

Leicestershire & Rutland Association of Cricket Officials

Chairman's Report to the Annual General Meeting 10th November 2014

Ladies and Gentlemen

May I start my report by extending our deepest condolences to our Treasurer, Dick Whateley Knight, whose wife Joan passed away on 15th October. She was a great support to Dick in his capacity as treasurer over the past 34 years and a loyal supporter of the L&R ACO social events.

As expected, business this year has been dominated by the commencement of the Leicestershire and Rutland Cricket League. Matters relating to the League I will deal with in my County Performance Officer's report as chairman of the League Umpires panel.

The year started with Colin Samuels taking over from Chris Lawman as Secretary and Chris Johnson, also succeeding Chris Lawman, as Education Officer [Admin] otherwise the Committee remained the same as from the previous year.

The Branch was represented by Alan Pearce [in my absence], Colin Samuels and Simon Clark at the East Midlands Forum at Bracebridge Heath in March. The next meeting is scheduled for 9th November at Oakham when it is expected that I will attend along with several other officers of the Branch.

I attended the half yearly Midlands Chairmen's Meetings in at Longton in April and at Trent Bridge in October. These are important meetings for chairmen to attend as we are given reports not only on Education and Performance matters but the latest news and report on ECB and ACO matters.

The Annual Branch Dinner was held in February at the Leicester College when the Rev Alan Haydock entertained us with a very amusing speech. Thanks again to Chris Day and Dick Whateley-Knight for the organising the event.

Two weeks ago I attended an ECB Discovery Workshop at Grace Road when the presentation covered an insight and a deeper understanding of cricket players in their likes and dislikes of the game from the national survey that had been undertaken by ECB this summer. I have arranged for Ged McDougall, L&R Cricket Development Director to present the findings of this survey to our membership on Monday 9th December.

The Midlands Regional Conference will be held at Nottingham on 1st November when I will be accompanied by Colin Samuels, Simon Clark, Scott Fraser [L&R ACO Scorers Officer designate], Chris Johnson, Bob Sizer and Alan Pearce [representing Keith Towers]. This is a very important meeting for ACO as it is presenting ECBs 'VMOST' Mission Statement to its members. This is a Policy that ECB must adopt to receive its funding from Sport England.

I attended the L&R Cricket Board AGM in March but there has not been any Board meeting since although the Cricket Board and the County Cricket Club amalgamated in the summer but Board members have not been officially told about it yet.

Branch wise - the committee has met on six occasions when there has been business to discuss and matters to disseminate from regional meetings. Training courses were again run but you will get the full details from the education staff.

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.

Gordon Hubbard
23/10/2014