

Gloucestershire Association of Cricket Umpires and Scorers

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 11th January 2011 at the Victory Club

Present: Bill Griffin (BG), John Harper (JH), Les Stenner (LS), Len Attard (LA), Linda Collinson (LC), Peter Sawyer (PS).

Agenda Item	Action
In the absence of the Chairman, Jeff Chandra, he had asked Peter Sawyer to chair the meeting. John Harper kindly agreed to record the minutes.	
1. Apologies: Sue Drinkwater (SD), Jeff Chandra (JC), Andy Russell (AR).	
2. Minutes of the meeting of November 9th 2011: These were signed by the chairman as a true and correct record.	
3. Matters Arising:	
Item 3.4a (ii). Letter to schools re-training costs was deferred as AR was not present.	AR
Item 4. BG reported that he had contacted 39 umpires trained in the last two years and got 13 replies regarding Level 1a course. It was agreed that BG and AR should continue to keep in touch with the 32 other umpires.	AR BG
Item 6. PS had written to Adrian Bressington. Matter closed.	
Item 8. Walkie-Talkies. PS had followed up with Geoff Trett (GT) and SD who were both firmly of the view that they were not really needed for league matches where mostly players were known to the scorers and grounds were small enough to ensure good communication. It was agreed that we would relay this to members via Not Out.	AR
4. Chairman's Updates:	
JC had reported to PS that there was only one thing to report. He had been invited to attend a joint meeting with GACO and B&WCACUS with Steve Silk (SS) to have input into the new GCB Strategy document. This meeting had not taken place and the deadline was now passed. JC was very disappointed and felt that either GACO or B&WCACUS were letting down the improvements in communication over the last few years.	
5. Reports from Officers and Representatives:	
a) Appointments i) Scorers: LC reported that 4 scorers are regularly at the Cheltenham Indoor league fixtures.	
JH reported that SS had asked if the County age-group sides could have one dedicated scorer for the season. LC felt this would be difficult because of the varying days of the week for fixtures. This was best achieved when parents were involved. It was agreed that PS will ask SS if all parents of his squad players could be asked if they wanted to attend either the introductory or Level 1 scorers' course. There was also the issue here of B&WC appointments. LC would be willing to take this one if it was agreed. PS will approach GT and SS.	PS
(ii) Umpires: LS had received the list of dates for county youth fixtures but with no start times or venues. He was concerned that the needs of officials and the appointments officer were not being taken seriously by the county. It was agreed that if start times and venues were not forthcoming before the season, LS would inform SS he couldn't guarantee providing officials.	PS
b) Training i) Scorers: (Hard copy of SD's report attached to minutes.) BG added that SD and he were most concerned that the development of TCS training was being hampered by financial interests and benefits rather than what scorers wanted.	
(ii) Umpires: (Hard copy of BG's report attached to minutes.) It was agreed to charge £6 per head for Cotswold League training.	
BG confirmed that although only 4 people were so far signed up for the first course, it would still go ahead.	
c) Website: (Hard copy of SD's report attached to minutes). The committee fully endorsed the continuation of the website and approved the payment of the hosting fee and registering the domain name. The unanimous feeling was that the website and SD were doing a fantastic job in promoting GACUS.	
At this stage, LA and JH raised the communications regarding Who's The	

