



## STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CRICKET OFFICIALS

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2017 STONE SP CRICKET CLUB

#### MINUTES

##### 1. Chairman's Welcome and Opening Remarks:

The Chairman welcomed all attending the meeting including Nick Cousins (Head of ECB ACO) Martin Gentle (National Membership Manager), Jason Britton (Staffordshire Cricket Ltd- Cricket Development Director) David Bird (Regional Chairman). A minutes silence was held for 2 members who had passed away in the last 12 months: Ian Forrester and Roy McCleven

##### 2. Present:

G. Maltby, P. Boden, P Hector, M. Edge, J. Williams , J.Reed , C. Pearson (SACO Committee Members) and 29 other members.

##### 3. Apologies for Absence:

Keith Healey, Lesley Hopkins, Paul Joy, Ted Till. John Wilkinson, Dave Yates, Steve Dodds, Mike Steele, Nick Wilde, Thelma Eden, Ron Horner, Bryan Cook, Grace Bambury, Dave Edwardes, Vince Lindo, Martin Ball, Gerald Bennion, Nic Shutt-Nullis, Chris Hopkins, Charles Akhed, Mike Cooke, John Brown, Nick Giles, Paul Milburn, Keith Cooke, Derek Rowley

##### 4. Minutes of the previous AGM and Matters Arising:

The minutes of the previous AGM were read by the Chairman, and with one amendment – Keith Healey had attended his apologies and no matters arising these were accepted - proposed by John Reed, seconded by Trevor Cotton.

##### 5. Chairman's Report:

The Chairman gave a comprehensive report on the events of the past year. (Full Report Submitted). This was to be Graham's last report after 5 years as Chairman.

The report provided an update on the following areas:

- The West Midlands Region and SACO
- Business Plan 2016-17 and Staffordshire Cricket Ltd
- Recreational Cricket Reform and Reorganisation
- Future of SACO

Congratulations was offered to Connor McGarry on obtaining C1 grade

Reference was also made to the new online DBS system.

The new training material had recently been received and was available for the tutors in both the North and South of the County. The Scorers' update was currently being worked on.

As part of the report Nick Cousins announced that the following members had been awarded Honorary Life Membership of the ECB ACO:

- Trevor Cotton
- Derek Rowley

Thanks were given to the Committee and Training Tutors for their hard work and to Stone Cricket Club and bar staff for hosting the evening and wished the new Chairman, Committee and Partner Organisations every success for the future.

## **6. Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer gave a comprehensive report on the finances of the Association. (Full Report and Accounts Submitted)

Total Income for this period was £15,694, with expenditure of £15,116. An excess of income over expenditure of £577.

The closing bank balance was £2,720.31 with an additional £1,100.16 in the Equipment Purchase Fund.

The Treasurer reported that all payments had been by BACS.

IT was noted that income streams would be more difficult to predict going forward as most training was moving to online.

Thanks was given to Gerald Bennion for auditing the accounts.

A question was raised from the floor regards the level of contribution to the Purchase Fund.

The Treasurer replied that it had been previously agreed that this was set at £100 per annum and was felt prudent. This was accepted. There being no more questions the Report and Accounts were accepted by all.

Proposed: Trevor Cotton and Seconded by Jonathon Chappell

## **7. County Appointments Officer's Report:**

A full report was submitted by the Appointments Officer

The season had proved challenging due to the weather and thanks were made to all umpires who had last minute cancellations.

There had been issues over lack umpires expenses forms being made available by the coaches. This will be addressed over the winter.

It is hoped that WTU will be used for all junior county games for the 2018 season.

Feedback from our main partners Staffordshire Cricket and County Club is that they are highly satisfied with the service we offer.

Ian Matthews (South) and Eric Lummis (East) were thanked for their assistance in making appointments.

## **8. County Education Officers Report:**

In the absence of the Education Officer the Chairman drew members' attention to the written report that had been submitted.

This referred to changes that are taking place to the Education Programme and that a Newsletter would be sent to members in December or early in the New Year.

