

**East Surrey Cricket Umpires & Scorers Association**  
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**Minutes of the 18th Annual General Meeting** held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 17 November 2016 at Sutton CC, Gander Green Lane, Sutton.

**Members present (12):** John Moulton, Ian Philippe, Chris Henderson, Maureen Henderson, Neil Williams, Nigel Legg, John Penn, Jeremy Beckwith, Matt Johnson, Phil Sherlock, Peter Turner and William Wood

**Apologies (11):** Denis Morrison, Clive Quinton, Steve Hodge, Paul Witney, David Jones, Digby Hunt, Mark Goldstein, Stuart Todd, David Yandell, John Flatley and John Smith

**Welcome by the Chairman**

1/16. I must first start by apologizing for my absence at last year's AGM and by thanking Neil Williams for stepping in to perform so well at such short notice. I have to say that being taken to Croydon University Hospital (I still call it "Mayday"! ) with a bout of kidney stones was not an experience I would wish on anyone. Painful does not describe it.

This has been another sound year for ESCUSA. We have a membership of around 100 and by my back of the envelope reckoning were responsible for supervising rather more than half a million deliveries over the last summer. This is a figure of which the Royal Society of Midwives would be proud! It is quite certain that the game of cricket would not flourish in this area were it not for the dedicated input of our members. Our time is given willingly and, I think for the most part, we are appreciated by the players and officials of the local clubs. I am sure that we can allow ourselves some self-congratulation.

Most of us officiate as umpires and scorers in the local leagues and in "friendly" matches between clubs. We all wish to improve our performance and do the best job that we can. Therefore promotion through the various levels is the aim of most and the achievement of many. Two of our membership – Jeremy Beckwith and Matt Johnson are on the ECB "D list" from which appointments to higher level games are made. Jeremy has been on the list for four years and Matt has served for two. Jeremy is also on the Minor Counties list. These are great achievements and we register our congratulations to them.

As time passes, so we age. It is inevitable that the great Umpire in the Sky will eventually raise a finger to mark our dismissal. Such a thing happened in the summer to Fred Imms who was a highly valued member of this association, a great umpire and a good friend to many. We will miss him.

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Your committee continues to function and we meet on a regular basis, three or four times a year. My thanks go to all the committee – Neil Williams, Chris and Maureen Henderson, John Flatley and Phil Sherlock who have worked hard on your behalf throughout the year. Phil Sherlock will give his final financial report at the AGM and we wish him well and thank him for all he has done. With the agreement of the AGM, the role of treasurer will be passed to Nigel Legg and I thank him and welcome him to the committee.

My one regret through the year is that we seem to have become mainly a conduit for training umpires and scorers. John Flatley will say more at the AGM about our involvement with teaching level 1 and level 1a candidates. This is a hugely important activity and I would like to thank all those trainers who give up their Saturdays in Winter and weekday evenings in Spring to further the cause of cricket. This emphasis on training means that we seem to have fewer social occasions than in earlier years. This is not a reflection on our social secretary who works hard to try to inspire enthusiasm. But I think that there is a modern-day malaise and apathy towards such events. Meals and days out to the Oval have been suggested but when it comes down to it, none generates the required response in terms of numbers. If anyone has ideas that might generate more enthusiasm, please let us know!

Notwithstanding this final grumble, I feel it has been an excellent year for ESCUSA and its members. My thanks to all

### **2/16 Minutes of the last AGM**

The minutes of the AGM held on 15 October 2015 were agreed and then signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.

### **3/16. Matters Arising**

No matters arising

### **4/16. Training Officers Report**

John Flatley posted his training report on the website prior to the meeting.

### **Hawkeye Courses**

A question was asked regarding the attendance at these courses. John Moulton advised that these were well attended initially but the numbers had dwindled over the last couple of years.

John Flatley was asked to send out an email if there were courses available.

Overall numbers of possible umpires was reducing and there would not be a Level 2 course this coming year. Numbers for Level 1 in January/February were still low, about 10 at this time. This was possibly due to promises by MCC of an online course or candidates waiting the new laws due in Autumn 2017.

### **5/16. Secretary's Report**

There is not a great deal to report!

My apologies for the lacking of newsletters this season but I have been beaten by technology. I will be brushing up during the winter (if re-elected) in order to produce one for early next summer.

Unfortunately ESCUSA committee will be losing their current Treasurer, Phil Sherlock, at the AGM. Many thanks for your hard work. Welcome to Nigel Legg who will be taking over.

Thank you to all those who have returned the membership forms, very useful. If you haven't returned yours please could you do so asap – it will assist our new treasurer.

My thanks to all committee members who make my life as Secretary very pleasant

### **6/16. Treasurers Report and 2015/16 Account**

Phil Sherlock's report had been circulated in advance to all members together with the audited accounts. There were copies available if required. The accounts had been verified and signed off by David Yandell. Phil Sherlock thanked David Yandell for the verification

John Moulton asked the meeting for any ideas for spending some of the funds in the savings account. There were various suggestions from the floor which the committee would consider at the next Committee meeting.

- Jumpers/polo shirts with logo
- All paid up members to receive a copy of the blue book when produced prior to the new /amended laws being introduced in October 2017
- Refresher course for the new laws – possibly held with the AGM
- Was a subscription to the ESCUSA required? As an affiliation there maybe a legal requirement for a subscription
- Level 2 course – the association would contribute to the cost if the umpire was a paid up member of ESCUSA and had completed Level 1 and 1A with the association.

**7/16. Appointment of a Verifier**

David Yandell had carried out the verification of the accounts for the last 5 years and was agreeable to continue.  
Agreed unanimously.

**8/16. Election of Officers**

Phil Sherlock, who has been Treasurer for the last 5 years had decided to , retire. As an expression of appreciation for his work John Moulton presented Phil with a gift. Nigel Legg had agreed to stand and was voted in unanimously as the other committee members..

The committee for 2016/17 would be:

- John Moulton – Chairman
- Neil Williams – Deputy Chairman
- Maureen Henderson – Secretary
- Nigel Legg – Treasurer
- Chris Henderson – Social Secretary

**9/16. Moments silence in memory of Fred Imms**

A moments silence was observed in memory of Fred Imms who passed away in 2016

**10/16. Any Other Business**

Chris Henderson advised the meeting that a raffle would take place. £35 was raised.

No other items were raised.

Meeting closed 8.30

Maureen Henderson  
Secretary

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