

**ACT CRICKET ASSOCIATION UMPIRES & SCORERS COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**GENERAL MEETING**

**FUNCTION ROOM, RUC Turner,  
54 McCaughey Street Turner**

**AT 6.00 PM ON MONDAY 16 October 2017**

## **Call to Order**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6.05 pm.

## **Attendance<sup>1</sup>:**

### **Present:**

**D Bandara, R Brigden, C Cahill, B Chakraborty, P Edwards, K Jeyakkumar, T Keel, A Koprass, S Lekamarachchi, C Levings, O Levings, D Markham, M Marshall, D Martin, T McNamara, A Miller, J Motha, M New, P Potterton, V Ramakrishnan (VRK), Y Ramasundara, G Rees, G Rouse, B Ruse, D Stewart, B Thomas, S Talib, A Turner, M Usman, C Wheelwright, P Wright, P Wyche, K Brazel, A Scotford (was appointed to Futures League) - (33)**

### **Apologies:**

**G Clifton, N Ewbank, M McAppion, P McCann, P Howes, C Polglase**

## **1. Welcome**

In opening the meeting Paul Edwards (Chairman) made a general statement that future meetings will have less emphasis on council administration and re-focus on umpiring techniques, laws of cricket and guest speakers.

The Chair provided members with an overview of recent events:

- **PCC meetings** - umpires were not of concern to club presidents, they congratulated umpires for the standard set and consistency
- **Simon Lightbody** – Cricket Australia announced that Simon, one of our Canberra members, had been elevated to the National Umpiring Panel (NUP)
- **Mark Vargano** – At the ACT Cricket Association AGM, Mark was inducted as Life Member of the ACT Cricket Association
- **Umpire's Annual Seminar** – considered the two days highly successful and informative and congratulated Terry Keel and Drew Crozier for their efforts; and members who provided input into interactive sessions
- **2017-18 Playing conditions** – While there was a frantic effort to get them issued to umpires & clubs they required editing; and it was anticipated that an amended set of playing conditions would be published soon. Members were advised to be patient
- **The Laws of Cricket Books** – Barry Thomas asked if the new Law Book had been published and when members could obtain a copy. The Chairman advised that he and Peter McCann (Appointments Manager) had copies for distribution

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that the General Meeting agenda item 2 - Attendance & Apologies is reported at the top of the page.

- **Website redevelopment** – Sarah Brown (Communication Officer CACT) had spoken to the Chairman and Chris Cahill (Council’s Webmaster) concerning the Council’s website with a view to merging it with the CACT website. Paul invited members to provide input, particularly around our history, pictures (if available) and other source material that would be of benefit to members. Bill Ruse advised members that Chris Cahill should be commended for undertaking the key role of Webmaster over the past several years
- **Governance Review** – the review has not as yet been completed and the Chairman continues to liaise with Cameron French (CEO CACT) to ascertain the latest status. Hopefully, the Council Executive will be in a position to provide members with an update at the next Council General Meeting.

### 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without amendment.  
**(B Ruse/B Thomas – motion carried).**

### 4. Executive Reports

- **Chairman** (Paul Edwards) – have already provided an overview to members at the beginning of the general meeting. The Chair also;
  - reminded members that as black pants were worn (as part of our umpiring attire) and faded in the sun they might review them to ensure that they were ok?
  - spoke briefly about an indoor cricket representative attending the next general meeting with a view to joining the Council
- **Finance Officer** (Andrew Kopras) - advised that only five (5) payments had been made. He also requested that members lodge their post-match reports on time as non lodgement meant payment could not be processed. In addition, the Chairman stressed the importance of regular reporting as the ‘flow on effect’ would also be detrimental to CACT for their information and further analysis
- **Secretary** (Gary Rees) – advised that the revised post-match report and updated Umpire Voting Form would be issued to members within the next week (Monday 23 October 2017). It was envisaged that the revised reports would be published on the Council’s website soon afterwards. With regard to the WestsUC voting form, for First Grade, Gary had been liaising with the Wests Secretary to provide an updated form. Until this issue is resolved umpires should use the old form
- **Scorers Report** – nil report due to absence of scorer representative
- **Territory Director of Umpiring** (Terry Keel):
  - provided an overview of guest speakers for future general meetings (the Secretary will send members a list of the guest speakers)
  - advised that there would be no umpire representative for the Kingsgrove Cup (Sydney competition), however, a few of the umpires within the performance group would be re-sitting their exams soon
  - advised Andrew Scotford was currently umpiring in the Futures League
  - reminded members to send in their cricket questions as they will be discussed at future meetings .

### 5. Appointments Manager – Overview appointments process for 2017-18

Nil report due to absence of Appointment’s Manager.

## **6. Territory Umpiring of Umpiring**

For this agenda item, Terry Keel introduced a new segment in which members are invited to raise practical questions about the "laws of cricket".

Terry provided a brief presentation to members on questions received from VRK; and the Secretary has sent a copy of this presentation to members for their information.

Terry also supported the re-introduction of the Black & White paper for umpires, however we require someone (with the time) to publish the document.

## **7 General Business**

**7.1 Deanne Young** – Suggested that, as a way forward, the Council should investigate whether 'My Cricket' could be useful for umpire appointments and lodging post-match reports.

The Chairman advised that we would look into this issue.

**7.2 Peter Wyche** (Records Officer) – Peter advised members that he had been in contact with Cricket Australia to clarify the terms of reference for data required for the Umpire Honor Board (500 matches). He advised that at least three sets of data may need to be considered to prepare the final report.

To ensure everybody is on the 'same page', the Chairman determined that this issue needs to be followed up as soon as possible.

**7.3 Yohan Ramasundara** – Yohan asked the Chairman on the current status of the Council's Standing Minutes; and whether the 'Council' is a separate entity under Cricket ACT Constitution.

Both the Chairman and Secretary advised members that the ACTCAU&SC is a separate council entity, and agreed that the (Council's) Standing Minutes required revision; however the Executive needed to be cognizant of the CACT Governance Report being issued before any review could be undertaken.

Furthermore, it was envisaged that the review of the (Council's) Standing Minutes should be completed by an independent person, not associated with the Council.

In addition, Yohan requested, and was granted the opportunity, to address the meeting briefly in relation to a couple of issues pertaining to his membership of the Council in season 2016-17.

## **8. Presentation by Gaylene Clews**

Terry Keel introduced Gaylene Clews (the Council's first guest speaker for 2017-18 season), who provided a 45 minute presentation on mental health and what it takes to be an elite official.

Gaylene is a former World No 1 triathlete who now runs her own business as a sports psychologist. Her primary focus is on dealing with athletes and sporting officials, explaining to them how their mental well-being can influence the decisions they make

on the sporting field, and performance when under pressure.

In addition, Gaylene has developed some excellent techniques in helping sportspeople and officials in boosting their well-being and mental health in this regard; and provided a detailed overview of these techniques for members.

At the conclusion of her presentation, Gaylene answered quite a few questions, and also referred to her book "Wired to Play" (please note the members can also access [WIREDTOPLAY.com.au](http://WIREDTOPLAY.com.au) for more information).

## **8. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be the will the 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017. Venue RUC.

## **9. Closure**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.47pm

**Gary Rees**  
**Secretary**  
**October 2017**