, and more importantly, shouldn't, play in the formulation our rules for competition. Noel outlined a brief history as to why the pre-pennant rule we had was removed for our playing conditions and on how it was reintroduced for Metropolitan pennant but not automatically reintroduced into region's rules. It was agreed that this issue is not one that demands our immediate attention and that it will be included in the Pennant Committee's post-season review. The current Metropolitan model will be a possible starting point for our discussions but there was no general agreement that we even need such a rule. It was pointed out that there are many jurisdictions around Australia that do not have a rule as restrictive as the Victorian Metropolitan model. The point was raised that there is no point in stipulating a rule unless it can be enforced.
- It was agreed that we will conduct a survey of all O&M players post season. The two most obvious questions for feedback will be the continuation or otherwise of the 21 ends rule, and of the no break for afternoon tea for weekend pennant.
- It was agreed that we continue with the practice of awarding medallions to the players in winning premierships teams. Ross to order them.
- Noel raised the issue of regional pennant as a protected event in relation to the Victorian Open. BV wording is unclear on this and 'regional pennant' is not specifically stipulated in the list of prohibited events. This may simply be an oversight by BV. O&M delegates may need to seek clarification on this matter.
- Next meeting: Friday, February 26th at Wodonga at 12:00.

Ross Rankin,
Chairman