

**LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND ASSOCIATION OF CRICKET OFFICIALS**  
**8TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**HELD ON 9 NOVEMBER 2015 AT ELECTRICITY SPORTS, LEICESTER**

**Meeting** commenced at 7.07 pm.

**In the chair**

Gordon Hubbard (GH)

**Present**

52 members (see Annex A)

**Apologies**

19 members (see Annex B)

Before commencing the AGM GH asked Robin Whait (RW) to say a few words on Terry Crockett, who had recently passed away. A few moments silence in his memory then ensued.

**Minutes of 2014 AGM** held on 10 November 2014, were proposed by Keith Towers (KT) and seconded by Derek Jordan (DJ) as a true record and were unanimously accepted.

**Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

**Chairman's report**

GH's report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting (see Annex C) and it did not raise any questions.

**Secretary's Administrator report**

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

**Treasurer's report**

RW-K's report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting (see Annex E). GH invited the independent examiners to present their findings.

Chris Lawman (CL). They had examined the books and they were in good order. CL Stated that there were some pre-signed cheques in the cheque book which was potentially dangerous. GH believed that the cheques related to the Social Account and were left over from the previous year. GH also confirmed that the procedures had changed.

Dave Goodacre (DG) wanted to know why £126.00 had been spent on overs cards which had only been distributed to Leicestershire and Rutland Cricket League (L&RCL) Umpires. GH replied that L&RCL gave a grant of £1500 to support the development of umpires which stood in that league. DG informed the meeting that as he was standing down as an umpire, he was not seeking re-selection as an independent examiner.

Following a proposal by Neil Palmer (NP) seconded by Alan Jordan (AJ), the accounts were unanimously approved.

**Performance officer's report**

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

**Education & training officer's report**

John Edmondsq(JE) report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting (see Annex G). GH told the meeting that following last year's very successful refresher courses, it was planned to hold similar ones on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January, 8<sup>th</sup> February and 14<sup>th</sup> March all commencing at 7pm at Electricity Sports.

**Appointment officer's report**

Keith Towersq(KT) report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting (see Annex H). KT assured the meeting that, despite reports emulating from ECB, next year's appointments, which were normally undertaken by County Appointment Officers, would be as per previous years and would not be on Who's the Umpire.

### Scorers officer's report

SF report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting (see Annex I). There were no comments arising.

### Welfare officer's report

Phil Palfreyman (PP) had nothing to report.

### Election of officers and committee

The following were elected/re-elected:

		Proposer	Seconder
Chairman:	Gordon Hubbard	John Spiers (JS)	CL
Vice Chairman:	Dan Pedley	Kevin Smyth	Rod Watts (RW)
Secretary:	Colin Samuels	JS	KT
Treasurer:	Dick Whateley-Knight	CL	Bob Gunn
Education Officer			
Admin:	Chris Johnson	Maurice Deacon (MD)	Mahadevappa Lohit ML)
Training:	John Edmonds	KT	JS
Performance			
Officer:	Gordon Hubbard	Chris Day (CD)	Roy Clarke (RC)
Scorers Officer:	Scott Fraser	KT	Alan Pearce (AP)
Appointments Officer:	Keith Towers	NP	Bob Sizer (BS)
Assistant .			
Universities:	Rod Watts	Michael Shipman	Mohammad Rahaman
Assistant .			
Young Cricketers:	Left Vacant .	Committee to fill if required	
L&RCL Committee			
Appointment Secretaries:			
Premier to Div 3	Kevin Smyth	RW	DG
Divs 4 to 6	Robin Whait	Ray Jones	Steve Horner (SH)
Divs 7 to 11	Left Vacant .	Committee to fill if required	
Assistant Appointment Secretaries:			
Premier to Div 3	Steve Horner	DJ	BS
Divs 4 to 6	Derek Jordan	Alan Jordan	RC
Divs 7 to 11	Left Vacant .	Committee to fill if required	
Welfare Officer	Phil Palfreyman	AP	MD
Website Manager	Colin Samuels	Dave Perry	JS
Committee Member:	Bob Sizer	CL	Mel Smith
Young Officials Representative:	Graham Pickering	GH	ML
Independent Examiners:	Chris Lawman and Mel Smith	Chris Day	Bob Sizer

All these appointments received unanimous approval.

