

## ACTSSCA Committee Meeting – Agenda

Thursday 16 February 2017

37/66 Allara Street, Canberra City, ACT

7.30pm to 8.30pm

### 1. Attendance

Angus Algie (President), James Traviss (Secretary), Andrew Carter (OCM), Caleb O'Rourke (OCM), Peter Hoban (OCM), Vern Amey (OCM), Jeff Crowther (NC2 Coordinator)

### 2. Apologies

Elliott Curley (Treasurer), Vern Amey (OCM), Ehsan Karim (NC1 Coordinator), Warren Blackshaw (SC1 Grade Coordinator), George Goodchild (SC2 Coordinator)

### 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Members accepted the minutes of the meeting of 8 December 2016 as a true and accurate record. (Moved Traviss, Seconded Carter)

### 4. Financial Report

The President reported an account balance of \$19,924.00 at 16 February, with significant remaining expenses estimated as \$2400 for ground hire, \$925 for umpires, \$1000 for trophies, and \$3900 for insurance (noting billing arrangements with Cricket ACT are yet to be resolved), and the end of season event (see item 6 below).

The President noted a bad debt of \$800 arising from non-payment of fees by The Nooks, and discussed the circumstances surrounding the debt and actions to pursue the debt to date. Members agreed to not seek to pursue the debt further, and not to accept an application to take part in future seasons from The Nooks if entered.

Dependent on expenditure on the end of season event, the President noted the Association should break even or make a small loss for 2016-17.

### 5. End-season review

Members discussed the trial of zonal grading arrangements. Members noted Elliott Curley's preference for grading based on evenness of ability above commonality of location. James Traviss and Jeff Crowther noted that most feedback they had received had been positive. Most complaints to Division coordinators had been about the conduct of teams, rather than the competitiveness of matches. Angus Algie noted that results suggested almost all teams had been regularly competitive, with the exception of one team in each of North Central 1 and South Central 1 that would have been more appropriately graded in the corresponding lower Division.

The President discussed an issue that had arisen in a North Central Division 1 match on 29 January, during which members of Wombats CC abused a Ranger attempting to lock up at O'Connor 301 fifty minutes after the hire period had expired. The President noted that the captain of Wombats CC subsequently wrote an apology to ACT Sportsgrounds which defused the situation.

Members affirmed the importance of all players showing respect for and obeying directions from Rangers and other ACT Sportsgrounds employees, and managing game time to complete matches by 6pm.

ACTION: President to particularly emphasise the importance of obeying directions from Rangers, and the importance of showing respect for their role, in the end of season communication and in communications for ahead of the 2017-18 season.

ACTION: The Association to hold a Captain's Meeting before next season to start to set expectations about playing conditions, including checking the ball, hot weather strategies, game time management, responding to gamesmanship etc.

Members discussed issues for grounds, including:

- Instances where grass had been cut but not collected (e.g. Melba, Deakin 105)
- Need to update parking information for Kaleen 109/110 and Gordon 103 on the grounds page of the website
- Viability of Michelago as a venue, given the state of the pitch

ACTION: President to confirm with ACT Sportsgrounds about which grounds are being upgraded over the offseason, to consider as new potential venues.

Members discussed the Association's playing conditions regarding hot weather, noting there is no provision for ground hire refunds where ACT Sportsgrounds declares grounds are open for play (which is usual during heatwaves). Members noted that Captains have local discretion to reduce overs per innings and hold extra drinks breaks. Matches abandoned for heat by mutual consent where grounds are open are not to be rescheduled.

## 6. End of season arrangements

Members noted the ACT Cricket Association Umpires and Scorers Council have agreed to attempt to provide at least one umpire for each grand final, and two wherever possible, noting the same total fee will be payable whether one or two umpires are appointed to stand (\$185 per match).

Members agreed the budget for the end of season event as \$2,500.

Members agreed 5 x \$100 Rebel sport vouchers would be awarded as lucky door prizes.

## 7. 2017-18 fee

Members agreed the 2017-18 fee be set at \$850 per team, pending resolution of future insurance payment arrangements. (Moved Travis, Seconded Crowther)

8. AGM Items

Members confirmed that a motion to not apply the upcoming 'Red Card' Law be put by the President on behalf of the Committee to the 2017 AGM.

Members agreed to discuss the form that trophies take, e.g. hats rather than figurines.

9. Other business

Members discussed the potential role of social media channels, especially in recruiting new and fill in players. Members discussed trialling facebook advertising as part of the advertising budget. Jeff Crowther noted the importance of knowing why and for what outcome social media is used if it is to be successful.

ACTION: President to consult an expert regarding a social media strategy, including why do it, what is the outcome required, and what is the estimated effort involved.

The President noted that the formatting of the fixtures pages (displaying rows vs columns) on the website had been disrupted after a security patch upgrade by the website provider in January. Efforts to get the formatting restored had failed to date, but would be pursued again after the season was concluded.

Members noted that advice to text scores to Division coordinators as soon as matches end has seen fast reporting of scores; very little chasing up has been required.

Andrew Carter noted that Commonwealth Bank support for clubs (won by Gentlemens CC and CMCC Tuskers) can only be cashed to a registered association's bank account; while this doesn't present an issue for the Association should it choose to apply for and does win funding, it has presented issues for Gentlemens CC.

The President thanked all members of the Committee for their contributions during 2016-17 and encouraged all members to attend the end of season event.

10. Next Meeting

7.30pm Friday 25 August 2017 (AGM)