

**LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND ASSOCIATION OF CRICKET OFFICIALS
7TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON 10 NOVEMBER 2014 AT ELECTRICITY SPORTS, LEICESTER**

Meeting commenced at 7.10 pm.

In the chair

Gordon Hubbard (GH)

Present

47 members (see Annex A)

Apologies

36 members (see Annex B)

GH

Before commencing the AGM I am sure you all would want me to convey our most sincere condolences to our Treasurer, Dick Whateley-Knight, on the loss of his wife last month. We are extremely grateful to him for producing a set of accounts at what has been a most difficult and stressful time for him.

On a more joyful note, can I ask our President, Dick Spires, to present some awards? First to present Chris Day with a tie for his 25 years membership of ACO and ACU&S. Also, as you will have seen from several officers reports, three of our members undertook the Umpire Level 2 course this year which they have successfully completed. John Harrop, MO Rahaman and Bob Sizer would you like to come forward and receive your certificates.

Richard Whitely-Knight (RW-K) wanted it to be place on record that he greatly appreciated the sympathy and understanding showed to him by members of the association, and that he would consider it an honour if he was re-elected as treasurer.

Minutes of 2013 AGM held on 11 November 2013, were proposed by Keith Towers and seconded by Chris Day as a true record and were unanimously accepted.

Matters arising

GH stated that grants of £1500 from the Leicestershire & Rutland Cricket League and £500 Leicester Cricket Ltd had been received. (see item in Treasurers report)

Chairman's report

GH's report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting (see Annex C). There were two comments, both from Ged McDougall. (see Annex D)

Secretary's Administrator report

Colin Samuelsq(CS) report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting (see Annex E) and there were not any questions.

Treasurer's report

RW-K's report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting (see Annex F). The following points were raised:

1. RW-K pointed out that the General Accounts had now been divided into two namely Branch Administration and Education.
2. Simon Clark (SC) wanted to know why there was a £10 difference between Law books brought and those sold. CS informed the meeting that there were some books still available. The meeting agreed that as the books were now over a year old, the cost of those not sold should be written off, as trying to sell them would be almost impossible.
3. Ian Armitage (IA) wanted to know why travelling costs were the largest expenditure item. GH explained that in order to undertake their duties, committee members had to attend meetings at different venues in the midlands. Chris Lawman (CL) asked if car sharing had been considered. GH stated that where committee members were local to each other, then this was being carried out.
4. RW-K pointed out that the social account now mainly dealt with the branch annual dinner.

At this stage GH invited the independent examiners to present their findings.

CL stated that despite the disruption to his life, it was a tribute to the man that RW-K had the accounts ready for inspection by Dave Goodacre and himself. They had examined the books and they were in good order. CL wanted to make the following observations:

1. The paying in books used by course tutors did not have bank stamps on them. This may be a problem if there was a dispute.
 2. There were some pre-signed cheques in the cheque book which was potentially dangerous.
- Following a proposal by Keith Towers (KT), seconded by IA, the accounts were unanimously approved.

Performance officer's report

GH's report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting (see Annex G). There were no comments arising.

Education & training officer's report

John Edmonds's report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting (see Annex H). The following points were raised:

1. SC wanted to know why L&R ACO were not offering any level 2C courses. GH stated that there was not the time for this within the winter training period. He also stated that following the East Midlands Regional meeting, the worth of this course was in doubt.
2. It was pointed out that in the report that although 19 people attended the level 1, 20 passed the exam. This was due to an ACO member from another area being allowed to take the examination.
3. Two members still have to have their field assessments because they were umpiring on their own on the days when their assessments had been scheduled.
4. Time will be given during the monthly meetings, so that refresher sessions for umpires could be undertaken.

Appointment officer's report

Keith Towers's (KT) report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting (see Annex I). There were no comments arising.

Scorers officer's report

SC report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting (see Annex J). There was one amendment:

3 tutors had obtained qualifications, not the four as stated.

Welfare officer's report

Phil Palfreyman (PP) had nothing to report.