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

### Any other business

Dan Pedley proposed a vote of thanks to Mike Challands for his years of service to the L&R ACO. This was received by the meeting with a standing ovation.

CS stated that the Branch annual dinner was to be held at The Charles Palmer Suite, Leicestershire CCC, Grace Road, Leicester on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00 for 7-30 pm and letters/emails would be sent to all members the next day.

It was requested that the L&R ACO AGM and the L&RCL end of season meeting be on the same night. GH did not have any objections to this idea, but stated that the L&R ACO AGM would have to be the first meeting.

SH requested that after the L&RCL management meetings, the membership should be informed as to the outcome of various proposals. GH said that he would see what he could do.

### **Presentation of Certificates**

The President, John Spiers, presented Level 1A certificates to:

Peter Bates  
Paul Bearpark  
Alan Brightwell  
Bob Inchley  
Atul Patel

**Meeting** closed at 8.25

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Gordon Hubbard [chairman]  
Colin Samuels [secretary]  
Dick Spiers [president]  
Dick Whateley-Knight [treasurer]  
Derrick Bailey  
David Barnett  
Peter Bates  
Paul Bearpark  
John Bown  
Alan Brightwell  
Andrew Bubb  
Michael Challands  
Roy Clarke  
Trevor Colver  
Huw Davies  
Chris Day  
Maurice Deacon  
John Edmonds  
Scott Fraser  
Dave Goodacre  
Bob Gunn  
Peter Holland  
Steve Horner  
Bob Inchley  
Ray Jones  
Alan Jordan  
Derek Jordan  
Chris Lawman  
Mahadevappa Lohit  
David Marsh  
Russell Munden  
Phil Palfreyman  
Neil Palmer  
Alan Pearce  
Derek Pearson  
Dan Pedley  
Dave Perry  
Graham Pickering  
Mohammed Rahaman  
John Redwood  
Michael Shipman  
Bob Sizer  
John Smith  
Kevin Smyth  
Alan Sommer  
Hugh Stubbs  
Melvyn Swingler  
Keith Towers  
Colin Trevis  
Mahomed Valimahomed  
Rod Watts  
Robin Whait

Ian Armitage  
John Bowley  
Julian Cartwright  
Brian Cornes  
Anthony Cox  
Ivor Davies  
Mel Dines  
Dick Fowkes  
Peter Hammond  
Ralph Howe  
Ged McDougall  
Colin Megennis  
Lloyd Miller  
Alex Mofford  
Graham Pratt  
Richard Storer  
Tony Upton  
Paul Whiteman  
Mark Williams

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**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 I 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

**Secretary's Report 2015**

At the start of the year L&R ACO had 156 members, of which 155 are fully paid up members and we have one 1<sup>st</sup> class member. With a bit of badgering and cajoling, at the end of our reporting year the membership is as follows:

172 members, of which 171 are fully paid up members and we have one 1<sup>st</sup> class member. Of the 171, we have 9 scorer members and another four members who are both scorers and umpires. We still have one or two renewals in the pipeline.

I would like to remind all members who renew by Direct Debit (and it is slightly cheaper this way) that for this process to take place they must have an up to date DBS at the time the DD is submitted, which is at the end of January.



COLIN SAMUELS  
Secretary  
L&R ACO

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**Annual General Meeting**  
**9th November 2015**

**Financial Statement for period 1st October 2014 - 30th November 2015**  
**Social Account**

	<b>Year ending 30.09.2014</b>		<b>Year ending 30.09.2015</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>
	1349.00	Balance brought forward	1251.45
	1174.45	Annual Dinner Receipts (net)	1039.20
		Meeting Donations	197.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>2523.45</b>		<b>2488.15</b>
		<b>Expenditure</b>	
	150.00	Annual Dinner Speakers	250.00
	1074.00	Leicester College-dinner catering	709.86
	48.00	Dinner Ticket Refunds	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1272.00</b>		<b>959.86</b>
	1272.00		959.86
	1251.45	<b>Balance carried forward</b>	1528.29
	<b>2523.45</b>		<b>2488.15</b>

I certify the above to be a true record of the transactions relating to the Social Account during the period stated.  
Signatories to the Account are E.G Hubbard, C.A Samuels & R.F Whatley-Knight

