

East Surrey Cricket Umpires & Scorers Association

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Minutes of the ESCUSA committee meeting held at 2.30pm on Wednesday, September 2nd 2009 at Steve Hodge's home.

Present: Steve Hodge (Chairman)
John Flatley (Secretary & Webmaster)
Peter Turner (Treasurer)
Bernard Wright (Social Secretary)

Apologies: Lorraine Elgar (Vice Chairman)
Andrew Etherington

Minutes of the last meeting

75/09 The Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

76/09 Minute 48/09 re: role of Welfare Officers had not been actioned. The Chairman said that he had forgotten to take this forward and asked the Secretary to circulate minutes more promptly. This was echoed by the Treasurer and the Secretary agreed to endeavour to have draft minutes circulated within a week of each meeting. It was agreed that the Secretary would write to the Secretary of the SCB ACO about the matter so that it could be raised at the next SCB ACO committee meeting.

77/09 Lorraine's action (51/09) to find out more details about the Kent cricket league's pack for umpires was carried forward as she was not present to report back.

78/09 John's action to follow-up Fergus Guppy (ECB ACO Young Officials Officer) (52/09) regarding the idea of the association providing sponsorship to promote the development of new young officials was outstanding. John agreed to follow-up again.

79/09 The advert on the association's website about the Introduction to Umpiring course (53/09) remained outstanding and John agreed to liaise with Andrew over content.

80/09 John reported that he had not received any comments from committee members on the draft. An item had been added to the agenda to discuss.

Treasurer's Report

81/09 The Chairman requested that this item on the agenda was re-titled as Finance at future committee meetings.

82/09 The Treasurer, Peter Turner, reported that he had sent a cheque for £150 to ECB ACO for ECB Level 1 course fees (54/09).

83/09 Peter also reported that he had received the refund from the SE-ACUS which amounted to a total of £15.

84/09 The current bank balance was £856.21, there was petty cash of £19.84 and a balance of £2092.82 in the Halifax account.

85/09 There was discussion about the budget for the AGM. The rental cost of a room at the Menzies Chequers Hotel was £75. It was agreed that we would pay the cost of John Holder's train fare and an overnight stay at the hotel. The total cost was likely to be in the region of £300.

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- 86/09 John proposed to obtain sale or return copies of John Holder's *You are the Umpire* book so it could be sold to members at the AGM. It was agreed that John should seek 25 copies for the AGM either through the publishers or a local book-shop.
- 87/09 Peter Turner brought to the attention of the committee problems surrounding the administration of the Halifax account, in particular the difficulty of changing signatories. Peter proposed to close the account with immediate effect and transfer the money into a business account at Lloyds (our cash account). However, as such an account attracted no interest, it was agreed that Peter should obtain signatures for the closure of the account but not submit until the committee had reviewed alternative options.

Stock update

- 88/09 John gave a stock update. There had been sales of £12.20 since the last meeting and purchases of £9. Andrew Etherington had also put an order in for 20 copies of Tom Smith's for the forthcoming Level 1 course.
- 89/09 The current stock comprised: 12 copies of Tom Smith's; 3 run counters; 2 Hunt's County umpire counters; 2 Gray-Nicholls umpire counters; 1 pack of bowlers markers; and, 3 copies of MCC Pocket Law Books.
- 90/09 It was agreed that John should replenish our stock before the forthcoming Level 1 course at the end of October.

Training Report

- 91/09 A note from Andrew was read out by John concerning arrangements for training in the close season. Andrew, John Moulton and Jeremy Beckwith were lined up to teach on the forthcoming Level 1 course on 31 October/1 November at Reigate Grammar School.
- 92/09 The Chairman expressed concern that the actual venue had yet to be confirmed and asked Peter Turner to chase this up as a matter of urgency. Peter agreed to do so but pointed out that RGS staff had just returned to school and were likely to be pre-occupied with the start of term. However, it was agreed that given the closeness of the course we needed to pursue this as a matter of urgency and Peter agreed to do his best to make contact by the second week of September.
- 93/09 Steve reported back on discussions at the SCB ACO about a new pilot "Level 1a" course intended as a bridge between ECB Level 1 and 2 courses. A course had been prepared by Graham Cooper which might be adopted by the ECB in the future. The West Surrey association were intending to run this course starting October. It was agreed that the Secretary should email all ESCUSA members to notify them of this course and our own Level 1 course.
- 94/09 It was agreed that we would charge £30 for the forthcoming Level 1 course (£25 for the course and £5 for subscription) and a £10 exam fee which would be refundable if the candidate could show evidence of having joined the ECB ACO. It was agreed that tutors would be paid a fee of £25 per day.
- 95/09 It was agreed that John, Andrew and Peter should discuss, and agree, a budget for the course.

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96/09 Peter asked John for an updated membership list following reminders sent out prior to the EGM in April. John agreed to send the latest list to Peter.

97/09 It was agreed that a list of lapsed members was needed for the AGM.

Webmaster's report

98/09 John presented his report which showed that the website was continuing to attract between 500 and 600 visitors a month.

Survey of members

99/09 The draft survey was reviewed and a number of changes were agreed. A hand-annotated copy was given to John so that he could amend.

100/09 It was agreed that the questionnaire should be sent by hard copy to all members at the same time as notice of the AGM was issued, i.e. around mid October.

Future programme

101/09 John reported on the forthcoming SCB ACO event at the Oval on the first day on the County Championship match between Surrey CCC and Northants CCC. Both match umpires had agreed to meet with local members at the close of play and Chris Bullen (Surrey Cricket Development Manager) had been helpful in arranging a room and complimentary match tickets for those wishing to attend the game.

102/09 John reported that John Holder had agreed to speak at our Annual General Meeting on 26 November and that he had booked the Menzies Chequers Hotel in Horley for the event. It was agreed that we should invite members to arrive at 7pm for a 7.30pm start and that the business part of the AGM should conclude by 8pm for an 8.15pm start for John Holder.

103/09 It was agreed that committee members should not talk through their reports but simply ask for questions (assuming members had read them prior to the meeting). It was agreed that the Secretary should outline this to members in the AGM notice so all were clear in advance.

104/09 John suggested that we propose life membership to Leslie Cheeseman at the AGM and that it would be good if we asked John Holder to present a memento to Leslie to mark this occasion. This was endorsed and John agreed to make arrangements.

105/09 The date for the next annual dinner was confirmed as 19 February 2009 at the Toby Carvery, Redhill. Bernard agreed to book nearer the time and to arrange a raffle on the night.

News from SCB ACO and ECB ACO

106/09 Steve reported back from the SCB ACO and informed us that the training grant from the SCB had still not come through.

108/09 John provided information on the forthcoming ECB ACO AGM and one-day conference. Further details were in the ECB ACO newsletter (available on website but not yet despatched to members).

A.O.B.

73/09 There was no other business.

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Date of next meeting

74/09 Thursday 3 December, 11am at Peter Turner's house.

The meeting ended at 5.40p.m.

John Flatley	Confirmed
Secretary		
September 14 th 2009	Date