



ACTCA Cricket Umpires & Scorers Council
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Mr Mark Vergano
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Dear Mark

Thank you for your letter of 10 December 2008 in reply to my letter of 25 November concerning expenses paid to members of the ACTCA Umpires and Scorers' Council (the Council). The letter was considered at the regular monthly meeting of the Council held Monday, 15 December.

The Council welcomes the opportunity to discuss with you and the Board, the issues raised in our correspondence, with a view to establishing parity in expenses paid to ACT umpires and scorers with those paid to umpires and scorers in other jurisdictions.

Additionally, the Council notes Cricket ACT is about to enter into negotiations with Cricket Australia in relation to its role and funding arrangements for the next four years. The Council would welcome the opportunity to contribute to the development of the outcomes sought from the negotiations and the strategy for pursuing them. The Association's Finance Committee might prove to be an appropriate forum in which to develop a strategic approach to these negotiations.

The Council is not convinced that it is impractical to amend the budget of CricketACT mid-season. Funds are available to enable the Board to do so, and not to do so will continue an unreasonable regime. The approved budget does not provide expenses for umpires in the ACT which are commensurate with those received in other major jurisdictions. It is appropriate that this oversight be corrected as soon as possible. The Council also is concerned that there is, as

yet, no apparent plan for the Board to redress the disparity in expenses for Scorers. This situation also needs to be resolved.

The Council is interested in moving ahead expeditiously on all these issues and is ready to meet with you and the Board as soon as possible.

The Secretary of the Council, Andrew Turner, and I are available to commence these discussions on Monday 23 December. We propose that we meet subsequently on Friday 16 January 2009, perhaps with a representative from the Board.

Yours sincerely

Ken Brazel
Chair

