



**SURREY
CRICKET
FOUNDATION**
Registered Charity No. 1118770

AGM Minutes

Meeting Date/Time: Monday 8th March 2021 at 7.30pm

Location: Virtually via Zoom

Present:

A total of 49 members attended the Surrey ACO Annual General Meeting including the following Committee Members:

Dave Walter – Chairman (DW)	David Yandell – Secretary (DY)
Jeremy Beckwith – Treasurer (JB),	David Brown – Education Officer (DB)
Colin Kent – Development Officer (CK)	John Flatley – Appointments Officer (JF)
John Gray Farnham District	Heather Dean – Welfare Officer (HD)
Ian Webster – I’Anson League (IW)	Sally Keith - Female Officials

Apologies:

Apologies were received from 10 Surrey ACO members including Committee Member Martin Holloway-Neville Scorers Officer (MH).

Also in attendance:

Mark Babb – Cricket Participation & Development Manager, Surrey Cricket Foundation. Neil Bainton – First Class umpire.

Minute No.	
	Introduction / Apologies
1	DW welcomed the members present to the 2021 Surrey ACO Annual General Meeting. Apologies were noted as above. In his opening remarks the Chairman referred to the 2020 season being necessarily shortened by the pandemic. He continued by saying his current understanding of the plans for 2021, were for the season to be started with the special playing conditions for 2020 with a return to normality later in the season. An announcement from the ECB is expected imminently, but negotiations with the Department of Culture Media and Sport are rarely quick.
	Minutes of the 2019 AGM (18/3/2019)
2	The minutes of the 2019 AGM were tabled and the members approved their adoption unanimously.
	Chairman’s Report
3	DW presented his report to the meeting. He wanted to emphasise a few of the matters raised in his report. In 2020, a 5 year drive from the ECB to significantly increase the number of trained umpires and scorers. One of the target areas is parents of juniors. The new Dynamos coaching program (for 8 to 12 year olds) has the juniors umpiring and scoring (with assistance) in their training matches. The move is designed to educate juniors, and their parents, that umpiring and scoring is what all cricketers should do. Not something someone else does for the players. Another opportunity to increase our numbers is our female officials and Sally Keith has been co-opted on to the Committee to progress recruitment and all other matters relating to female officials. This increase will mean the need for getting more people involved and the Committee will consider appointing deputies for each of the posts to provide a succession plan. Anyone interested in this, or becoming a umpiring or scoring mentor, should contact him or another committee member. Finally, to allows the SACO to keep in contact with

	those who have been trained but do not choose to become ACO members the committee have decided to keep a register of associate members.
4	There were no questions.
	Secretary's Report
5	DY presented his report to the meeting. DY referred to a drop in membership numbers in 2020. This was thought to be a reluctance of some umpires to continue their membership through the pandemic season of 2020. DY also outlined the proposed minor changes to the Constitution that the Committee would be proposing later in the meeting.
6	There were no questions.
	Treasurer's Report
7	JB presented his report together with the SACO accounts for the year ended 30 September 2020 to the meeting. He pointed out that the accounts had been subjected to an independent review. JB stated that a profit of some £500 was achieved in the year due to some exceptional items. However, owing to significant doubts as to our source of finance going forward and the reduced level of training in the current financial year, he was not able to give any forecast of the result for the current financial year. DW added that we have run a number of scenarios through the finances for 2021 and they all indicate a relatively breakeven position as our main variable costs and revenue, those associated with training, will not occur during this financial year.
8	There were no questions.
	Education Officer Report
9	DB presented his report. The ECB had put Level 1 training online. In Surrey, some 500 people had undertaken the training which is a remarkable number compared to normal face to face training. DB thanked DW for the hard work he had done in developing and delivering a number of online courses for the SJCC. DB expressed his thanks to Madhur Hemnani for his technical assistance with the online implementation of the Stage 3 course partially completed in 2020.
10	There was some very positive feedback from the meeting but no further questions.
	Scorers' Officer Report
11	In his absence the Chairman asked whether there were any questions on MH's report. There were none. DW then congratulated Debbie Beesley on her appointment as Surrey CCC's 1 st XI scorer.
	Development Officer Report
12	CK presented his report. He stated that accreditations would restart in 2021.
13	There were no questions.
	Appointments Officer Report
14	JF presented his report stating that 2020 was a year of frustration. Most of his work with appointments was done in early 2020 only for the pandemic to render the work useless. JF also noted that the Surrey Performance games in 2021 would not be umpired through SACO.
15	There were no questions.
	Election of Officers
16	The Chairman stated that David Yandell and Colin Kent were standing down. The Committee were proposing that Stuart Todd and Graeme Hall would replace them. The remaining Committee members were prepared to continue in office.
17	The proposal was put to the members and passed unanimously.
	Amendments to the Constitution
18	As DY had referred to the minor changes earlier, the Chairman put the proposals as set out on the Agenda to the meeting. There were no objections and the proposals were passed unanimously.
19	The meeting closed at 8.15pm

David Yandell
Secretary
8 March 2021