

Agenda – ACTSSCA AGM 2016

Friday 26 August 2016, 7.30pm-8.20pm

Aegean Room, Hellenic Club, Matilda Street, Woden, ACT

1. Attendance and Apologies

Apologies from Ehsan Karim (Tigers Sporting Club), Glenn Luthy (Ferrets United), Brett Deane (One Leg Short), Warren Blackshaw (The Rats)

Attendance as per attached attendance sheet.

2. 2015-16 Audited Financial Report

The President noted that at 30 June 2016 the Association had \$9,079.86 in its bank account, and other receivables of \$500 due, with the 2015-16 result a net profit of \$1,1160.10 (approximately \$25 per team).

The President spoke to the result and noted that the profit reflected more teams participating than in the previous season, and significantly lower website fees after most of the major website redevelopment was completed in the previous financial year. The result enabled the Association to maintain the registration fee at \$800 for the 2016-17 season.

The President discussed 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.

Accounts read and accepted (Moved: Elliott Curley, Seconded: James Traviss)

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

President – Angus Algie; Treasurer – Elliott Curley; Secretary – James Traviss; OCM – Peter Hogan; OCM – Vern Amey; OCM – Andrew Carter; OCM – Caleb O'Rourke; A Grade Coordinator – Ehsan Karim; B Grade Coordinator – Warren Blackshaw; C Grade Coordinator – George Goodchild; D Grade Coordinator – Jeff Crowther.

4. Revisions to Competition Handbook

No revisions were proposed.

5. 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: 2 October 2016

(coincides with the NRL grand final) and 12 March 2017 (Canberra Day), and proposed these Sundays be non-playing days.

The President noted that to accommodate this, all grades would start on Sunday 9 October 2016.

Members resolved that 2 October 2016 and 12 March 2017 be non-playing days.

6. Scheduling: options for odd number of teams in a grade

Members discussed options to deal with an odd number of teams in a grade, if this happened, and resolved that an extra round would be scheduled in such a grade to give most teams the usual 9 regular season games.

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 2017 the grand final will have to be played on 5 March 2017, i.e. the weekend immediately after semi-finals on 26 February 2017.

8. Hiring of professional umpires for grand finals

The President noted that professional umpires were hired for the A, B, C, D and Public Service League Grade grand finals for 2015-16. The President noted that appointing neutral, professional umpires for grand finals in the last six seasons has coincided with significantly fewer incidents in grand finals than before that time, and greater team satisfaction.

Members resolved to seek the appointment of professional umpires for the grade grand finals for 2016-17 through an approach to the ACT Cricket Umpires Association.

9. Cricket scoring apps discussion

The President noted that at the previous AGM the issue was raised of use of scoring apps, and that an action arising was to further discuss the issue.

The President further noted that the Competition Rules require scores be kept in a physical scorebook, and that continues to be the case for the 2016-17 season.

The President noted that some teams are already using apps as supplements to paper-based scoring, and apps are continuing to develop. The President noted that without developing a) acceptance criteria and b) live trials there is a risk that decisions about apps are made without appropriate consideration of their applicability to this competition.

Members discussed pros and cons of scoring apps, particularly noting:

Pros

- Ease of scoring, particularly for people with no training/experience in traditional scoring – it was noted that in lower grades in particular understanding of scoring is limited, with paper-based scoring often inaccurate
- Some apps allow records of completed innings to be stored, to be printed out, and to be shared with opposition teams by email in the traditional scorebook visual format

Cons

- Risk of failure of app and/or device and/or telecom network (if online app) during a match, without ability to recover scores – actual instances were noted by teams that have used apps; unclear which apps do and don't have real time back up and whether back up is to device or remotely to an internet server
- Unclear how mistakes can be corrected, and lack of auditability of any changes to entered scores (compared to visibility of crossing out and correcting errors on paper)
- More complicated than for paper-based scoring to enter player details for batting and bowling lists, particularly when the original batting order changes during a match

Other matters

- In practice scoring using apps appears to be performed by the square leg umpire; mixed views whether this is a distraction or whether it is the same as using a clicker

