

# East Surrey Association of Cricket Umpires & Scorers

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## **Minutes of the ESACUS committee meeting held at 10.30am on Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> 2008 at Pool Cottage, Westerham Rd, Oxted, RH8 OER.**

Present: Steve Hodge (Chairman)  
Lorraine Elgar (Vice Chairman)  
John Flatley (Secretary & Webmaster)  
Peter Turner (Treasurer)  
Andrew Etherington  
Bernard Wright (Social Secretary)

Apologies: Fred Imms

### **Minutes of the last meeting**

25/08 The Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### **Matters Arising**

26/08 Agreement was given for John Smith to purchase additional copies of Tom Smith's for participants of the forthcoming ECB Level 1 Umpiring Course.

### **Matters arising from the AGM**

27/08 The Secretary reported that there had been a number of complaints from members not present at the AGM about the decision to change the constitution of the association (i.e. to the East Surrey Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association). Questions had been raised as to whether or not it had been procedurally correct to allow this as an "amendment" to the tabled proposals.

28/08 After discussion the committee agreed that there may have been a procedural error and that we should issue an addendum to the AGM minutes. With this change incorporated, the committee approved the draft minutes of the AGM and it was agreed that the Secretary should circulate to members with the next newsletter.

29/08 It was agreed that we should call an Extraordinary Meeting (EGM) to allow a fresh proposal to amend the constitution. After discussing possible dates, it was agreed that the EGM should be held prior to the pre-season quiz on 2nd April 2009.

30/08 Now that the roles of Secretary and Treasurer were held by different committee members there was discussion about the division of responsibilities. It was agreed that the Secretary should maintain a master list of members and inform the Treasurer of any new recruits or resignations. In turn, the Treasurer would keep a record of any subs paid to him direct, or passed to him by the Secretary. Good communication between the Secretary and Treasurer were agreed to be essential to ensure our records were accurate.

31/08 It was also agreed that all communication with members (e.g. newsletters, forwarding emails from other associations, clubs seeking umpires etc.) should be channelled through the Secretary. In the short-term this might require Peter to forward on emails sent to him in his previous role and to inform senders that they should in future contact John direct.

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32/08 There was discussion about communication with members and some concern expressed about the use of hyper-links to documents held on the association's website rather than sending documents attached to emails or hard copy by post. It was suggested that we should seek members' views on this and keep it under review.

33/08 John reported that he was working on the next edition of a newsletter with a revised format and would circulate a draft to members of the committee within a week. It was agreed that this should be sent out with the AGM minutes as soon as possible.

### **Treasurer's Report**

34/08 Peter reported that the AGM expenses had been £81.22. He also reported that the current balance in the bank was £1461.89 and he held petty cash of £17.75. The association also had a balance of £2,092.82 in the Halifax Building Society account.

35/08 There was discussion about the expenses incurred by committee members in the course of their work supporting the association. It was agreed that with immediate effect committee members may claim, if they so wish, mileage at a rate of 40p per mile to cover expenses whilst on ESACUS committee business (e.g. travelling to committee meetings).

36/08 Given the healthy state of our bank balance, Lorraine suggested that we should consider setting up a scholarship scheme for young officials. This would be relatively inexpensive and could, for example cover the course fees for a Level 1 ECB course, travelling expenses and purchase of a starter kit (e.g. coat, run counters etc.). There was agreement that this would be a good initiative and it was agreed that the idea needed to be fleshed out and discussed further at the next meeting.

### **Webmaster's Report**

37/08 John presented his report which included the fact that the website had been amended following the AGM so that it now referred to ESCUSA, rather than ESACUS. Given the earlier decision to revoke the change of name, it was agreed that John should restore the previous version of the site.

38/08 Latest usage figures were encouraging with October showing a recovery in the number of visitors to the website to levels recorded during the summer months.

### **Training Report**

39/08 Andrew reported back on the recent Introductory Course for Umpiring that had been held with 12 delegates. From the tutors' perspective the course had appeared to have run very well and feedback from delegates had been positive. The course did not result in any qualification but delegates were issued with a certificate to show that they had attended the course and the Surrey Championship Panel had noted that this would be taken into consideration as evidence of continuing professional development, for example if delegates applied to join the panel.

40/08 Andrew reported that we currently had 18-20 expressions of interest for the new ECB Level 1 Umpiring Course that we will be holding in February, again at Caterham School. It was agreed that the cost for this course should be adjusted to £25 to bring it into line with what was being charged by other associations in Surrey.

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- 41/08 There had been a delay in the ECB finalising course material for the new Level 1 Course. However, Andrew reported that we had been promised it will be ready in good time before we run our course.
- 42/08 Andrew reported that the ECB were currently training tutors to deliver new Level 2 courses (both for umpires and scorers) and that we would expect at least one or two courses to be available in the region in 2009.
- 43/08 There was discussion about our reliance on facilities at Caterham School and the fact that we may not be able to count on this for much longer. We had previously been approached by Freemans' School and it was possible that this might be an alternative venue in the future.
- 44/08 As the association does not currently have its own laptop, OHP or screen, it was agreed we should include a bid to purchase such equipment in our application for a training grant from the Surrey Cricket Board. Andrew offered to investigate the costs and to forward to John who would be forwarding the grant application to David Edwards.
- 45/08 In the meantime, Lorraine offered to lend the association spare equipment that she currently held if it was needed.

### **Welfare Officer role**

- 46/08 There was discussion about the lack of clarity about what was expected of the Welfare Officer role and it was agreed that the Secretary should write to the Surrey Cricket Board Welfare Officer seeking advice.

### **Future programme**

- 47/08 It was agreed that we should remind members about the annual dinner being held on Friday 6th February 2009 at the Toby Inn, Redhill. John would include a note in the next newsletter and ask members to send Bernard a cheque for £15 to secure their place by the 14th January. The restaurant had asked for confirmation of numbers two weeks in advance.
- 48/08 The EGM and pre-season quiz had been arranged to take place on Thursday 2nd April 2009 at Horley CC. Bernard would confirm that space in the pavilion would be made available for us.
- 49/08 There was discussion about the possibility of holding a Christmas social gathering either at a local cricket club or other venue (room in pub, community hall etc.). It was agreed that Steve would approach Leatherhead CC to see if their bar could be opened for us on 15th December.

- 50/08 Lorraine and Steve offered to explore other venues in the East Surrey area for future events.

### **News from ECB ACO and SCB ACO**

- 51/08 Lorraine reported that the results of the election for a Regional Representative on the ECB ACO Board were expected to be announced on the 4th December.
- 52/08 John reported back on a meeting of the SCB ACO committee that he had attended in place of Steve. An AGM would be held on 18th March 2009 (venue to be confirmed). John White had taken on the role of Appointments Officer for the SCB

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ACO and it had been agreed that appointments for Surrey County Age Group matches and Surrey Senior cricket matches were to come under his control. John would be inviting members of the ECB ACO to apply to be considered for appointments to such matches.

53/08 John White had also offered to act as a single point of contact for requests for umpires and scorers from any club or school in Surrey. He intended to then circulate it via a central mailing list of members of all the local associations in Surrey. It was agreed that this was a good idea and would streamline previous arrangements. However, it was felt that we should seek permission from our members to pass their contact details onto John for this purpose prior to doing so.

### **A.O.B.**

54/08 There was no other business.

The meeting ended at 1.25 p.m..

John Flatley	Confirmed	.....
Secretary		
February 19 <sup>th</sup> 2009	Date	.....