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ACT Cricket Association Umpires & Scorers Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting, held at the Cultural Centre, Italo-Australian Club, Forrest on 18 July 2011.

1. Chairman's Welcome and Meeting Opening

The Acting Chair, Nick Ewbank, opened the meeting at 1802, (pending the arrival of the Chair, Ken Brazel) welcoming members and Martin Garoni (Cricket ACT) in lieu of Mark Vergano (Cricket ACT) who sent his apologies. Nick also welcomed the attendance of Graham Chudleigh on behalf of the NSWCUSA.

2. Attendance and Apologies for Non-attendance

The Secretary asked all those present to sign the meeting attendance sheet.

Life Members:

B. Climas, (1).

Financial Members:

D. Bithell (unable to stay for the duration of the meeting), K. Brazel, C. Cahill, G. Clifton, D. Eason, N. Ewbank, S. Grocock, D. Harding, P. Howes, T. Keel, J. Lazic, S. Lightbody, Y. Ramasundara, R. Reinhard, W. Ruse, A. Shelley, B. Thomas, A. Turner (18);

Visitors:

M. Garoni (Cricket ACT) (1) [20].

Apologies for Non-attendance:

Life Members:

D. Gould, B. Lawrence (2)

Financial Members:

P. Baker, S. Bushell, M. Ferris, A. Kopras, T. Logan, A. Morehouse, C. Polglase, G. Rouse (8);

Visitors: M. Vergano (CricketACT) (1) [11].

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3. Minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting

- Ken Brazel took the Chair from 1804 and the minutes were tabled. There was no business arising from the minutes.

Minutes accepted:

B. Climas/D. Eason
Carried

4. Proxies

- The Secretary advised attendees that there were 3 formal apologies for which that person had nominated a proxy to vote on their behalf. They are as follows;

Member	Proxy
G Rouse	G Clifton
D Bithell	G Clifton
P Baker	A Turner

5. Election of Secretary

- The Chair offered his formal thanks on behalf of the Council to the outgoing Secretary (Andy Turner) and his personal thanks for the assistance that Andy was able to provide to the Chair over the last 4 years. It was proposed that the Agenda be modified slightly to elect the incoming Secretary to allow for the handover of responsibilities to occur earlier in the meeting rather than at the end. The Chair noted that there was one nomination (Stuart Grocock) for the vacant office made prior to the meeting and called for any further nominations from the attendees. As no further nominations were received, Stuart was elected unopposed and immediately took over the role of Secretary.

6. Annual Report

- The Chair referred to a draft of the Annual Report which has been available on the Council website for review and comment since 10 July. Ron Reinhard questioned the award for the Second and Lower Grade Umpire of the Year. The wording should actually read 'Best Lower Grade Umpire' due to the lack of available standing umpires to make a separate award for lower grades.
- Andy Turner also noted that the report from the Recruitment and Training Manager was unavailable at this stage.

7. Membership fees for 2011-12

- Andy Turner advised the meeting that this is a compulsory item that must be included in any Annual General Meeting of the Council, as stipulated by the ACTCA Constitution, even if the issue was unlikely to be resolved in the unavoidable absence of the Finance Officer, Andrew Kopras. The Chair noted the item and suggested that it would be considered by the Executive at their first meeting and re-addressed at the first General Meeting after that time.

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8. Address by Visitors

a) Martin Garoni: Game Development Manager, CricketACT

- Martin apologised for Mark Vergano's absence due to a conflicting interstate appointment. Martin's address included the following points;
 - a) Expressed his thanks to the Executive and to all umpires and scorers for season 2010/11, especially in light of the reduced numbers available for appointment.
 - b) Noted that there is a busy season ahead also as there a large number of important games scheduled for the ACT including the Futures League moving to 4 day format, the WNCL, a game to be played between India and the CA Chairman's XI, a Ryobi Cup one-day match and Sheffield Shield match to be played at Manuka, along with the Prime Minister's XI and the regular local Grade Competition fixtures. It is not known by Martin whether there will be any impact or requirement for local officials to be involved in the new fixtures but hoped this would become clear in the near future.