Acceptance criteria

- Members noted that for apps to be approved for official use instead of paper scorebooks that scoring apps must demonstrate the same or better functionality than paper scorebooks – acceptance criteria to assess apps must be developed
- If any apps are to be adopted in future, both sides in a match must use the same app

Cricket Australia system

- Members noted Cricket Australia has an online ball-by-ball scoring system on the MyCricket website that allows real time scoring visibility to both teams; the President noted that the system is currently not appropriate for the ACTSSCA as it relies on individual players being registered with Cricket Australia through the MyCricket system and on team lists being uploaded to the MyCricket system before each match – the ACTSSCA does not register individual players

Examples of cricket apps used by teams were CricHQ and nxcricquet

ACTION: Committee to produce a list of acceptance criteria for scoring apps, taking advice from members with relevant experience and from Cricket ACT as appropriate

ACTION: If a scoring app that complies with the acceptance criteria is identified, Committee to invite interested teams to participate in a monitored trial to build an evidence base of actual experience and any issues that arise and report back to next AGM

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

The President noted that the official match ball for 2016-17 is again the Kookaburra Tuff-Pitch. No complaints were received about the ball last season. The President noted that Rebel Sport Woden Plaza is offering a special price on the Tuff-Pitch match ball at \$45 per ball singly or \$41 each by the dozen. The President noted this offer applied to the Woden store only and only for ACTSSCA members.

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.

Members agreed to request the VIP night be held on 23 September 2016, with the President to confirm this arrangement with members by email.

11. End of Season event date

Members agreed that the date for the end of season event will be Friday 17 March 2017 (two weeks after grand finals), venue to be determined by the Committee.

12. Other Business

No other business was proposed

13. Door prize draw (4 x \$50 vouchers from Rebel Sport Woden)

James Busby of EC's XI, Martin Coryo of The Yams, Varun Wadhwa of Silly Sloggers, and Luke Elton of Greasy Creases won \$50 sports equipment vouchers, all vouchers redeemable at Rebel Sport Woden Plaza.

14. Next meeting

7.30pm, Friday 25 August 2017; the President closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

ACTSSCA AGM, 26 August 2016 – Attendance List

First name	Surname	Team
Vern	Amey	EC's XI
Elliott	Curley	EC's XI
James	Busby	EC's XI
Rob	Bennett	Greasy Creases
Luke	Elton	Greasy Creases
Brad	Evans	Tourists
Paul	Stokes	Tourists
Edward	Coady	Tourists
Angus	Algie	Tourists
Caleb	O'Rourke	Wombats CC
Ben	Walsh	Wombats CC
Ben	Graham	The Yams
Martin	Coryo	The Yams
Andrew	Burns	The Yams
Josh	Cameron	The Yams
Mitch	Bruce	The Yams
Daniel	Beaumont	The Yams
Ben	Andreatta	The Yams
Isaac	Dunn	The Yams
Clinton	Duke	The Yams
Andrew	Carter	Gentlemen's CC
Andrew	Byron	Gentlemen's CC
Paul		Polar Bears CC
Greg	Terrell	Polar Bears CC
Daham	Mudi	Polar Bears CC
Andrew	Lourigan	Polar Bears CC
Anoop	Kumar	CMCC Allstars
Varun	Wadhwa	Silly Sloggers
Abhinav	Mehta	Silly Sloggers
Dev	Nagarajan	Silly Sloggers
Sachin	Marwaha	Silly Sloggers
Shreyas	Kumar	Silly Sloggers
Saran	Shanhigayi	Silly Sloggers
Paul	Ticehurst	Trim's Mob
Trim	Chakrapani	Trim's Mob
Jeff	Crowther	Trim's Mob
George	Goodchild	Via Braidwood Monks
Tim	Wilson	Via Braidwood Monks
James	Traviss	Grumpy Old Men
Peter	Hogan	Grumpy Old Men
Vijay	Vikramadithyan	CMCC Tuskers
Rohit	Radhakrishnan	CMCC Tuskers
Matthew	Wieden	Tigers CC
Logan	Bala	Lanka Lions
Jason	Anthon	Lanka Lions
Darren	Neville	King Browns