It was reported that the training programme run last winter was of the highest standard and that more courses, including Scorers, were held in Staffordshire than in any other West Midlands County. Thanks were given to all of the Tutors in making this happen.

## **9. County Performance and Development Officers Report:**

A full report was submitted by the County Performance and Development Officer.

This highlighted that the 2017 season had been a record season with:

- 9 UL2 passes (with one more expected)
- 5 UL1A passes
- 14 UL1 members. 6 others passed but have not SACO
- 2 UL2 candidates have been recommended to progress to the UL3 equivalent in 2018

Thanks were given to Trainers, Observers, Mentors and Appointment Officers in ensuring that the whole programme ran smoothly.

Members' attention was drawn to the changes in WTU with a West Midlands section being created to replace MID RAC. Grades should be updated in January and Members were urged to check their details on WTU.

There had also been the following Observations during the course of the season:

- 51 Boundary
- 40 On-field
- 2 Scorers
- 10 Oversights

It was recorded that this was Colin Pearson's last report as the County Performance and Development Officer.

#### **10. County Scorer's Officer Report:**

Unfortunately there was no report as Thelma Eden had relocated to North Wales during the last year.

#### **11. Staffordshire Cricket County Board Report:**

Jason Britton presented a very comprehensive report on the work of Staffordshire Cricket Ltd in particular he gave an update on:

- The ECB
- Participation and Growth
- Appointments to the Staffordshire Cricket Board and changes to performance staff
- Performance of the various representative teams and the various competitions.

Jason gave thanks to everybody at SACO for their support of club, league and representative cricket across the County..

#### **12. Nick Cousins Head of ECB ACO:**

Nick Cousins congratulated the organisation on being well run and that SACO had full support from the County Board. Thanks go to both the Board and SACO.

With regards to supported development Staffordshire was the number one County and thanks was given to Colin Pearson.

It was also noted that Staffordshire also had an exceptional Education Programme.

Reference was made to the new on-line courses and the need for all umpires to go on refresher courses.

There is a need to grow the number of officials, both umpires and scorers especially from women and minority backgrounds.

There was a challenge to all in the room of how are we going to do this and increase recruitment.

Nick personally thanked Graham and the rest of the Executive.

There followed a presentation of Certificates by Nick Cousins and Colin Pearson

Nick presented recently attained UL1A and UL2 certificates and Colin presented UL1 certificates.

### **13. Appointment of Officers for 2017:**

At this point John Williams (Vice Chairman) took the chair as Graham Maltby stood down.

#### **Chairman:**

As there were two nominations for Chairman: Ted Till and Colin Pearson, there was a secret ballot conducted by David Bird (Regional Chairman) and Jason Britton (Staffordshire Cricket Ltd). By a simple majority Ted Till was elected as Chair.

As there were no other nominations for the other roles the following officers were elected unopposed.

POSITION	NAME	PROPOSER	SECONDER
Vice-Chairman	Paul Boden	Jonathon Chappell	Trevor Cotton
Vice-Chairman	John Williams	Paul Hector	Graham Maltby
Secretary	Paul Hector	Colin Pearson	Jonathon Chappell
Treasurer	Malcolm Edge	Colin Pearson	Peter Barnett
CEO	Ted Till	Paul Hector	Paul Boden
CPD&O	David Marchant	Colin Pearson	John Reed
CAO	John Reed	Malcolm Edge	Colin Pearson
CSO	Vacant		

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### **14. Appointment of Auditor:**

It was proposed by Paul Hector and seconded by George Horner that Gerald Bennion would be asked to be the Independent Account Checker for 2018.

### **15: Presentations:**

The acting Chairman presented Graham Maltby a memento for his hard work and efforts in taking SACO forward over the last 5 years. David Bird also made a presentation to Graham Maltby on behalf of the Region.

**There being no further business the acting chairman closed the meeting at 9:40pm**

**Prepared by :** Paul N Hector

**Signed: Chairman:**