



**SURREY
CRICKET
FOUNDATION**
Registered Charity No 1118770

Surrey ACO AGM Minutes 2022

Meeting Date Monday 14 March 2022

Location: Remotely via Zoom at 8 pm

Present:

A total of 34 members attended the Surrey ACO Annual General Meeting including the following committee members: Dave Walter (DW) – Chairman; Stuart Todd (ST) – Secretary; Jeremy Beckwith (JB) – Treasurer; David Brown (DB) – Education Officer; Graeme Hall (GHa) – Development Officer; John Flatley (JF) – Appointments Officer; Martyn Holloway-Neville (MH) – Scorers Officer; Heather Dean (HD) – Safeguarding Officer; Sally Keith (SK) – Female Officials; Ian Webster (IW) – I'Anson League; Paul Stroud (PS) – Webmaster; Paul Harrison (PH) – Surrey Cricket League; Graeme Howgate (GH) – Surrey County League.

Others

Mark Babb (MB) – Cricket Participation & Development Manager, Surrey Cricket Foundation

Apologies:

Apologies were received from 16 Surrey ACO members including committee member John Gray (JG) – Farnham District.

Minute No.	Item
	Welcome
1	The Chairman welcomed everyone and explained the logistics of this online meeting.
	Apologies for absence
2	The secretary presented 16 apologies for absence.
	Minutes of the 2021 AGM (08 Mar 2021) and matters arising
3	The minutes of the 2021 AGM were approved.
4	There were no matters arising.
	Officers' reports - Chairman
5	DW referred members to his report online. In particular, he referred to ECB ACO restructuring having caused some colleagues to have received very late payments for their efforts.
6	DW said there was a full programme of training organised for this Spring with both scoring and umpiring.
7	DW mentioned the partnership with SCF to run courses for Young Officials. 80 had signed up so far and a 5 year programme was envisaged to stay in contact and help Young Officials develop.
8	DW said there were some ideas to aid the further development of female officials within the county.
9	DW said that the 'Cooper' umpiring score cards had been re-introduced.
10	DW commented on the practicalities of 'Zoom' meetings and said he would like to see groups meet in different areas of the county 2 or 3 times a year. There would be funds available to facilitate this.
11	DW said that SACO was organising 2 Hawkeye sessions and that DB had organised a CPD session to take place in late April.
	Secretary
12	The secretary referred to his report detailing the membership levels being down against the same time last year.

13	DB said that new courses are producing people who want to join. DW said that some have problems returning due to Covid.
	Treasurer
14	JB referred to his report and stated that there was a lot of money in the bank and he asked for ideas to develop umpires in the Association.
15	ST said not to forget the scorers and JF said that CPD for scorers could include shadowing other officials at a venue like the Oval.
	Education Officer
16	DB referred to his report and mentioned a new onfield training course called, 'Are you ready to call play?' as a practical way to move new candidates forward from what they had covered in classrooms and online.
	Scoring Officer
17	MH referred to his report on the website and told members that he had already held scoring courses at Valley End and Ashted with ones at East Molesey and Sutton to follow later on.
	Development Officer
18	GHa referred to his report online and stated that the regional conference had said individual umpires needed to take responsibility for their own development, in particular putting their availability on WTU in good time.
19	DW asked if we had enough mentors, but GHa said that his main concern was the number of observers as they were very thin on the ground.
	Appointments Officer
20	JF referred to his report online and told members that it had been a difficult season with bad weather, rearranged games requiring umpires at short notice and uncertainty around Covid.
21	JF said that the problems over late payments were due to a lack of staff at ACO headquarters.
22	JF said that Surrey Performance had used coaches for most games in 2021, which made it difficult to give experience to new umpires. This will revert back in 2022 for U12 age groups and above and the increase in schools and Performance games will help to give opportunities for new umpires.
23	DW said that Young Officials will assist with U11 age groups and below.
	Safeguarding Officer
24	HD referred to her report and the DBS update service and said that if members wanted help with this, that they should contact her.
25	HD said that the Club Cricket Conference was producing a template to take Equity Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) forward with the intention to provide a code of conduct.
	Female Officials report
26	SK referred to her report online and told members that 2 female-only Young Officials courses were being held in the Easter holidays. SK will contact participants to see if they want to progress further.
27	DW said that a publicity officer would be useful if anyone could help in this area.
	Election of Officers
28	On rotation a Chairman, Treasurer and Scorer Officer were to be elected.
29	David Walter (Chairman) and Jeremy Beckwith (Treasurer) were re-elected.
30	Martyn Holloway-Neville was stepping down as Scorer Officer, a replacement would be sought.
	Close of meeting
31	The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.