R.F Whately-Knight  
Treasurer

Examined and Approved

D.J Goodacre

C. Lawman

**Financial Statement for period 1st October 2014 - 30th November 2015**

**General Account**

<b>Year ending 30.09.2014</b>		<b>Year ending 30.09.2015</b>
<b>£</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>
2542.52	Balance brought forward	3306.56
	ECB ACO Membership Capitation	
572.00	Grant	628.00
	<b>Umpires Education &amp; Development</b>	
500.00	LRCB Grant	500.00
1500.00	L&R Cricket League	1500.00
1890.00	Course Fees	1860.00
190.00	Law Book Sales	0.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>7794.56</b>
	<b>Expenditure</b>	
	<b>Branch Admin</b>	
576.20	Travelling - meetings & c/Appts	454.07
6.82	Secretary's expenses	0.00
25.00	Treasurer's expenses	0.00
	<b>Umpires Education &amp; Development</b>	
200.00	Law Books	0.00
0.00	Umpires' cards	126.00
870.00	Course packs	1135.00
160.00	Fee Refunds	0.00
200.00	Room Hire	563.00
1849.94	Travelling - Tutors	954.45
<b>Total</b>		<b>3232.52</b>
		3232.52
3887.96	<b>Balance carried forward</b>	4562.04
3306.56		<b>7794.56</b>
<b>7194.52</b>		

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Treasurer

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**Leicestershire & Rutland Association of Cricket Officials  
County Performance Officer's Report  
Annual General Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

Ladies and Gentlemen

As chairman of the L&R Cricket League's Umpires' Panel there were again a number of issues that arose which had to be dealt with. The Appointments Secretaries had a most difficult season in making appointments. The number of umpires dropping out each week was enormous. Some weeks they had to scrap their work and start again in the middle of the week for which they were making the appointments.

Since the end of the season we have had one L&RCL Umpires Panel committee meeting at which we conducted the Annual Grading of Umpires for the ACO and the banding of our umpires for next season in the League. This year your Annual Grading will be notified to you by ACO direct instead of coming from me.

Last Monday [1<sup>st</sup> November] I chaired the end of season meeting of the League Umpires' Panel to which 50 members attended and gave the Annual Report, which stimulated some debate on several issues especially discipline matters and expenses. A copy of the report and minutes of the meeting are available on the Leicestershire Cricket website.

Again I put a request to the League for funding for Umpire Development and Education and for the second season they granted us £1,500, continuing my understanding that it was to be an annual grant, along with £500 from the Cricket Board. I will repeat this request again in January [the start of accounting year for the L&RCL].

Unfortunately Captains Marks and comments have not been as good as we would have liked. Boundary Assessing is the best way to mentor umpires which needs to be extended next season. We hoped that this could be achieved with the League money and more Assessors.

Five members expressed an interest in becoming Boundary Assessors, we held our own little Introductory Session to give them an insight into what would be required. All five went on to undertake an ECB ACO course at Loughborough but regrettably only one undertook any Assessing during the season. The others all continued with their umpiring. I am grateful to Alex Mofford for helping out with Assessing, although we had more Assessors the amount of assessing decreased. This was due to the shortage of umpires in the League and the majority of umpires that needed assessments were mostly appointed to matches on their own so consequently we could not carry out an assessment. I would also like to thank Graham Pickering, one of our experienced tutors, who was unable to umpire for most of the season, for his mentoring of the newly qualified umpires.

As CPO I over saw that Educational courses were held last year, and acted as invigilator at the Level 1 exams which I am delighted to report that we had an exceptionally high pass rate, details of which appear in the Educational Report.

We put forward two candidates for the Level 2 course last year but unfortunately both had to drop out at the last moment through family or work commitments. Neil Palmer has been put forward this year for the Level 2 Course and Mohammed Rahaman for the Level 3 Course. Chris Johnson, Dan Pedley and Kevin Smyth are all in their last year of the Level 3 Course and we wish them success in completing the course.

We must congratulate Dan Pedley on being elevated to the ECB 'A' List from where the umpires are selected to officiate County 2<sup>nd</sup> XI fixtures. We have put forward Chris Jonson and Kevin Smyth's application to the 'A' List for 2016 to which we hope they are both successful.

Gordon Hubbard  
L&R ACO County Performance Officer  
3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015

### **L&R ACO Education Report 2014/15.**

This has been another successful year for the Education team. We continue to qualify new umpires and have made greater strides in our capacity to support them as well as existing umpires on field during the season.