Proposed by Chris Day (CD) and seconded by CL that the above reports be accepted as a true record. Unanimously accepted

Subscriptions

This topic was passed over.

Election of officers and committee

The following were elected/re-elected:

		Proposer	Second
Chairman:	Gordon Hubbard	Ray Rowley	Alan Jordan
Vice Chairman:	Alan Pearce	Michael Shipman	Bob Sizer
Secretary:	Colin Samuels	Keith Towers	Neil Palmer
Treasurer:	Dick Whateley-Knight	Simon Clark	Gordon Hubbard
Education Officer			
Admin:	Chris Johnson	Bob Sizer	Peter Bates
Training:	John Edmonds	Alan Pearce	Chris Johnson
Performance			
Officer:	Gordon Hubbard	Dick Spiers	RW-K
Scorers Officer:	Scott Fraser	Simon Clark	Alan Pearce
Appointments			
Officer:	Keith Towers	Chris Day	Steve Horner
Assistant .			
Universities:	Rod Watts	Keith Towers	Phil Palfreyman
Assistant .			
Young Cricketers:	Arnold Brotherhood	Ian Armitage	Alan Jordan
L&RCL Committee			
Appointment Secretaries:			
Premier to Div 3	Kevin Smyth	Keith Towers	Alan Pearce
Divs 4 to 6	Mike Challands	Bob Gunn	Robin Whait

Divs 7 to 11 Assistant Appointment Secretaries:	Robin Whait	Bob Gunn	Alan Jordan
Premier to Div 3	Steve Horner	Robin Whait	Michael Shipman
Divs 4 to 6	Derek Jordan	Bob Gunn	Steve Horner
Divs 7 to 11	Bob Gunn	Robin Whait	Keith Towers
Welfare Officer	Phil Palfreyman	Simon Clark	David Goodacre
Website Manager	Colin Samuels	Neil Palmer	Scott Fraser
Committee Member:	Chris Day	RW-K	David Goodacre
Young Officials Representative:			
Independent Examiners:	Chris Lawman and Dave Goodacre	Chris Day	Bob Sizer

All these appointments received unanimous approval, except for Appointment Secretaries Premier to Div 3 and the committee member post where after votes those listed above were appointed.

Note: Bob Sizer and Ian Armitage have one and two years respectively left in their terms of committee membership.

Any other business

CD stated that the Branch annual dinner was to be held at Aylestone Restaurant, Leicester College, Aylestone Road, Leicester on Thursday 5th March 2015 at 7.00 for 7-30 pm. The cost, which was dependent upon who was invited to speak, has yet to be decided.

Meeting closed at 8.14 pm and was followed by a discussion about the way umpires should be allocated to the Leicestershire & Rutland cricket league.

Signed as a true and accurate record



G Hubbard

Chairman

9th November 2015

Gordon Hubbard [chairman]
Colin Samuels [secretary]
Dick Spiers [president]
Dick Whateley-Knight [treasurer]
Ian Armitage
David Barnett
Peter Bates
John Bearpark
John Bown
Arnold Brotherhood
Adrian Cave
Simon Clark
Trevor Colver
Huw Davies
Chris Day
Graham Dexter
John Edmonds
Scott Fraser
Dave Goodacre
Bob Gunn
Shashikant Gurav
Michael Hextall
Steve Horner
Chris Johnson
Alan Jordan
Chris Lawman
David Marsh
Ged McDougall
Phil Palfreyman
Neil Palmer
Alan Pearce
Derek Pearson
Dan Pedley
Peter Pickard
Graham Pickering
Mohammed Raherman
John Redwood
Kenneth Rowley
Michael Shipman
Bob Sizer
Kevin Smyth
Alan Sommer
Hugh Stubbs
Keith Towers
Colin Trevis
Robin Whait
David Whittles