<p>Umpire. Nick Cousins had outlined the need for County Associations to pay the annual licence, which would likely be in excess of £600. GACO had asked for the views of GACUS and B&WCACU&S. Discussion showed that, while everyone was keen to see WTU develop, we were not in a position to contribute towards this. We could always use our own appointment's page, but others wanted to see Captains' Reports and Pitch Reports attached. It was agreed that JH would inform GACO and LA will make further contact with Mark Brown who runs the website.</p> <p>d) Gradings: (Hard copy of BG's report attached to minutes.) BG confirmed that the development of mentors fitted with the ACO model and he would be looking to identify 10 mentors for the new season.</p> <p>e) Publicity: (Hard copy from AR attached to minutes.) PS commented that Not Out usually goes out just before the AGM. It might be better for AR to hold back now until the beginning of March.</p> <p>f) WEPL Panel: (Please see the confidential minutes.) LS raised the matter of payment procedures. JH confirmed that only B&WCACU&S did not pay on the day and agreed to seek clarification from Les Clemenson (LC) before the season if any of our Development Group went to Bristol.</p> <p>g) WEPL: LA reported that the regulations had been agreed at the AGM and a copy had been sent to PS. PS will forward these to the Committee. LA confirmed that for 2012 Premier 1 and 2 will be trialling Power Plays and free hits for front foot no-balls. These do not apply to Levels 3 and 4. For 2012, all deliveries down the leg-side will be called wide.</p> <p>LA also reported that WEPL Committee had voted not to make a contribution to Boundary Edge Observers.</p> <p>PS had already received the new WEPL Disciplinary Regulations which he had circulated. WEPL would not be producing a report form, but would welcome a common format. It was agreed to leave the circulation of both League Regs. and Disciplinary Regs. until the Pre-Season seminar.</p> <p>h) County League: LS had been engaged in meetings concerned about the state of pitches in the league. Also negotiations around differential reporting forms for when no independent umpire is appointed.</p> <p>i) GACO: JH reported on the matters raised at the last meeting. The AGM is on Tuesday 21st February. Discussion followed about strategies to encourage GACO to be more pro-active in leading the two associations.</p>	<p>JH LA</p>
<p>5. Correspondence:</p> <p>a) BG had forwarded a memo from Stan Bennett regarding ICC advice on mock throwing. It was agreed to deal with this at the Pre-Season Seminar.</p> <p>b) PS had received a letter from Graham Dunning announcing his resignation from GACUS and ACO on health grounds. Members related Graham's strong involvement from the beginning of GACUS and it was agreed PS would write to Graham.</p>	<p>PS</p>
<p>6. Financial Report:</p> <p>JH reported he was putting the finishing touches to the final account ready for audit. The accounts will show that, as planned more money was spent in 2011 than collected. We had 85 paid up members plus the 41 members who had the introductory membership in 2011.</p> <p>JH asked that any colleagues with expenses claims to get them in as soon as possible.</p>	
<p>7. Captains' Reports for 2012:</p> <p>After discussion at the last meeting following on from the End-of-Season Seminar, the issue of Captains' Reports for the season ahead was discussed. Unfortunately, no one knew whether these were being modified nationally. Many captains felt a grading for some questions would be better than a Yes/No option. After further discussion, it was agreed that PS and LA will contact Gavin Lane and Les Clemenson respectively for information on proposed changes.</p>	
<p>8. Arrangements for AGM and Annual Report:</p> <p>It was agreed that the format adopted in 2011 worked well and should be followed again. PS informed the meeting that he would collate the Committee</p>	

Report for approval at the March meeting. This would require all officers to submit their reports on 2011 to him by Friday February 24 th at the very latest. The Report could then be circulated with a copy of Not Out prior to the AGM. PS would send a copy of the agenda prior to this, by email and post.	All AR PS
9. Officer Vacancies: PS reported that JC had approached several potential treasurers without any success. He urged everyone to draw on their knowledge of members to come up with a potential candidate. One name was raised and PS will inform JC. JC had also contacted a suggested member to act as Training Officer, but, as yet, no reply had been received. Members informed the meeting that another colleague had offered to take on his role. Again, PS will inform JC.	PS PS
10. Any Other Business: a) LS raised the issue of our list of officials in the WEPL handbook. It was badly out of date and looked quite shoddy compared to other associations. It was agreed that LS would update and improve the list and submit to WEPL by mid-February. b) BG informed the meeting that life member Basil Smith had had a fall and was currently in hospital. It was agreed to send him our best wishes from all at GACUS. c) BG informed the meeting that he was the County's rep on Alex Gidman's Benefit Committee. There were several matches planned and BG suggested GACUS could provide officials for these. This was agreed.	LS PS
Date of next meeting: 7.30pm on Wednesday March 7 th 2012 at the Victory Club.	

Meeting closed at 9.40pm!