

## ACTSSCA Committee Meeting – Agenda and Minutes

Wednesday 19 February 2025

Boardroom, RUC at Turner

7.15pm to 8.15pm

### 1. Attendance

Angus Algie, Greg Popple, Brad Evans, Andrew Loveday, Anoop Kumar, David Sankey, Elliott Curley, Nathan Lumley,

### 2. Apologies

Murray Woodford, Phillip Wynne, Rohith Radhakrishnan, Andrew Loveday, Steven Fennell

### 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of Committee meeting of 11 December 2024 accepted as a true and accurate record.

### 4. Financial Report

At 19 February 2025 \$14,491.03 in the ordinary bank account, and \$10,295.25 in a six month term deposit maturing on 12 August 2025. All team fees have been paid.

Remaining expenses for the season were estimated at around \$10,000 (\$4,000 for grounds, \$3,000 for the end of year event; \$2,250 for umpires; \$500 for the website including renewing the domain name; \$200 reimbursement of President for existing expenses; \$100 for trophy engraving).

The President noted that a loss of approximately \$4,000 (or about \$200 per team) is expected for 2024-25, 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. Net assets are expected to be around \$15,000 at the end of the financial year.

### 5. Pink ball trial

Members discussed the results of a trial of the Kookaburra Crown pink ball in the C Grade Round 9 match between Tourists and Six Offenders, including inspecting the balls used in the match. Members noted two more trials could be conducted in C Grade Round 10 matches. Balls used are to be kept, with details of how many overs they were used for and how many runs were scored, to present to members at the next AGM.

**Motion put to reimburse President \$210.01 for the purchase of cricket balls to support the pink ball trial matches (refer also to Item 5 of Committee meeting of 11 December 2024).**

Moved: Brad Evans

Seconded: Nathan Lumley

Motion carried unanimously.

6. End of season review

Members discussed trends from the season.

Members felt that, overall, matches had been played in a better spirit than the previous season.

Members noted grounds had generally been in good condition, although the pitch at Narrabundah 203 is tired.

Members discussed the condition of Michelago Sportsground, and questioned if it was being maintained by Snowy Monaro Shire and/or Michelago Cricket Club at previous levels.

**ACTION: President to discuss with Matt Williams of Michelago.**

Members discussed that playing 10 overs from one end before swapping to the other has noticeably speeded up matches when used.

Members discussed that spring-back stumps have also noticeably speeded up play, but that they are an extra expense when a team already has ordinary stumps. Andrew Loveday noted that from a wicketkeeper's perspective the metal base of spring back stumps can be a trip hazard.

Members discussed that mandatory scoreboards continue to help avoid playing incidents.

Members noted near misses with passing cars when balls have been hit onto roads at some grounds. The President noted the Association carries \$50,000,000 third party insurance against such incidents and encouraged members to stop hitting his bowling onto roads.

7. Finals arrangements

The President noted that it is expected that semi-finals and the grand finals will have hired umpires, consistent with the resolution of members at the AGM. The cost is expected to be \$250 per match (in total, 9 x \$250 = \$2,250).

The President noted there is no reserve day for grand finals due to ACT Sportsgrounds shutdown period starting on 17 March 2025.

8. End of season event

**Motion put for up to \$3,000 total spend for the end of season event, including bar tab, food and door prizes, to be held 28 March 2025.**

Moved: Angus Algie

Seconded: Greg Popple

Motion carried unanimously.

9. 2025-26 team fees

The President estimated a fee of \$1000 per team would likely result in a manageable loss of around \$100 per team in 2025-26.

**Motion put for the Executive to agree the 2025-26 fee by correspondence, once the 2024-25 accounts are finalised.**

Moved: Nathan Lumley

Seconded: Anoop Kumar

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Advertising for 2025-26 season

**Motion put for up to \$2,500 expenditure for advertising for the 2025-26 season. If the President is to be reimbursed for an expense, the Treasurer and Secretary must first approve that expenditure in writing.**

Moved: Elliott Curley

Seconded: Andrew Loveday

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Other Business

Forfeits policy

Michael Groenhout of Pumpin' Booty submitted a query by email about the Association's policy with respect to forfeits, noting that Competition Rule 10.1 allows for charging fines against forfeiting teams.

Michael put forward that if fines are to be levied the amount should then be paid to the other team in the forfeited match, for not getting the chance to play one of the regular season matches. Michael noted forfeits were particularly a concern for teams like Pumpin' Booty, where an individual pays the entire fee at the start of the season and then recoups the cost match-by-match with a fee on players participating in each match – i.e. a lost match disadvantages the sponsoring player.

The President noted that in practice Competition Rule 10.1 is not used, but that the issue of the principle raised by Michael remained.

Members discussed the matter and unanimously interpreted Competition Rule 10.1 as not supporting onward payment to a particular team of any fines for forfeiting that may be collected. Members also discussed that occasional forfeits are an inherent risk of a community competition based around social teams and experiencing a forfeit is not an entirely unexpected event for any given team in a usual season. The role of the forfeit fine rule (if used) would be to encourage teams to make every effort to raise a team each round.

The President noted that in recent cases where a team has forfeited regularly enough to trigger removal from a grade – causing all the teams in that grade to miss out on a match – that the Association has used the forfeiting team's fees to refund the remaining teams in that grade. Members agreed this has been an appropriate response when it is the Association that has acted to reduce the number of regular season rounds for a grade, and supported continuing to employ that approach in future.

Vote of thanks to Committee

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

12. Next Meeting – AGM, 7pm Friday 5 September 2025, Belconnen Labor Club

Meeting closed 8.15pm