

**LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND ASSOCIATION OF CRICKET OFFICIALS
6TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON 11 NOVEMBER 2013 AT ELECTRICITY SPORTS, LEICESTER**

Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm.

In the chair

Gordon Hubbard (GH)

Present – 49 members (see Annex A)

Apologies – 14 members (see Annex B)

Before the meeting commenced a minute's silence was held to remember two members, Terry Hancock and Robbie Murphy, who had died during the year.

Minutes of 2012 AGM held on 12 November 2012 and **the EGM** held on 29 April 2013 – adoption proposed by Keith Towers and seconded by Chris Day, and unanimously accepted.

Matters arising

- Training courses will cost more as grant from Leics & Rutland Ltd (LRCL) had been cut: £1450 last year down to £550 this year.
- Capitation of £4 per full member was to cease but has now been reinstated.
- National Savings Bank account has been closed.
- Associate members no longer need DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service), ie the old CRB clearance. All members holding a DBS clearance will be sent a reminder in advance of it needing to be renewed.
- Social events: Working towards regular meetings: 9th December – Spirit of Cricket; 28 February – annual dinner have been arranged.
- LR ACO is affiliated to L&RCL but has no financial liability – this only applies to the company's directors who only have a £10 maximum liability – information provided by Ged McDougall (GM).

Chairman's report

GH's report had been circulated to members – see document attached. There were no comments arising.

Proposed by Chris Lawman seconded by Dick Spiers that the report be adopted, this was unanimously accepted.

Constitutional amendments

GH went through these, item by item, (see schedule attached):

	Proposed	Seconded
Rule 5/7	Dave Goodacre	Ian Armitage
Rule 5l	Alan Pearce	Colin Samuels
Rule 5l (i) and (ii)	Bob Sizer	Michael Shipman
Rule 5l (iii)	Chris Day	Alan Jordan
Rule 5l insert j	Keith Towers	Bob Sizer

It was noted that L&RCL are happy to host the L&RACO pages on their website and such pages will remain under the L&RACO's sole control

Rule 5l re letter 'n' to 'p'
Rule 10

Dick Spiers
Ian Armitage

Chris Day
Simon Clark

Secretary's/Educational Administrator report

- Chris Lawman (CL) started by saying that he was standing down after 5 years in the post. He had enjoyed his roles and thanked members for their co-operation over the years.
- Currently there are 145 members (including 2 who had just recently paid their 2013 subscription). 130 were fully paid members for whom we will continue to receive the £4 capitation. The other 15 are new members enjoying a free first year. However from 2014 there will no longer be a free first year membership.
- CL paid tribute to GH and John Edmonds (JE) for the work they put in and stated he had enjoyed working with them.
- Satisfactory year on the training front. Two Level 1 courses had produced 17 new umpires although a further 6 candidates had either not completed the course or failed the exam. 12 of the 13 Level 1A candidates had been passed.
- Course now running with 6 candidates for Level 1A. Two Level 1 courses planned for the new-year – an evening course commencing in January at Electricity Sports and a 4 week Saturday course to be run at Kibworth in March.
- CL ended by again thanking all members for their co-operation and gave particular thanks to GH for the kind words in his report which were reciprocated.

Treasurer's report

Dick Whateley-Knight (RWK) report had been circulated to members – see documents attached. Some points were raised:

- Dave Goodacre concerned that the subs did not come back to the grass roots (with the exception of the £4 per head). GH agreed and also pointed out that there would be a drop in any case due to the fall in membership. In 2012 only 200 of 1600 who nationally did the courses went on to become paying members of the ECB ACO after their free year.
- Phil Palfreyman asked why the grants from L&RCL had reduced. GM said that the intention had been to give £1000 per year but some of the money had been advanced early. GH disputed this and a further meeting with GM to discuss this was required. GM would not be drawn on the question of grants for next year.
- Ian Armitage asked what happened in other counties. GH observed that Leics and Rutland appear to be the poor relations in the East Midlands.
- GH pointed out that it was hoped to obtain some funding from the new Leicestershire and Rutland cricket league. However, as this was still an embryo, progress in this direction had not been made.
- Simon Clark asked if we had a forecast for the next financial year – answer “not yet”.

Independent Examiners Report

- Colin Samuels and Dave Goodacre stated that the accounts were a true and fair record.
- Proposed by Rod Watts, seconded by Alan Pearce that the accounts be adopted which was unanimously accepted.

Education & training officer's report

JE's report had been circulated to members – see document attached. There were no comments arising.

- GH observed that a weekend course had been held in the Stamford over 3 Sundays with all 6 candidates passing the exam.
- Proposed by Keith Towers, seconded by Phil Palfreyman that the report be adopted which was unanimously accepted.

Performance officer's report

GH's report had been circulated to members – see document attached. There were no comments arising.

- Proposed by Steve Horner, seconded by Derek Jordan that the report be adopted which unanimously accepted.

Appointment officer's report

Keith Towers' (KT) report had been circulated to members – see document attached.