b) Graham Chudleigh: NSWCU&SA Representative

- Graham's address included the following points;
 - a) Darrell Hair and the Board send their regards
 - b) It had been a busy 12 months focussed on Training and Development of their members, Code changes and training sessions in a large number of Country venues. Level 1 and 2 umpires are required to sit a test and achieve a minimum of 85% to be eligible to stand in 1st and 2nd Grade matches.
 - c) Recruitment sessions were held 2 to 3 times to try to cover the 100 umpires needed for the 5 grade competitions in Sydney. Generally there are 130 umpires available at the start of a season but this drops off significantly by the end of season due to a number of reasons.
 - d) There were a number of Professional Development sessions held throughout the year by people such as Alan Mantle (members may recall Alan presenting to an ACT Council General Meeting in February 2011).
 - e) Of the representative umpires, Simon Taufel officiated in his first World Cup Final, thanks in part to Australia's lamentable tournament. Rod Tucker was elevated to the International Panel while Gerard Abood, Michael Kumutat and Greg Davidson were performing well towards promotion. Adam Morehouse was appointed to score in the Ashes Test in Sydney 2011.
 - f) Country umpires are regularly appointed to Sydney Grade matches with a metropolitan umpire to give them broader experience. On one occasion, 2 country umpires stood together in the same game and performed well.
 - g) The Association has 1260 members and managed to recruit 142 new members. Membership fees rose by 10% which was the first increase in 13 years.
 - h) Bathurst is the nominated venue for the Annual Convention this year on 10/11 September. ACT Members are encouraged to book early in order to obtain accommodation.
 - i) Level 2 umpiring renewals are overdue and are being pursued.

Ken Brazel advised Graham that we have a high rate of umpires who only stood for a couple of years and then moved on for various reasons e.g. family, work etc. How did NSW manage retention of this class of umpire?

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Graham responded that their level of retention was higher due to a mentoring system. First Grade umpires were rotated down to lower grades to assist these newer umpires

Chris Cahill asked if the 142 new members were in Sydney alone or state wide?

Graham stated that this figure is state wide and that of the 142, approximately 50 were unable to be retained. End of season fall off was quite severe by about Round 13-15.

Graeme Clifton asked to which grades Level 1 umpires were appointed?

Graham advised that First and Second grade were done predominantly by Level 2 umpires and that Level 1 umpires were limited to Third, Fourth and Fifth grades.

Ron Reinhard asked how Umpire observations were managed in NSW.

Graham stated that there are 5 or 6 observers who are required to visit 3 matches each for a minimum of 2 hours per venue. Appointments are based on the observations combined with on-field observations made by their senior partner. Observers are paid at the rate equivalent to standing in First Grade.

- The Chair thanked Martin and Graham for their addresses.

9. General Business

a) Progress report on review of ACTCA Constitution and By-Laws, and implications for Council Standing Minutes

- Andy Turner spoke on this matter. The Constitution and By-Laws are going to be considered at the Annual General Meeting of ACTCA in September; there should be another draft for comment before the AGM. Detail from these will end up in the Council's Standing Minutes and therefore the Standing Minutes are in a state of flux as they are pending these amendments.

b) Venue for Council meetings following destruction of Canberra Services Club (CSC) premises by fire on 28 April 2011

- Andy Turner advised the meeting that the Board of the CSC are intending to rebuild the premises on the same site once they get proper approval etc. This will not be a quick process. In the interim, the Council needs to seek alternative premises for our monthly meetings. The 3 options on the table at the moment are;
 - ✓ The Italo-Australian Club (Forrest),
 - ✓ Eastlakes Football Club (Kingston), and
 - ✓ The Canberra Club (Civic).

The incoming Executive will consider these options at its first meeting.

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10. Election of Office Bearers

- The Chair drew the attention of members to Attachment A to the agenda, which listed the offices for which elections were to be held and the candidates who had been duly nominated and seconded prior to the meeting. He sought nominations from the floor for each vacant office. A full list of nominations appears at **Attachment A** to these minutes. Each member present at the meeting who was involved in a poll was invited to address the meeting about their claims for election to the office. The Chair reminded members that only current financial members of the Council were eligible to vote in the elections. The results of the elections were:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Candidates/Elected</u>	<u>Nominated/Seconded</u>
Deputy Chairman ¹	Nick Ewbank	B. Ruse/A. Shelley
Secretary ²	Stuart Grocock	D. Eason/K. Brazel
Scorers Representative ³	Adam Morehouse	J. Hall/R. Hall
High Performance Manager ⁴	Terry Keel	B. Climas/N. Ewbank
Recruitment & Training Manager	Andrew Shelley	T. Keel/N. Ewbank
Recruitment & Training Panel (2)	Chris Cahill Yohan Ramsundara	A. Shelley/B. Climas R. Reinhard/D. Eason
Bill Ruse was nominated by N. Ewbank but declined the nomination		
Appointments Manager	Damian Eason Ron Reinhard	D. Bithell/S. Bushell B. Ruse/M. Jones
<i>Damian Eason polled more votes from members present at the meeting: Andy Turner and Bryan Climas were tellers for the poll.</i>		
Umpires Observer ⁵	Nick Ewbank Damian Eason	B. Ruse/A. Shelley D. Bithell/S. Bushell
<i>Damian Eason polled more votes from members present at the meeting: Andy Turner and Bryan Climas were tellers for the poll.</i>		
Appointments Panel (1)	Ron Reinhard	B. Ruse/M. Jones
Expenses Officer	Andrew Kopras	B. Climas/
General Liaison Officer	Don Harding	Y. Ramasundara/D. Eason
Equipment Officer	Stuart Grocock	D. Eason/K. Brazel
Records Officer	Adam Morehouse	N. Ewbank/A. Shelley

