

# **Leicestershire & Rutland Association of Cricket Officials**

## **Chairman's Report to the Annual General Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

Ladies and Gentlemen

The year began with the AGM in November when all officers and committee members were re-elected. Whilst it is good to have a stable committee which offers continuity in management we are always looking for new blood to be elected for sustainability of the Branch in the future. I have informed the Committee that if elected again as chairman this will be my 25<sup>th</sup> year in office and will be my last although the term of office is well short of the treasurer entering his 35<sup>th</sup> year in the role.

I have attended both Midlands Regional Council meetings during the year and was supported by twelve members of the Branch at the ECB ACO AGM and Midlands Conference at Nottingham on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

The Laws of Cricket are at presently under review and members were given the opportunity to have their say in the review. I sent out a circular to all members with many proposed changes to which eight replied. John Edmonds, Chris Johnson and myself spent a day collating these and our views before submitting a consolidated reply. Colin Samuels stood in for me at a recent meeting at Edgbaston when the newly appointed MCC Laws Officer, Mark Williams, spoke to the Midlands counties re the result of the survey which had been magnificently supported throughout the country.

The education team had a very busy winter with training courses when we ran one Level 1A course and three Level 1 courses which covered 26 days of tuition, along with three monthly meetings of Refresher Courses which were attended by over 40 members on each occasion. We are extremely grateful for the time the officers and tutors give to umpire training. We held two scorers courses for the first time for several years.

The Annual Branch Dinner was held in February at the Leicester College when we were entertained by Bledwyn Jones and Tony Borrington. Thanks again to Chris Day and Dick Whateley-Knight for the organising the event. In February we are moving the Annual Dinner to the Palmer Suite at Grace Road when we have two entertaining non cricket speakers booked, one of them a lady especially for our lady guests.

The L&R Cricket Board seems to have gone into meltdown. There has been one meeting in the year which Dick Spiers attended for me as it coincided with an L&RCL management meeting.

The committee met on four occasions when there has been business to discuss and matters for me to disseminate from regional meetings.

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.

Finally may we congratulate Dan Pedley who was placed on the ECB D List from which ECB make their County 2<sup>nd</sup> XI appointments.

Gordon Hubbard  
3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015