The breakdown of newly qualified umpires is as follows:

Level 1 Course at Electricity Sports [Jan] - 6 candidates all passed exam [one on a re-sit].

Level 1 Course at Loughborough Greenfields - 9 candidates all passed.

Level 1 Course at Leics Banks [existing umpires in L&RCL] - 8 candidates - 7 passed.

Therefore we achieved a total of 22 candidates being awarded the level one qualification this year. Three more than last year.

We also continued to monitor the development of our recently qualified umpires by running a level 1A course. The results were as follows:

Level 1A course - 7 candidates. 5 of whom have been Boundary Assessed. The other two haven't been umpiring this season.

Two umpires were nominated to embark on the level 2 course but for different reasons neither were able to take up the offer this year.

One umpire has been selected for and has embarked on the level three course.

A new innovation this year was to look towards the need for continued development and support of umpires who are already in the system at all levels.

With the agreement of the appointments secretaries it was decided that all new league umpires with a level 1 qualification should be placed in division four with an experienced colleague who could support and mentor them through their first few months in the job.

In addition to this a number of colleagues have qualified as boundary assessors and we are now in a position to support more umpires at all levels with feedback and mentoring.

The regular Monday winter meetings were used to set up interactive refresher courses, delivered by the education team but using the expertise in the room to allow colleagues to support each other.

These were very well received by those who attended and gave feedback and it is intended to continue with them in the coming winter.

During the winter the team has delivered over 100 hours of umpire education in various forms and has undertaken the preparation that this level of service demands. All on a voluntary basis. I would like to praise the dedication and commitment of the education team who have also been assessed and found to be doing a very good job. Always looking to improve we also set up an exchange programme with our counterparts in Derbyshire with a view to sharing ideas and good practice. This was a successful venture and we would look to continue or even expand this next year.

Many thanks to Kevin Smyth, Graham Pickering, Dan Pedley, Dave Perry and, in particular, our Administration Officer Chris Johnson for all of the effort and expertise that they have given us to make all of the above possible and to Ray Rowley for his support on the evenings.

John Edmonds,  
L&R ACO Education Officer

## APPOINTMENT OFFICER'S REPORT 2015

It was a very busy time again, and I must say a very big thank you to all t colleagues for the support given to myself and Rod during the season.

Starting off with the County Cup once again there were 62 appointments required and this proved a task in early stages as there were changes having to be made several times on some of the games, and at times 3hours prior to a game starting so at this stage I would like to say a special thanks to Kevin and Robin for the support given at various times during the season.

Leicestershire Young Cricketers this was a big task owing to changes in personnel at the helm just before the season started, we had 70 games on the list but appointing was being done on a week to week basic in General as it was proving difficult in finding grounds, so as we were being Emailed the grounds sometimes at short notice I was not able to use Arnold to do any of the groups. Again special thanks to Rod who did take the task on some of them very late notice we had to arrange appointments. We used 58 umpires in all the groups to cover these's games plus Rod was contacted on several occasions asking for umpires again at very short notice but we did fulfil all appointments in which we were asked to cover.

Lord Taverners City Cup.

I was asked to appoint to 6 matches in this Cup and used 8 umpires to cover the games.

University Matches.

Again a season with a lot of appointments which Rod covered to the full, again some of these's games coming in very late but with all your help he was able to fill appointments to the full.

On behalf of myself and Rod I would once again say thank you for your support given to us as without you we would not be able to cover the demand put on to us.

I will finish here by hoping you all winter well and look forward to working with you all again next season

Keith Towers

## County Scorers' Officer Report 2015

2015 saw Leics & Rutland running scorers courses for the first time in a number of years. Seven candidates successfully passed their level 1, with three of these moving straight onto the 1A course.

Changes to the structure and content of the Scorer Education offering have meant that as yet there are no confirmed dates for 2016.

In order to try and accommodate the needs of potential candidates, the new course structure is set to include an online introduction course as an alternative to the traditional classroom style of teaching. It is hoped that by offering courses through this medium, candidates who would otherwise be unable to attend for successive weekends/evenings etc will now be able to participate in the courses and as a result, an increase in qualified scorer members!

Course dates will be communicated to clubs/members as soon as finalised.

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