

ACTSSCA Committee Meeting – Agenda

Thursday 8 December 2016

37/66 Allara Street, Canberra City, ACT

7.30pm to 8.30pm

1. Attendance

Angus Algie (President), Elliott Curley (Treasurer), James Traviss (Secretary), Warren Blackshaw (SC1 Coordinator), Caleb O'Rourke, Peter Hoban, Andrew Carter (Ordinary Committee)

2. Apologies

Ehsan Karim (NC1 Grade Coordinator), George Goodchild (SC2 Coordinator) Jeff Crowther (NC2 Grade Coordinator), Vern Amey (Ordinary Committee)

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes accepted as true and accurate record

4. Financial Report

\$18,973.42 in bank account at 8 December 2016; \$1,400 in fees still to be collected; major expenses remaining include \$4,000 for insurance (Cricket ACT has not advised new arrangements), final grounds payment (around \$2,000), and expenses associated with end of season – grand finals umpires, trophies, end of season event (around \$6,000). The Association is expected to break even for the year.

5. Zonal grading discussion

Members discussed the zonal system in use for the 2016-17 season, noting a post-season review of its operation is to be held that seeks feedback from all captains

The President noted that assuming the system continues into next season, NC2 winner will go up to NC1 and SC2 winner will go up to SC1; and that there is a capacity to swap 'central' teams between north and south Divisions to even up ability. It was also noted that results have generally been close, and more games close to home has been well received.

6. Mid-season review

Grounds – members noted issues with the following grounds: Michelago (with suggestion to see if Michelago will move their future season games to Gordon. Members noted the following grounds as particularly good: Deakin, Hughes, Watson. Using a limited number of grounds is working well.

Playing conditions – members discussed the current playing conditions, noting finishing within the hire period requires a reminder to Captains. Members also discussed instances of the wrong ball being used, and the need to agree on wides and no balls before the match.

Complaints – members discussed complaints raised to date, centring on instances of gamesmanship in relation to umpiring and scoring. The President noted that local management between Captains at the ground is the preferred first response, and that tools to discourage undesirable behaviour exist that Captains can use.

Action: The President's mid-season email to provide advice about at-the-ground management of gamesmanship with respect to umpiring, scoring and sledging.

7. End of season event

The President noted that the RUC at Turner has been reserved for Friday 17 March 2017, with no room hire fee payable. Members agreed to confirm this as the venue.

8. Other business

Laws - Red Card: The President noted that the Laws Committee of the MCC has recommended introducing a red card system for use at all levels of cricket, with a particular focus on addressing concerns about addressing player behaviour in amateur cricket; the Law is expected to be in effect in time for the 2017-18 season. The President noted that unless an amendment to the Competition Rules to not apply this new Law is made then the system would apply in the ACTSSCA.

Members discussed the potential implications for the ACTSSCA, noting the new Law is written on the basis of an assumption that independent umpires officiate matches, which does not apply in the ACTSSCA except where independent umpires are appointed to finals matches.

Action: President to make discussion of / action in response to the red card Law an agenda item for the 2017 Annual General Meeting, and prepare a draft amendment in the event the meeting does not wish the Law to apply to the ACTSSCA.

Andrew Carter provided an update Commonwealth Bank sponsorship received by Gentlemens CC and will provide an email with details; \$2000 per season for two seasons plus \$1000 credit.

Members discussed the President and Treasurer's radio interview at the beginning of the season.

Action: President to talk to radio station to see if an August spot is available to coincide with recruitment.

Members discussed social media strategy (and how to better link to indoor cricket centres).

Action: President to investigate cost of getting advice on a social media strategy including facebook advertising.

9. Next Meeting – 7.30pm Thursday 9 February 2017