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## **ACT Cricket Association Umpires and Scorers Council**

### **Minutes of the General Meeting, held at Black Mountain Peninsula, Lady Denman Drive, Acton on 12 December 2011.**

#### **1. Attendance**

The Chair opened the meeting at 1807 and welcomed all attendees.

Present:

D Bithell, K Brazel, C Cahill, G Clifton, D Crockart, M Ferris, S Grocock, J Hall, R Hall, D Hooper, T Keel, A Koprass, S Lightbody, T Logan, D Markham, P McCann, T McNamara, R Reinhard, G Rouse, A Shelley, B Thomas, A Turner (22)

Apologies:

S Bushell, B Climas, N Ewbank, R Garimella, D Harding, P Howes, M Jones, A Jordan, A Morehouse, Y Ramasundara, C Polglase (11)

#### **2. Acceptance of, and matters arising from, the General Meeting of 21 November 2011**

- The minutes were **not** accepted at this point as the Chairman noted that he wished to make amendments to them that had not been circulated as yet.

6(a) **Noted** advice from Ken Brazel that the Executive Meeting of 6 December had proceeded with a full quorum and that all outstanding business had been addressed and therefore the Executive was now functioning normally.

6(d) **Noted** information from Ken Brazel that progress on the Standing Minutes changes had been a slow process but he thanked Bryan Climas and Andy Turner for all of their hard work on the project to date. He will be asking Bryan to submit a progress version to the Executive for consideration out of session with the aim to have it ready for sign off by season's end. It was further noted by Stuart Grocock that the changes can only be voted for at an AGM although Ron Reinhard further noted that they could also be voted on at a Special AGM.

#### **3. Player Reports**

**Noted** information from Graeme Clifton that the reporting of Craig Devoy from Tuggeranong had been heard by a Judicial Panel of only 2, as they had been unable to organise the necessary 3 member panel. All parties had agreed that the verdict would be accepted without appeal despite the "unconstitutional" nature of the panel. The nature of the charge was that the player had excessively disputed the LBW decision by lingering at the crease for an excessive period of time with his arms widespread. The Panel felt that the charge should be downgraded from a Level 2 to Level 1 as the offence was not deemed to be serious enough. Devoy had pleaded guilty and accepted the reprimand. It was also noted that Tuggeranong view the reporting of their players very dimly and would be taking their own disciplinary action as well.

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### **3. Umpiring and Technical Issues**

#### **(a) Laws and Rules**

**Noted** that the Recruitment and Training Manager had no rules or issues to discuss at the meeting. Terry Keel raised an interesting point that he and Tom Logan had discussed the scenario that could occur when a No Ball initiated Leg Byes and then went for four runs. According to Tom Smith's, this should be signalled as No Ball, Byes and then 4 runs.

### **4. General Business**

#### **(a) Sightscreen Attendant Nominations**

**Noted** advice from the Secretary that all positions for the advertised vacancies were now filled and that Cricket ACT had organised a junior cricketer would be attending on the Thursday and Friday to ensure that there were 4 attendants at all times.

### **5. Reports**

- Verbal reports submitted at the meeting are as follows;

#### **a) Chair**

Advised the Council that he had attended a meeting with Chris Doyle today, without the Secretary, in which various matters regarding the Umpiring this season had been discussed. The feedback was that the umpiring in general was going very well. Captains' feedback so far had indicated general pleasure with the standard of umpiring. Reports were minimal and they were wondering what the cause of this was.

He also advised again, that the Executive had met the previous week and that they would not be meeting in early January unless there was sufficient business to warrant doing so.

#### **b) Deputy Chair**

The Deputy chair was attending the Grade Cricket Committee meeting and was therefore unable to attend nor able to provide any updates at this point.

#### **c) Finance Officer**

The Finance Officer indicated that very little transactions had occurred to date and therefore minimal information could be conveyed.

#### **d) Secretary**

Nothing more to report

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### **e) Scorers Representative**

Noted advice from Judith Hall that all was going well. Adam's appointments to representative matches had been noted via email and that his apology for the meeting had also been tendered as he was scoring in the Sheffield Shield match at Manuka.

### **f) High Performance Manager**

Advised the meeting that the session in Goulburn with Darren Goodger had not been well attended which was a shame as they evening had proceeded very well and was very well received by those in attendance. He commended the session to all and to give further thought to attending a similar session next season.

### **g) Recruitment and Training Manager**

Nothing to report

### **h) Umpires Observer**

Endorsed the comments made in the Chair's verbal report regarding feedback from Cricket ACT. He advised the Council that he would be standing in games in the latter half of the season with newer umpires. This is partially driven by budget constraints although the Finance Officer advised that funding can be provided for off-field observation if required. Off field observation would be performed during the semi finals with a view to assisting the appointments for the finals. Damian also advised that he had access to video equipment which could be used to examine how an umpire was operating especially concerning movement, signalling etc. If anyone wished to take advantage of this service then he should be contacted to arrange this.

### **i) Appointments Manager**

Explained to the meeting what happens when appointments involve any level of self interest as this was an issue that was concerning some members. Damian advised that at any time this occurred, the person concerned would be excused from the meeting and not invited to return until a decision had been reached.

### **j) Expenses Officer**

Advised that payment of expenses should proceed this week and that a statement would be sent to all members to enable them to reconcile their records to date. The payment would be the season start until 4 December inclusive.

### **k) General Liaison Officer**

Nil to report

### **l) Equipment Officer**

Nil to report although there was some minor discussion that took place concerning whether there was any interest in changing the colour of our pants to beige from black due to the darker colour being excessively hot. Simon Lightbody pointed out that if a

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pair of high quality black pants was worn this avoided the heat issue therefore a change of colour would not be required.

### **m) Records Officer**

Nil to report

## **6. Any Other Business**

### **(a) Foot Fault in Third Grade One Day Match**

**Noted** a question from Tim McNamara concerning what happens when there is a foot fault in a Third Grade Men's one day match. The meeting confirmed that it was a free hit. Tim asked if the free hit delivery counted as a legal delivery in the over. This was confirmed as being correct unless the free hit delivery was also illegal e.g. wide, no ball etc

### **(b) Barbecue**

**Noted** thanks from Ken Brazel on behalf of the meeting to Ron Reinhard for his efforts in obtaining the food for the barbecue and then also for cooking it. It was warmly appreciated. Ron made it known that he will be "standing down" from future barbecue assignments.

### **(c) Crawford Report into CA Restructure**

**Noted** recommendations from Andy Turner about the report which is available on the Cricket Australia website. Andy stated that it is a very interesting document and well worth the trouble of reading it.

## **6. Next Meeting**

The Chair closed the meeting at 19:00. The next General Meeting of the Council will be at **17:30 on Monday 16 January 2012** at the Italo-Australian Club, Forrest.

Stu Grocock  
Hon Secretary  
20 December 2011

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### **Summary of action arising**

**(2)** The Secretary is to distribute the proposed amendments to the minutes of the 21 November 2011 General Meeting to enable members to accept the changes or not. There are no actions arising from this meeting.