

Leicestershire & Rutland Association of Cricket Officials
County Performance Officer's Report
Annual General Meeting 10th November 2014

Ladies and Gentlemen

As I said in my Chairman's report the 2014 season has been an extremely busy one with the introduction of the L&R Cricket League. As chairman of the League's Umpire's Panel there was a number of issues that arose as expected which had to be dealt with but I have to congratulate the Appointments Secretaries for managing a difficult beginning with over 100 umpires to appoint each week. Since the end of the season we have had three committee meetings trying to resolve the problems that have arisen along with requests from the League Management Committee to address certain problems which hopefully we have done.

At the outset I put a request to the League for some funding for Umpire Development and Education and much to my surprise they granted us £1,500 which I understand to be an annual grant along with £500 from the Cricket Board.

This allowed us to train another Boundary Assessor, Ian Armitage, and together Ian and I carried out 22 Boundary Assessments during the season. 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. Hopefully this can be achieved with the League money and more Assessors. Five members have expressed an interest in doing some Boundary Assessing next season who we will have to get trained up during the winter.

As CPO I have ensured that Educational courses were held last year, and acted as invigilator at the Level 1 exams which I was delighted to report a 100% pass rate. I carried out individual assessments on nearly all the Level 1A candidates and awarded them all with their certificates. Two have been left over to next season as it was difficult to fix them in for assessment when they were placed with a partner.

Five candidates, Julian Cartwright, Geof Foldys, John Harrop, Mo Rahaman and Bob Sizer were recommended for the Level 2 course but unfortunately Julian had to postpone his involvement until hopefully next season through illness. Of these John, Mo and Bob completed the course and obtained their Level 2. Chris Johnson has been put forward to do the Level 3 Course.

I attended the Professional Discussion [PD] for the Midlands Level 2 candidates as one of the assessing panel. PD is a final interview / assessment that they have to undertake at the end of the course.

I have conducted the annual umpire gradings for L&R ACO with assistance from the League Umpires Panel Committee. These have been forwarded to ECB ACO and all members have been notified of their grading.

Gordon Hubbard
23/10/2013