

Agenda – ACTSSCA AGM 2015-16

Friday 28 August 2015, 7.30pm

RUC at Turner, 54 McCaughey Street, Turner, ACT (note: formerly the Turner Bowls Club)

Bar tab from 7pm, meeting opens 7.30pm

1. Attendance and Apologies

Apologies from Ehsan Karim (Tigers Sporting Club), Warren Blackshaw (The Rats).

Attendance as per attached attendance sheet.

2. 2014-15 Audited Financial Report

The President noted that at 30 June 2014 the Association had \$8,464.00 in its bank account, and the 2014-15 result was a loss of \$1679.95.

The President spoke to the result and noted that the loss related mainly to the costs of redeveloping the website to make it mobile friendly, in response to a decision of the Committee in light of feedback from Captains. The President invited attendees to view the revised site on desktop, tablet and mobile platforms and report any issues to actsocialcricket@yahoo.com.

The President discuss reasons for maintaining a reserve in the bank account, noting that the Association cannot borrow and maintaining a reserve is the risk management tool against unexpected increases in costs from season to season. In particular, the President noted that ground hire and insurance, the two biggest costs, are not known until after registrations are paid each year.

3. Elections (President, Secretary, Treasurer, 4 x OCM, 4 x Grade Coordinators)

President – Angus Algie; Treasurer – Elliott Curley; Secretary – James Traviss; OCM – Paul Ticehurst; OCM – Vern Amey; OCM – Julian Baratta; OCM – Sean Kelly; A Grade Coordinator – Ehsan Karim; B Grade Coordinator – Warren Blackshaw; C Grade Coordinator – George Goodchild; D Grade Coordinator – Rod Palmer.

4. Revisions to Competition Handbook

The President noted that both the Laws of Cricket and the Competition Handbook are now both available as pages on the website, formatted to be read on smartphones.

The President invited motions to revise the Competition Handbook. A number of matters were raised but no motions were formally put. Items of discussion covered:

- Official scores are to be recorded in a paper scorebook in the 2015-16 season; the Committee will investigate scoring apps for consideration for next season. Any use of scoring apps is to be in parallel with paper scoring.
- Free hit for front foot no balls – discussion; overwhelmingly not supported with members supporting continuing to play based on the standard Laws rather than ODI rules.

- No balls – guidance to be issued that the visual guide for calling no balls that bounce is the ball passes at or above armpit height for the batsman in his stance at the crease.
- Bowling actions – the competition plays under the Laws; balls delivered with actions where the arm is bent beyond the allowed 15 degrees may be called. This is to be used with sensitivity.
- Reiterated that glass bottles cannot be taken onto the field at any time, including while umpiring, and that this may trigger a forfeit loss under rule 10d in the Competition Handbook.
- Public urination is not just a breach of ground hire but also an offence (public exposure) – players are to use the toilets at each ground.
- Litter – teams that fail to dispose of rubbish appropriately and attract a fine for the competition will be fined as per the Competition Handbook. If rubbish is already at the ground when players arrive, Captains are to use their phone to record the state of the ground at that time.

5. Public Service League hosting arrangement

The President noted that in 2014-15 an arrangement was reached to host the Public Service League, representing 6 public service-based teams, as separate Division under the ACTSSCA's banner. This arrangement allowed the league to continue after previous arrangements to access insurance and grounds through Cricket ACT failed. The arrangement was run at a small profit to the Association. The President noted that the Public Service League will be hosted as a separate Division again in 2015-16 on the same basis.

6. Scheduling: long weekends

The President noted that two Sundays during the window allowed for the season by the ACT Sportsgrounds Spring-Summer playing window fall on long weekends: 4 October 2015 (coincides with the NRL grand final) and 13 March 2016 (Canberra Day), and proposed these Sundays be non-playing days.

The President noted that to accommodate this, all grades would start on Sunday 11 October 2015.

Members resolved that 4 October 2015 and 13 March 2016 be non-playing days.

7. Scheduling: dates for finals

The President noted that to accommodate Canberra Day as a non-playing weekend and the ACT Sportsground hire shutdown from 17-31 March 2016 the grand final will have to be played on 6 March 2016, i.e. the weekend immediately after semi-finals on 28 February 2016.

8. Hiring of professional umpires for grand finals

The President noted that a professional umpire was hired for the A, B and C Grade grand finals for 2014-15. The President noted that appointing neutral, professional umpires for grand finals in the last five seasons has coincided with significantly fewer incidents in grand finals, and greater team satisfaction.

