ACTSSCA Committee Meeting – Agenda and Minutes

Thursday 22 February 2024

Boardroom, RUC at Turner

7.00pm to 8.00pm

1. Attendance

Angus Algie, Elliott Curley, Axel Mielens, Luke Kostava, David Sankey, Phillip Wynne, Nathan Lumley, Steven Fennell, Brad Evans, Ravi Nair, Murray Woodford

2. Apologies

Greg Popple, Vaughan Welch, Wal Murdoch

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of Committee meeting of 10 December 2023 accepted as a true and accurate record

4. Financial Report

\$26,797.12 in the bank at 22 February 2024, split between \$11,797.12 in the ordinary bank account and \$15,000 in a six month term deposit maturing on 12 August 2024 (consistent with a motion from the meeting of 10 December 2023).

The President noted that a loss of approximately \$4,500 (or about \$160 per team) is expected for 2023-24, consistent with the agreed strategy to keep fees below breakeven to gradually run down the windfall gain from ground hire not being charged during the 2020-21 season.

5. End of season rules review

Members discussed ongoing issues with juniors running over time.

Action: Nathan Lumley to pass on the Association's concerns through his position on the ACT Junior Cricket Council.

Members noted the trial time rule seems to have worked well, with no complaints received about either the rule or matches running over time.

The President noted he will move at the next AGM that the rule is made permanent.

David Sankey observed that A Grade is becoming more competitive and arguably less social, but the standard of umpiring has improved at the same time, perhaps because more players with extensive cricket experience are participating in the grade.

Elliott Curley raised whether some fielding restrictions from ODI rules may be considered; members were generally unsupportive.

Elliott Curley noted interpretation of the Association's no ball rule is highly variable.

Action: President to remind members of the no ball rule at the beginning of next season.

6. Finals arrangements

The President noted that it is expected that all semi-finals and the grand finals will have hired umpires, consistent with the resolution of members at the AGM.

The President noted 10 March 2024 is the reserve day for grand finals.

7. End of season event

Members requested the President ask whether the venue can arrange a keg at the venue.

Action: President to contact venue regarding food and drink arrangements.

Motion put for up to \$3,000 total spend for the end of season event, including bar tab, food and door prizes.

Moved: Angus Algie

Seconded: Elliott Curley

Motion carried unanimously.

8. 2024-25 team fees

The President estimated a fee of \$900 per team would likely result in a small loss in 2024-25.

Motion put for the Executive to agree the 2024-25 fee by correspondence, once the 2023-24 accounts are finalised.

Moved: Angus Algie

Seconded: Brad Evans

Carried unanimously.

9. Advertising for 2024-25 season

Advertising strategy was discussed, with members suggesting flyers to be left at cricket shops as well as online advertising. Axel Mielens noted he could arrange graphic design and David Sankey noted he could arrange printing.

Action: President to work with Axel Mielens and David Sankey to produce flyers for distribution at cricket shops.

Motion put for up to \$3,000 expenditure for advertising for the 2024-25 season. If the President is to be reimbursed for an expense, the Treasurer and Secretary must first approve that expenditure in writing.

Moved: Angus Algie

Seconded: Steven Fennell

Carried unanimously.

10. Other Business

David Sankey and Ravi Nair noted that in A Grade certain teams did not have a scoreboard, despite this being mandatory equipment.

Action: The President to remind teams of mandatory equipment at start of next season.

Brad Evans noted his intention to raise two items of business at the next AGM:

- To have an official trial using a non-red ball for better visibility e.g. pink or white.
- To propose making spring back stumps mandatory equipment, to speed up play.

The President thanked all members for their contribution to the Association during the season. Members thanked the President and Executive.

11. Next Meeting – AGM, 7pm Friday 6 September, venue TBC

Meeting closed 8.00pm