

East Surrey Cricket Umpires & Scorers Association

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Minutes of the ESCUSA committee meeting held at 10.30am on Tuesday, November 10th 2009 at Peter Turner's home.

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

Apologies: Lorraine Elgar (Vice Chairman)

Minutes of the last meeting

110/09 The Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

- 111/09 Minute 76/09 re: role of Welfare Officers, John reported that he had written to the Secretary of the SCB ACO asking that the matter be raised at the next SCB ACO committee meeting.
- 112/09 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.
- 113/09 John's action to follow-up with the ECB ACO Young Officials Officer (52/09) regarding the idea of the association providing sponsorship to promote the development of new young officials remained outstanding.
- 114/09 The advert on the association's website about the Introduction to Umpiring course (53/09) still had not been done and John agreed to take forward.
- 115/09 John apologised for forgetting to re-title the Treasurer's report item as Finance on the agenda for the meeting (80/09). He agreed to action this from the next meeting.
- 116/09 Peter had not received an updated membership list from John (96/09) following lapsed membership at the EGM. John thought that he had sent this but agreed to email again.
- 117/09 The Chairman queried the need to list lapse members at the AGM (97/09) but it was agreed that this should be covered in the Secretary's report.
- 118/09 John reported back on a conversation with Leslie Cheeseman (104/09) who was delighted to have been nominated for Honorary Life Membership and confirmed he would be attending the AGM.

Training

- 119/09 Andrew reported back on the recent ECB Level 1 Umpiring course held on 31 October/1 November at Reigate Grammar School. A total of 13 students attended with 12 due to take the exam on 17 November. John was attempting to find an alternative exam for the one (an RGS pupil) who could not make the 17 November date.
- 120/09 Feedback from those who had taken the course was overwhelmingly positive and Andrew felt that the venue had been excellent. Concern was expressed that three of

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the RGS people failed to show up and there was discussion about whether the offer of free places to RGS should continue. It was agreed that we should but make it clear to RGS that in doing so we were potentially turning down other applicants.

121/09 It was agreed that we should go ahead with another course in February as planned. Peter agreed to contact Fred George to discuss dates with either the weekend of 20/21 or 27/28 February preferred.

122/09 Andrew reported that we may be asked to run the new "Level 1a" courses next year if this is adopted by the ECB as a pre-requisite for Level 2.

Annual General Meeting

123/09 The draft reports for the forthcoming AGM were discussed. It was agreed that a list of current members should be included in the Secretary's report.

124/09 Some re-wording of the Treasurer's report was suggested regarding the non-receipt of the training grant from the SCB. Peter asked John to amend the electronic copy he had before circulating to members.

125/09 There was discussion about the category of Honorary Member and Honorary Life Member given the decision to honour Leslie Cheeseman at the AGM. It was agreed that we needed to formalise arrangements and a proposal to amend the constitution to create these two new categories should be proposed at the AGM.

Treasurer's report (Finance)

126/09 The current bank balance was £673.56, there was petty cash of £6.24 and a balance of £2124.12 in the Halifax account.

127/09 Peter reported that Peter Gale (the auditor) had recommended the introduction of a system to enable cross-referencing between cheques and expense claims. Peter was working on implementing this recommendation.

128/09 Peter presented the budget plan for 2009/10. The Chairman requested that the budget showed more breakdowns, for example within the administration sub-head so that miscellaneous expenditure was more transparent.

Stock update

129/09 John gave a stock update. There had been sales of £26.20 since the last meeting and purchases of £8.

130/09 The current stock comprised: 19 copies of Tom Smith's; 1 run counter; 1 Hunt's County umpire counters; 1 Gray-Nicholls umpire counters; and, 3 copies of MCC Pocket Law Books.

131/09 It was agreed that John should replenish our stock ready for the AGM.

News from SCB ACO and ECB ACO

132/09 The next meeting of the SCB ACO was on 16 November and Steve would be attending. He agreed to raise the issue of the non-payment of the training grant.

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134/09 There was no other business.

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Date of next meeting

135/09 Monday 1 March, 11am at Peter Turner's house.

The meeting ended at 1.25p.m.

John Flatley	Confirmed
Secretary		
December 14 th 2009	Date