Members resolved to seek the appointment of professional umpires for the grade grand finals for 2015-16 through an approach to the ACT Cricket Umpires Association.

Members resolved to seek independent umpires from within the Association's membership (but not from the same grade) for grade grand finals where an independent umpire cannot be sourced.

9. Rebel Sport – Match Ball discount / Support Your Sport program / VIP night

The President noted that the official match ball for 2015-16 is again the Kookaburra Tuff-Pitch, noting that feedback from Captains after the 2014-15 season was that the ball held up well in match conditions, including wet weather, and also when used in nets practice.

The President noted that Rebel Sport Woden Plaza was, until 21 September 2015, offering a special price on the Tuff-Pitch match ball at \$40 per ball singly or \$38 each by the dozen. The President noted that at 28 August only 84 balls were left at this price before the store would have to restock. After restocking, balls will be available at \$45 singly or \$40.50 each by the dozen. The President noted this offer applied to the Woden store only.

The President also noted that the ACTSSCA is part of the broader 'Support Your Sport' loyalty card program, through which Rebel Sport loyalty cards linked to the ACTSSCA will, in addition to usual benefits for individuals, see 5% of the value of any transaction at any Rebel store credited to the Association. The President noted cards were available for Captains to collect. The President noted the value of credits realised through participation in the program would be used for prizes at the end of year event.

The President noted that part of participation in the Support Your Sport program is a VIP day-night at the Rebel Sport Woden Plaza store, during which members receive a 10% discount on the retail price of any items purchased. A Friday is usually recommended due to late night shopping.

The President will inform store management of a preferred date in mid to late-September 2015 and confirm with members by email.

10. End of Season event date

Members agreed that the date for the end of season event will be Friday 18 March 2016.

Members agreed to select grounds based on quality, including in Gungahlin and Tuggeranong as appropriate.

Committee will work with Hall Kingbrowns to discuss upgrade of Hall Oval with the ACT Government.

11. Other Business

Two contacts are to be provided by each team, to ensure messages reach a team if the main contact is unavailable.

12. Door prize draw (\$250 voucher from Rebel Sport Woden)

Vivian Koshy Thomas of CMCC Tuskers won a \$250 sports equipment voucher donated by Rebel Sport Woden Plaza.

13. Next meeting

7.30pm, Friday 2 September 2016

The President closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

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First name	Surname	Team
Todd	Gillett	Little Green Men
Andrew	Thompson	Little Green Men
Ben	Dwyer	Little Green Men
Angus	Algie	Tourists
Brad	Evans	Tourists
Edward	Coady	Tourists
Elliott	Curley	EC's XI
Vern	Amey	EC's XI
James	Busby	EC's XI
Stu	Fox	EC's XI
Rod	Palmer	CBRMY
Julian	Baratta	CBRMY
Paul	Ticehurst	Trim's Mob
Trim	Chakrapani	Trim's Mob
Jeff	Crowther	Trim's Mob
Lachlan	Monger	Via Braidwood Monks
Jake	Boulding	Via Braidwood Monks
George	Goodchild	Via Braidwood Monks
Tim	Wilson	Via Braidwood Monks
Sean	Kelly	Via Braidwood Monks
James	Wardle	Via Braidwood Monks
Ben	Symons	Via Braidwood Monks
Shorty		Via Braidwood Monks
Arun	Basu	Silly Sloggers
Ranjan		Silly Sloggers
Dev		Silly Sloggers
Anil	Fernandez	CMCC Tuskers
Sebastian	Antony	CMCC Tuskers
Vivian	Koshy Thomas	CMCC Tuskers
Steven	Gribble	Polar Bears CC
Damien	Brennan	Polar Bears CC
Declan	O'Rourke	Wombats
James	Traviss	Grumpy Old Men
Greg	Popple	Grumpy Old Men
Glenn	Luthy	Ferrets
Tim	Wardrop	Ferrets
Mark	Gillespie	Harbies
Max	Gillespie	Harbies
Jamie	Clough	Gentlemens CC
Ben	Graham	The Yams
Daniel		The Yams
Martin		The Yams
Craig	Scott	King Browns
Ian	Hinds	The Rats
Shaun	Canning	The Rats
Roshan		CMCC Allstars