- The Meeting **agreed** that all ballot papers be destroyed.

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11. Any Other Business

(a) Remuneration for Umpires Observer

- Ron Reinhard proposed that the Umpires Observer rate of remuneration be increased and be based on the 2nd Grade rate multiplied by the number of hours spent observing. The Meeting **agreed** that the Executive would consider this proposal at its first meeting of the new Financial Year and would take other factors into consideration including the funding provided by clubs.

12. Meeting Close

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 1903.

Stuart Grocock
Hon Secretary
ACTCAU&SC
18 July 2011

Summary of action arising from these minutes

6(a)

- The wording of the Best Second Grade Umpire is to be amended for this year's Annual Report to Best Second and Lower Grade Umpire.

6(b)

- Andy Turner to follow up the inclusion of the Recruitment and Training Officer's report.

7.

- Membership Fees are to be reviewed by the Executive at its first meeting.

9(a)

- The Standing Minutes of the Council are to be placed on hold pending the outcome of the Grade Cricket Committee meeting in September.

9(b)

- The Executive will consider and make a decision on the best venue to hold ongoing meetings until the Canberra Services Club is available once more.

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ATTACHMENT A

NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION OF OFFICE HOLDERS AT ACTCAU&SC ANNUAL MEETING, 18 July 2011

Office	Candidate	Nominated by	Seconded by
Deputy Chairman	Nick Ewbank	Bill Ruse	Andrew Shelley
Secretary	Stuart Grocock	Damian Eason	Ken Brazel
Scorers Rep	Adam Morehouse	Jude Hall	Rob Hall
High Performance Manager	Terry Keel	Bryan Climas	Nick Ewbank
Recruitment & Training Manager	Andrew Shelley	Terry Keel	Nick Ewbank
Members, Recruitment & Training Panel (2)	Chris Cahill Yohan Ramasundara	Andrew Shelley Ron Reinhard	Bryan Climas Damian Eason
Appointments Manager	Damian Eason Ron Reinhard	Dean Bithell Bill Ruse	Shannon Bushell Melissa Jones
Umpires Observer	Nick Ewbank Damian Eason	Bill Ruse Dean Bithell	Andrew Shelley Shannon Bushell
Member, Appointments Panel	Ron Reinhard	Bill Ruse	Melissa Jones
Expenses Officer	Andrew Kopras	Bryan Climas	
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¹ Para 32(2)(a) of the ACTCA Constitution states: *The officers of the Umpires and Scorers Council shall include: a deputy chairman (elected in each odd numbered year in accordance with sub-clause 32A(3) of this Constitution);*

² Para 32(2)(a) of the ACTCA Constitution states: *The officers of the Umpires and Scorers Council shall include: a secretary (elected in each odd numbered year in accordance with sub-clause 32A(3) of this Constitution);*

³ Para 32(2)(a) of the ACTCA Constitution states: *The officers of the Umpires and Scorers Council shall include: a representative (to be known as the “Scorer’s Representative”) of those members of the Umpires and Scorers Council who are qualified to act as Scorers (elected annually in accordance with 32A(3) of this Constitution);*

⁴ Para 32F of the ACTCA Constitution states: *The Board, in consultation with Cricket Australia and the Umpires and Scorers Council Executive, shall appoint annually a High Performance Manager. Until otherwise determined by the Board, the High Performance Manager shall be the Board’s representative on the Umpires and Scorers Council Executive under sub-clause*

32A(2)(a)(vi).

The HPM is also ex officio member of Appointments Panel

⁵ *The Umpires’ Observer is also an ex officio member of the Appointments Panel.*