

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CRICKET OFFICIALS (WACO).

MINUTES OF THE 43rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE COUNTY GROUND, WORCESTER, ON THURSDAY THE 16th OCTOBER 2014.

The Chairman welcomed all those members present thanking them for attending this Annual General Meeting.

IN MEMORIAM

The Chairman was not aware of the loss of any member in the previous 12 months.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from G Barlow, E Bayliss, I Bell, J Chapman, D Cook, C Coombs, J Dredge, D Duffy, D Earnshaw, J Fryer, M Gilhooly, M Greenfield, R Hope, M Iwanicki, C Jordan, P Kelly, T Kidd, H Sohaib, S Such, B Taylor, M Taylor, G Truby.

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It was proposed by H Burley and seconded by M Neal that the minutes, having been circulated, be signed as a true record. All were in favour.

MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman spoke to his report that had been previously circulated. There were no questions and D Williams proposed and H Burley seconded that the Chairman's report be accepted. All were in favour.

HON SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Hon. Secretary stated that he had nothing to add to his report. There were no questions and A Merrick proposed and C Bryant seconded that the Secretary's report be accepted. All were in favour.

HON TREASURER'S REPORT

The Hon. Treasurer stated that he had nothing to add to his report and invited questions.

D Mills questioned if the Treasurer could indicate if any monies were missing. The Treasurer stated that the books which he received from the previous Treasurer were not of sufficient detail or clarity to state that any monies were missing. The accounts were now online and full bank details would be available for auditing purposes in the future.

H Burley proposed and M Neal seconded that the Treasurer's report be accepted. All were in favour.

APPOINTMENTS OFFICER'S REPORT

The Appointments Officer spoke briefly to his report which had been circulated with the AGM papers. D Russell offered his thanks for the support for youth matches. W Smith proposed and D Williams seconded that the Appointments Officer's report be accepted. All were in favour.

SCORERS OFFICER'S REPORT

The Scorers Officer stated that he had nothing further to add to his report. R Lane pointed out that all scorers who required payment from the Association were made to become members of the Association. He pointed out that the present system allowed for payment of non-qualified scorers. It was proposed by R Lane and seconded by A Wilson that the Scorers Officer's report be accepted. All were in favour.

EDUCATION / CPO OFFICER'S REPORT

The Education Officer stated that he had nothing further to add to his report except that ECB had issued new guidelines for the umpire grading system and hence some members would find that their grading would be changed for the coming season. It was proposed by W Smith and seconded by C Bryant that the Education Officer's report be accepted. All were in favour.

NEW CONSTITUTION

The Hon. Secretary spoke to the new constitution proposed by the committee. He pointed that, except for some minor amendments, the current constitution had been unchanged for the previous 43 years and that with the proposed change to an ACO and changes to both cricket and communication forms, the committee considered it opportune to consider fully its structure and operation. He outlined the vision behind the proposals.

B Tansell stated the statutory need for an additional (deputy) Welfare Officer. The committee agreed that this would be discussed at the first committee meeting, planned shortly after the AGM.

D Mills proposed that the Chair should vote at all meetings, this was seconded by B Tansell. This was defeated by a show of hands.

B Tansell proposed, seconded by D Russell, that members should be elected for a period of 3 years instead of the proposed one year. This was defeated by a show of hands.

There was a discussion following a suggestion by S Kent-Phillips that 'Hon' should be removed from the secretary and others. It was agreed that the term would remain. Following seconding by D Mills the new constitution was adopted with one vote against.

THE RYAN BOWLER AWARD

The President reported that the decision of the sub-committee was that the award should be presented to D Russell for his contribution to Worcestershire junior cricket. All were in agreement. The award will be made at the Annual Dinner.

THE TIM GRANGER EDUCATIONAL AWARD

The Chairman reported that it was the wish of the committee to arrange an award in memory of Tim Granger. The committee had selected a rose bowl suitably engraved for this purpose. This had been discussed with Mrs Granger who was delighted by the decision and had made a significant contribution to the cost. The award will be presented to the candidate from either the umpires or scorers courses with the highest pass marks. This award will also be made at the Annual Dinner.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Following the previous vote the election of officers would correspond to the new constitution.

PRESIDENT

D Gower proposed, seconded by H Burley, that W (Bill) Smith be elected President. There being no further nominations, W Smith was duly elected President for the ensuing year.

VICE PRESIDENTS

It was proposed by D Williams and seconded by C Bryant that the existing Vice Presidents be re-elected en bloc. No objections were raised and therefore the Vice Presidents were duly re-elected for the ensuing year.

CHAIRMAN

The President took the chair. W Smith proposed and C Bryant seconded that D Gower, having expressed his willingness to stand, be elected Chairman. There being no further nominations, D Gower was duly elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

HON. SECRETARY

It was proposed by H Burley and seconded by D Russell that D Smith, having expressed his willingness to stand, be elected Hon. Secretary. There being no further nominations, D Smith was duly elected Hon. Secretary for the ensuing year.

HON. TREASURER

It was proposed by H Burley and seconded by A Wilson that R, Lane having expressed his willingness to stand, be elected Hon. Treasurer. There being no further nominations, R Lane was duly elected Hon Treasurer for the ensuing year.

EDUCATION OFFICER

It was proposed by D Gower and seconded by W Smith that D Pyke, having expressed his willingness to stand, be elected Education Officer. There being no further nominations, D Pyke was duly elected Education Officer for the ensuing year.

PERFORMANCE OFFICER

It was proposed by D Gower and seconded by D Patten that R Murphy, having expressed his willingness to stand, be elected Performance Officer. There being no further nominations, R Murphy was duly elected Performance Officer for the ensuing year.

APPOINTMENTS OFFICER.

It was proposed by D Russell and seconded by A Wilson that C Bryant, having expressed his willingness to stand, be elected Appointments Officer. There being no further nominations, C Bryant was duly elected Appointments Officer for the ensuing year.

SCORERS OFFICER

It was proposed by D Gower and seconded by D Pugh that P Mellish, having expressed his willingness to stand, be elected Scorers Officer. There being no further nominations, P Mellish was duly elected Scorers Officer for the ensuing year.

WELFARE OFFICER

It was proposed by W Smith and seconded by C Bryant that H Burley, having expressed his willingness to stand, be elected Welfare Officer. There being no further nominations, H Burley was duly elected Welfare Officer for the ensuing year.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

The Chair welcomed Inge Bevers to the Association.

Gary Roberson expressed the thanks of the Worcestershire Cricket Board Limited for the efforts of the Association in the previous 12 months.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all those present for their attendance and the meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Signed as a true record

Dated