

**LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND ACO
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT ELECTRICITY SPORTS, LEICESTER
ON MONDAY 7 OCTOBER 2013**

Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm

Present

Gordon Hubbard (GH) in the chair, Ian Armitage (IA), Simon Clark (SC), Chris Day (CD), John Edmonds (JE), Chris Lawman (CL), Phil Palfreyman (PP), Alan Pearce (AP), Graham Pickering (GP), Bob Sizer (BS), Dick Spiers (DS), Keith Towers (KT) and Dick Whateley-Knight (RWK)

In attendance

Colin Samuels (CS)

Apologies

Neil Palmer, Dan Pedley

Minutes of last meeting

Approved, then signed by GH.

Matters arising

- (i) Funding: GH met with Ged McDougall (GM). Outcome – funds from L&R Cricket Ltd (L&RCL) “not yet dead”, possibly something coming through in the Spring. GH also mentioned contacting Scott Borman (ACO Midlands Business Manager) who has yet to get back in touch.
- (ii) Vacancies on committee: CL standing down. GH mentioned that CS willing to become secretary if approached. RWK had indicated a wish to stand down but prepared to continue if required.
- (iii) Scorer training: GH/SC unable to locate ECB training packs which apparently are no longer available. Noted that Kevin Gerrard should hear this week whether he has reached Level 3.
- (iv) Annual dinner:
Chris Kelly (subject to not being abroad)
Jonathan Agnew – no reply
IA/DS Barry Leadbetter – no contact made; will also try Darren Maddy
GH to follow up vicar from Notts and John Crawley

Website: GH handed over to CS to put forward his ideas.

- GM happy to accommodate umpires on the L&RCL website and CS has meeting with him on 8 October. Umpire pages would be kept up to date independently of the rest of the website.
- LR ACO is affiliate of L&RCL and therefore should have access to L&RCL website.
- Needs to facilitate all county appointments on one site.
- Site could also be used as a deposit for all LR ACO documents, eg constitution, minutes, etc.
- Cost probably nothing.
- Sensible to link secretary’s job to that of webmaster who should also have a deputy – these being the only ones to have input access to the site.
- Links could also be put in place to other relevant websites.

Committee agreed to allow CS to develop his ideas.

Constitution (changes to be put forward as part of the chairman’s annual report)

- Small number of cosmetic changes.
- Umpires league panel committee:
Chair – County performance officer (to also be included in rule 10)
Vice chair – A member of LR ACO main committee

- Appointment secretaries and deputies for each of three league bandings, ie green (Premier to Division 3), yellow (Divisions 4 to 9), red (Divisions 7 to 9)
- Also require ancillary rules to cover elected representatives to other bodies; how umpires and scorers should carry out their duties; banding of umpires; assessment and marking, etc. Website manager to be included at 5h and Young official at 5m.
The above to be proposed by committee and ratified by the AGM. Future years similar if committee bring in amendments.
- DS reported that he had a fruitful meeting with Premier league re captains' markings.

Everards league umpires

GH had spoken to Kevin Smyth (KS) pointing out that the forthcoming meeting could not be construed as an AGM as anything going forward would be irrelevant as the group would no longer exist. Agreed that only 2013 season matters should be dealt with. KT had also spoken to KS about this. Senior and Leicestershire leagues had also agreed with this approach.

Midland regional forum – Saturday 2 November at Nottingham.

10 places available, so far:

D Pedley (Education)

GH (Performance)

KT (Appointments)

SC (Scorers)

CS (Membership services)

AP possibly

Noted that KS possibly attending but not as a LR ACO delegate.

Midland counties chairmen's meeting – Sunday 13 October at Uppingham

GH attending

Regional officers would also be in attendance, GH observed that KS would be there deputising for John Hayes (regional membership services officer)

East Midlands ACO meeting – Thursday 24 October at Derby

CL (Education)

GH (Performance)

BS (Appointments)

SC (Scorers)

CS (Membership services)

Members meeting

GH reported contacting Rebecca Ayton who had written an article on the Spirit of Cricket in the latest newsletter. Invited her to speak at a members meeting on 9 December. Reply awaited.

ECB cricket survey

GH attended a presentation to county representatives (approx 25) of the results of the above survey carried out earlier in the year. Final report will not be made public until feedback from all of the county representatives had been analysed. However GH remarked that the statistics were fascinating.

Meeting closed at 9.17 pm.

Signed as a true and accurate record



G Hubbard
Chairman

13th November 2013