

**Leicestershire & Rutland ACO**  
**Minutes of Committee Meeting**  
**Held at Electricity Sports (ES), Leicester**

Meeting commenced at 7 pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015

**Present**

Gordon Hubbard (GH) in the chair, Keith Towers (KT), Colin Samuels (CS), Bob Sizer (BS), Phil Palfreyman (PP), Graham Pickering (GP) and John Spiers (JS)

**Apologies**

Alan Pearce (AP), Richard Whateley-Knight (RWK), Scott Fraser (SF), Chris Day (CD) Ian Armitage (IA), John Edmonds (JE), and Chris Johnson (CJ)

**Minutes of last meeting**

Amended to include subjects for winter refresher courses, and then signed as a true record by GH.

**Matters Arising**

**1. Annual dinner**

The Annual dinner was a subject in its own right, and was discussed later in the meeting.

**2. Education Programme**

This would be as stated in the minutes

**Financial Report**

In the absence of RWK, GH read out the current financial state. This report was to be presented to the AGM in November.

**Midlands Chairman's Meeting**

1. GH stated that all educational material was now only available on InEx, and logon IDs could be obtained from the Regional Education Officer, Terry Dorr.
2. There was a discussion on the changes to MCC Laws, L&R ACO had several responses which were collated and fed into a meeting at Edgbaston. Mark Williams was overseeing this discussion phase, and he would be attending the Midlands Conference on 1<sup>st</sup> November. The discussions included defining the size and shape of bats, suggesting differing standards of balls. Tom Smiths would published online (there may also be a version published in ring binder form so that later updates could be incorporated. MCC would provide a Level 1 Laws course, which would be online, and this would be a pre-requisite to attending an umpires course held in the counties.
3. Scorers courses were under review, they may be placed online, and this will be undertaken by the New Year.
4. Appointments to ECB games would be on WtU. They would only be made to those of the right grade who have a valid DBS for that period.
5. Payment for county age group games, including women's cricket would be via WtU. L&R ACO had to comply with this or risk losing the £4 a head members rebate.
6. ACO Update
  - a. Saira Baker left the ECB ACO employment earlier in the year.
  - b. Maria Rashid has taken her place and works from Edgbaston.
  - c. Nick Cousins now works from home
  - d. VMOST has been scrapped!
  - e. GH also stated that chairman's meetings would now be held on any day of the week and not on Sundays as had happened in the past. The next ones being 5<sup>th</sup> April and 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016.
7. The ACO AGM was to take place at 0900 sharp, prior to the Midlands Regional Conference on 1<sup>st</sup> November.

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**Amendment to the Constitution**

To bring L&R ACO into line with the new ECB ACO Constitution the following should be added:

Insert new sub-paragraph 3d

To adopt and implement the ECB ACO's Vision, Mission and Objectives Policy, (where possible and applicable) within Leicestershire and Rutland.

**AGM**

CS requested that all officers reports are sent to him in a timely manner so that he could inform the members of the AGM.

**Performance Officer's Report**

GH informed the meeting that at last week's league umpires meeting, the grading and banding of umpires had taken place. The results of which would be emailed to members in due course.

**Scorers Courses**

Once the re-organisation of the scorers courses had taken place, it is being placed online, it is planned to hold a scorers course. This would most likely take place in February 2016.

**Meetings**

All committee meetings at ES which were normally held on Wednesdays will now be held on Thursdays.

**Annual Dinner**

Preparations for the Annual Dinner, which will be held at Grace Road on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February, are completed. Proforma will be issued at the AGM.

There being no further business, the chairman closed the meeting at 9-05pm.

Signed as a true and accurate record



G Hubbard

Chairman

26<sup>th</sup> November 2015