Lawrie Anthony
Philip Barston
Lisa Bell
John Bowley
Roy Clarke
Brian Cornes
Anthony Cox
Ivor Davies
Maurice Deacon
Mel Dines
Geoffrey Foldys
Dick Fowkes
Alan Gates
Kevin Gerrard
Peter Hammond
Douglas Harrop
Peter Holland
Ralph Howe
Robert Inchley
Derek Jordan
Gillian Jurenko
Alex Mofford
Peter Mustin
David Nance
Mush Patel
Kishor Patel
Alan Pearce
Dave Perry
Graham Pratt
Nicholas Robinson
Andrew Smith
John Smith
Tony Upton
Rod Watts
Richard West
Paul Whiteman

**Leicestershire & Rutland Association of Cricket Officials
Chairman's Report to the Annual General Meeting 10th November 2014**

Ladies and Gentlemen

May I start my report by extending our deepest condolences to our Treasurer, Dick Whateley-Knight, whose wife Joan passed away on 15th October. She was a great support to Dick in his capacity as treasurer over the past 34 years and a loyal supporter of the L&R ACO social events.

As expected, business this year has been dominated by the commencement of the Leicestershire and Rutland Cricket League. Matters relating to the League I will deal with in my County Performance Officers report as chairman of the League Umpires panel.

The year started with Colin Samuels taking over from Chris Lawman as Secretary and Chris Johnson, also succeeding Chris Lawman, as Education Officer [Admin] otherwise the Committee remained the same as from the previous year.

The Branch was represented by Alan Pearce [in my absence], Colin Samuels and Simon Clark at the East Midlands Forum at Bracebridge Heath in March. The next meeting is scheduled for 9th November at Oakham when it is expected that I will attend along with several other officers of the Branch.

I attended the half yearly Midlands Chairmans Meetings in at Longton in April and at Trent Bridge in October. These are important meetings for chairmen to attend as we are given reports not only on Education and Performance matters but the latest news and report on ECB and ACO matters.

The Annual Branch Dinner was held in February at the Leicester College when the Rev Alan Haydock entertained us with a very amusing speech. Thanks again to Chris Day and Dick Whateley-Knight for the organising the event.

Two weeks ago I attended an ECB Discovery Workshop at Grace Road when the presentation covered an insight and a deeper understanding of cricket players in their likes and dislikes of the game from the national survey that had been undertaken by ECB this summer. I have arranged for Ged McDougall, L&R Cricket Development Director to present the findings of this survey to our membership on Monday 9th December.

The Midlands Regional Conference will be held at Nottingham on 1st November when I will be accompanied by Colin Samuels, Simon Clark, Scott Fraser [L&R ACO Scorers Officer designate], Chris Johnson, Bob Sizer and Alan Pearce [representing Keith Towers]. This is a very important meeting for ACO as it is presenting ECBs ~~the~~ MOST Mission Statement to its members. This is a Policy that ECB must adopt to receive its funding from Sport England.

I attended the L&R Cricket Board AGM in March but there has not been any Board meeting since although the Cricket Board and the County Cricket Club amalgamated in the summer but Board members have not been officially told about it yet.

Branch wise - the committee has met on six occasions when there has been business to discuss and matters to disseminate from regional meetings. Training courses were again run but you will get the full details from the education staff.

I would like to thank all officers and committee for their untiring work that they do for the benefit of the Branch, we would not function if it wasn't for their dedication in performing their duties.

Gordon Hubbard
23/10/2014

Having read your Chairman's report I'd like to point out a couple of things.

1. Two weeks ago I attended an ECB Discovery Workshop at Grace Road+. Just for accuracy this was the Leicestershire & Rutland Cricket Accelerate Workshop on 8th October.
2. I attended the L&R Cricket Board AGM in March but there has not been any Board meeting since although the Cricket Board and the County Cricket Club amalgamated in the summer but Board members have not been officially told about it yet.+. The L&R Cricket Ltd. Board directors plus advisors have met every six weeks this year. What we clearly haven't had is a Recreational Forum meeting since March, but one is being planned shortly. The Board and Club have not amalgamated, a new overarching organisation to support cricket in the county has been formed and came in to place on 1st October. More details at the RB meeting to follow.

Ged McDougall
Cricket Development Director
Leicestershire and Rutland Cricket Limited