- Dave Goodacre – Why cannot umpires be paid on the day? For county appointed matches. KT said system paying when appointments all completed was running smoothly. Rod Watts confirmed agreement at Everards meeting. GM stated umpires could be paid before the end of the season if their appointments had finished earlier.
- Simon Clark suggested scorers should be appointed and paid for junior matches. GM stated they were for under 15's and 17's.
- GH/KT reminded members about "Who's the Umpire" website. Umpires must keep their availability up to date. KT said he would not stand in the way of anyone who wished to switch from a county appointment to one in a national competition. C2* and above umpires would normally be accepted but others may well get appointments.
- Proposed by Maurice Deacon, seconded by Phil Palfreyman that the report be adopted which was unanimously accepted.

Scorers officer's report

Simon Clark's (SC) had been circulated to members.

- Rod Watts confirmed that scorers had been appointed at Premier and Division 1 clubs.
- SC reported that 7 individuals were undertaking the ECB ACO Level 1 correspondence course.
- ECB ACO have medium to long term plan for scorers to use computers.
- Proposed by Colin Samuels, seconded by John Harrop that the report be adopted which was unanimously accepted.

Welfare officer's report

Phil Palfreyman (PP) had nothing to report.

Subscriptions

This topic was passed over.

Election of officers and committee

The following were elected/re-elected:

		Proposer	Second
Chairman :	Gordon Hubbard	Dave Goodacre	Rod Watts
Vice Chairman :	Alan Pearce	Rod Watts	Kevin Smyth
Secretary :	Colin Samuels	Keith Towers	Dave Goodacre
Treasurer :	Dick Whateley-Knight	Dave Goodacre	Bob Sizer
Education Officer			

Admin:	Chris Johnson	Gordon Hubbard	Steve Horner
Training:	John Edmonds	Bob Sizer	Alan Pearce
Performance Officer:	Gordon Hubbard	Bob Sizer	Colin Samuels
Scorers Officer:	Simon Clark	Dave Goodacre	Derek Jordan
Appointments Officer:	Keith Towers	Michael Shipman	Alan Jordan
Assistant – Universities:	Rod Watts	Maurice Deacon	Simon Clark
Assistant – Young Cricketers:	Arnold Brotherhood	Chris Day	Dick Spiers
L&RCL Committee			
Appointment Secretaries:			
Premier to Div 3	Kevin Smyth	Keith Towers	Bob Sizer
Divs 4 to 6	Mike Challands	Derek Jordan	Robin Whait
Divs 7 to 11	Robin Whait	Bob Sizer	Keith Towers
Assistant Appointment Secretaries:			
Premier to Div 3	Steve Horner	Maurice Deacon	Moh Rahaman
Divs 4 to 6	Derek Jordan	Alan Jordan	Robin Whait
Divs 7 to 11	Bob Gunn	Robin Whait	Alan Jordan
Welfare Officer	Phil Palfreyman	Chris Day	Rod Watts
Website Manager/ Membership Services Officer:			
	Colin Samuels	Alan Pearce	Simon Clark
Committee Member:	Ian Armitage	John Harrop	Chris Johnson
Young Officials Representative:			
	Graham Pickering	Keith Towers	Ian Armitage
Independent Examiners:	Chris Lawman and Dave Goodacre	Gordon Hubbard	Phil Palfreyman

All of these appointments received unanimous approval.

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

Any other business

- Steve Horner felt that umpires officiating outside the county and nationally should receive more publicity. Also highlight on the website.
- Colin Samuels stated that all announcements would be on the front page of the website. The website will also contain official documents, constitution and amendments, laws of cricket and amendments although MCC laws version 5 has not yet been released electronically. He also drew members' attention to the Who's the Umpire and ECB ACO website.
- Ian Armitage requested a new list of officers, etc.
- Dick Whateley-Knight wished to thank all those who had arranged and attended the dinner and presentation celebrating his 90th birthday.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm and was followed by a presentation of the new Leicestershire & Rutland cricket league umpires Policy

Signed as a true and accurate record

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Hubbard', with a stylized flourish at the end.

G Hubbard

Chairman

10th November 2014

Gordon Hubbard [chairman]
Chris Lawman [secretary]
Dick Spiers [president]
Dick Whateley-Knight [treasurer]
Ian Armitage
David Barnett
Peter Bates
John Bleby
Phil Bowley
John Brown
Arnold Brotherhood
Julian Cartwright
Simon Clark
Roy Clarke
Brian Cornes
Chris Day
Maurice Deacon
John Edmonds
Dave Goodacre
Bob Gunn
Eric Hanson
John Harrop
Steve Horner
Paul Illingworth
Chris Johnson
Alan Jordan
Derek Jordan
David Marsh
Ged McDougall
Phil Palfreyman
Kishnor Patel
MP Patel
Alan Pearce
Andrew Pearce
Dan Pedley
Peter Pickard
Mohammed Raherman
Colin Samuels
Genya Savin
Michael Shipman
Bob Sizer
Alan Sommer
Andy Smith
Kevin Smyth
Melvyn Swingler
Keith Towers
Colin Trevis
Rodney Watts

Robin Whait

Graham Dexter
Mel Dines
Dick Fowkes
Gordon George
Mick Hawes
Peter Holland
Gillian Jurenko
Alex Mofford
David Nance
Neil Palmer
Graham Pickering
Andy Sarratt
Mel Smith
Tony Upton