

AGM Minutes

Date: 13th November 2018

Venue: Totton & Eling Cricket Club

1. Present

The following Officers and Committee members were present: Huw Evans (Chairman); Graham Burgess (Secretary); Denis Emery (Appointments Secretary); Tim May (Treasurer); Adam Smith; and Paul Sparshott.

Other members attending were: J Bailey; D Bull; C Davies; John Farquhar; S Fisher; D Forbes; J Golding; C Hasted; M Haylett; M Heritage; T Leadbetter; J Leckie; J Legg; P McIntyre; S McLelland; S MacTavish; A Mills; D Payne; D Peck; J Player; A Poole; R Scutt; S Smith; G Stogdon; M Varney; C Vincent; K Webb; K Williams; and D Wright.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from A Anthony; D Batchelor; N Batchelor; R Batchelor; A Burgess; C Burt; G Carpenter; R Cooper; R Cunningham; D Daniels; N Davis; G Duggan; P Ellam; R Holyer; M Jackson; S Jones; S Lilley; M Mamman; R Marchant; K Martin; J Mills; H Moore; S Nicholson; E Osmond; C Parsons; C Puckett; G Spink; J Trodd; P Turner; C Vincent; and T Wharton.

3. Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed both new and existing members to the meeting.

The meeting paid tribute to David Kirk, Tony Izzard and Chris Read who had died during the year.

4. Minutes of 2017 Annual General Meeting

The Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting were adopted as a true record of that meeting and were duly signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising

5.1. Coloured Clothing – ref: Mins para 11.5

The chairman reported that there had been no change to the SPCL's requirements regarding coloured clothing for umpires, so the arrangements had remained unchanged.

6. Officer's Reports

6.1. Chairman

The Chairman reported that the number of demands being placed upon the Panel and, in particular on Denis Emery, continues to increase. The downside is that this increase in the number of appointments also brings with it a huge increase in the amount of administration. In this respect, it is worth recalling that the Panel's Committee are all volunteers, who all give of their time freely to provide members with a service and, on behalf of members, thanked the Officers and Committee for their efforts. He also reported that Nik Lewis and Stuart MacTavish had joined the Committee.

This past summer was one of the best on record, with only a small number of games being cancelled during the season. The postponed 20/20 Finals from last season were completed on Sunday 20th May at Totton & Eling CC, with BurrIDGE and Alton the respective winners. The 2018 Season 20/20 Finals were played at the Ageas Bowl on Sunday 16th September, with Paultons and Hook & Newnham being the winners. However, it was a real shame that two exciting finals were spoilt by the poor behaviour of a small number of individuals. He noted that the recriminations from these incidents are being felt by the clubs involved.

Player discipline has been a particular concern this past season, not so much because of the number of cases but rather their nature, and the issue will be reviewed during the close season.

The winners of the 2018 Fair Play Awards were:

- Premier Division: Havant
- Division One: Liphook
- Division Two: Langley Manor
- Division Three: Havant II

Havant 1st XI were the overall winners.

The Chairman reported that Paul Turner had put together and circulated a questionnaire survey of other ECB Premier Leagues. The responses received were diverse in terms of umpire expenses, distances travelled and methods of appointment. Accordingly, your Panel Committee presented a paper to the SPCL Committee, regarding the way forward on expenses and it was agreed that there would be a £3 rise for each of the next three years for both 50-Over and Limited-Overs Cricket, commencing in Season 2019.

The Chairman noted that the Panel's arrangement with our current sponsors (BBX) are at an end and thanked John Attridge for his support. A new sponsor is being sought and if anybody is aware of possible contacts then they should contact either Andy Anthony or the Chairman.

He also thanked Jon Leckie for his efforts to bring members up to speed with the changes in law during the previous winter; and Jeff Levick, for organising the question and answer session on 1st October with Tim Tremlett, Jimmy Adams and Ray Holyer. He noted that it is intended to arrange an evening in the New Year, with Billy Taylor as the Guest Speaker.

Currently, our total membership is 110, composed of 93 umpires and 19 scorers, 2 of whom are both umpires and scorers. There have been a number of changes this year, with 19 not renewing their memberships, but 10 new members joining.

6.2. Appointments Secretary

The Appointments Secretary, Denis Emery, reported that, once again, all the 720 Southern Premier Cricket League appointments had been completed over the 18-week league season which, together with 132 Hampshire League appointments and some schools appointments, meant that once again the total number of Saturday appointments was over 850. With a further 829 non-Saturday appointments, the grand total of appointments was about 1,700.

Denis thanked members for their commitment, particularly those who stepped-in for last-minute appointments. He also thanked Ian Bagshaw, Ray Holyer and Jon Leckie for their work in organising all the necessary Observations and helping to improve performance generally.

Assessment marks for SPCL and HCL matches have once again been excellent (apart from a few emotional outbursts by captains) with the average mark from captains being 18.8 (18.6 in 2017) ranging from 19.5 in the Premier Division to 18.1 in Division 2.

Once again, Panel members officiated in a number of important matches this season, including Hampshire CC pre-season first-team friendlies; Hampshire 2nd XI matches; MCC; under-17s; and National KO and Village Finals rounds. Tim May, Adam Smith, Keith Martin and Dean Daniels (with Andy Anthony as 3rd umpire) were selected for the SPCL T20 Finals.

The umpire exchange scheme again went well, with four exchanges with Surrey and one with Middlesex.

7. Approval of Accounts for Year-end 31st October 2018

The Treasurer tabled a schedule of the Panel's Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st October 2018. He noted that, once again, there had been some difficulties regarding administration of expenses and invoices, with some organisations insisting on formal purchase-order requisitions, and apologised to those members adversely affected.

For the year ending 31st October 2018, there was a deficit of £449 (compared with a surplus of £178 for the previous year), taking the accumulated surplus to £5,518 (down from £5,968 in the previous year).

During discussion, members emphasised the importance of securing firm, written and acceptable payment terms from the Ageas Bowl and that the Ageas Bowl should understand without such an agreement the Panel would not provide umpires for their matches Action: Huw Evans).

The Accounts for the year ending 31st October 2018 were approved unanimously.

8. Election of Officers and Management Committee

The following Officers and members of the Management Committee were proposed and seconded by the Management Committee and elected/re-elected unanimously en bloc by the meeting:

- Chairman: Huw Evans
- General Secretary: Graham Burgess
- Appointments Secretary: Denis Emery
- Assistant Appointments Secretary: Adam Smith
- Treasurer: Tim May
- Ordinary Member – Umpire: Andrew Anthony
- Ordinary Member – Umpire: Nik Lewis
- Ordinary Member – Umpire: Stuart MacTavish
- Ordinary Member – Umpire: Robert Marchant
- Ordinary Member – Umpire: Paul Sparshott
- Ordinary Member – Umpire: Paul Turner
- Ordinary Member – Scorer: No nominations

9. Subscription Rate for Non-Active Members

It was agreed that the annual subscription rate for the non-active category of membership should be £5 p.a..

10. Nomination for Life Membership

The meeting agreed that Honorary Life Membership of the Panel should be awarded to Jeff Rees in recognition of his services to the Panel and cricket in general in Hampshire.

11. Any Other Business

11.1. Vote of Thanks

Duncan Forbes expressed his and the meeting's gratitude to the Committee, especially the Appointments Secretary, for their services.

Signed by the Chairman
November 2019