

# East Surrey Association of Cricket Umpires & Scorers

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**Chairman: Steve Hodge, Secretary & Treasurer: Peter Turner,  
Training Officer: Andrew Etherington, Social Secretary: Bernard  
Wright,**

**Webmaster: John Flatley; Welfare Officer: Dr Fred Imms, Lorraine Elgar.**  
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## Minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

held at 8 pm on Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 2008 in the South Nutfield Cricket Club's  
Pavilion, Mid Street, South Nutfield.

*Officers present:*

Steve Hodge	-	Chairman
Peter Turner	-	Secretary and Treasurer
Andrew Etherington	-	Training Officer
Bernard Wright	-	Social Secretary
John Flatley	-	Webmaster.

*Members present:* David Edwards; Andrew Elliott; Peter Gale; Paul Griffiths; Geoff Knight; Ian Philippe; Tony Reason; Barrie Stuart-King; Neil Williams.

*Apologies:* Lorraine Elgar, Robin Thomas, Phil Sherlock, John Smith, Dennis Morrison, John Davies, Virginia Edwards.

- 1/08 The Chairman **welcomed** the members to the 11<sup>th</sup> ESACUS AGM.
- 2/08 The **Minutes** of the previous AGM were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
- 3/08 **Matters Arising.** There were no Matters Arising.
- Finance.**
- 4/08 Peter presented the **Treasurer's Report and Accounts for 2007-08** which had been circulated to all members on email prior to the meeting. Hard copies are available and will be sent to the rest of the membership along with the Minutes of the meeting. He answered queries and explained the reason for the surplus of £817, which he considered higher than desirable. Peter Gale, the examiner, explained his reasons for the comment about the potential liability of the Association for Corporation Tax, recommending that ESACUS seek an assurance from HM Customs & Revenue that the Association would not fall with the orbit of this tax legislation.
- 5/08 The audited accounts were approved and adopted.
- 6/08 Peter Gale was thanked for his work as auditor/examiner and the Chairman presented him with a gift as a token of the Association's appreciation. His re-appointment as the Association's auditor/examiner for 2008-09, proposed by Andrew Etherington and seconded by Neil Williams, was approved nem con by the membership.
- 7/08 At the Treasurer's suggestion, the meeting agreed to keep the subscriptions at £5 per head, an amount which has not changed since the Association's inception.
- Secretary's Report.**
- 8/08 The Secretary's Report had been circulated to all members on email prior to the meeting. Hard copies are available and will be sent to the rest of the membership along with the Minutes of the meeting. There were no questions on the Report.
- 9/08 *Farewell Remarks.* As he is standing down as Secretary at this meeting, Peter felt it appropriate to give a brief resume of the history of the Association and his role in it. ESACUS was conceived at a preliminary meeting held at this club, SNCC, on March 29<sup>th</sup> 1998 at the suggestion from the ACU&S' SE Region that there was a void in coverage of umpire and

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scorer training in SE Surrey. ESACUS' inaugural meeting was held at Reigate Priory CC on May 15<sup>th</sup> 1998 when elections were held, resulting in:

Chairman:	Bob Munn	Proposed by Jack Vaughan; seconded by Fred Imms.
Vice Chairman	Fred Imms	Proposed by Bob Munn; seconded by Bernard Wright.
Treasurer:	Bob Munn	Proposed by Peter; seconded by Andy Etherington.
Secretary:	Peter Turner	Proposed by Bob Munn; seconded by Dave Barrow.

The first AGM was held at Reigate Priory on October 19<sup>th</sup> 1998.

Dave Barrow, is unfortunately deceased; Bob Munn, our first Chairman, is a Life Member; Jack Vaughan ceased to have any further part in our history; Fred Imms was Vice Chairman then the second of our Chairmen before accepting the post of Welfare Officer; the other two mentioned above, Bernard Wright and Andrew Etherington were founder members and are still active and on the Committee of the Association.

After 10 years as your secretary, Peter has come to feel that it is time to relinquish this post; he is most grateful for the opportunities you have provided him to gain wider experience in cricket's affairs, such as Regional Secretary of the ACU&S and Umpire Co-ordinator for the Evening Standard Challenge Trophy.

10/08 The Chairman then proposed a hearty Vote of Thanks for the sterling work has done over the past 10 or 11 years on behalf of the Association. This was greeted with acclaim.

## **Webmaster's Report.**

11/08 John Flatley presented his first report as the Association's Webmaster, outlining the developments of this project which had been started during the year. His report is available on the website and a hard copy will be posted to members who do not have email.

Steve Hodge lauded John for producing a most professional website, full of up to date and interesting information for our members and thanked him profusely on their behalf.

## **Membership.**

12/08 Peter gave details of the current paid-up membership, which stands at 84. Three people have resigned during the year and 18 are now being "lapsed" due to non-payment of subscriptions for the previous year. Membership will increase in February when participants in our weekend training course for aspiring umpires takes place. Andrew stated that he expected this course to be full with 24 participants.

13/08 *Data Protection.* There was a discussion on the need to protect members' privacy. It was decided that permission to publish phone numbers and email addresses should be sought from all existing as well as future members before these lists are circulated to other members or made available on the website.

## **Constitution.**

14/08 Peter explained the need to revise the Association's Constitution following the demise of ACU&S. The principal changes proposed are to remove all reference to ACU&S and add the required references to the new regime of the ECB (ECBOA) and County Boards (SCBACO). Welfare provisions have been given a separate paragraph. The revised proposed draft has already been circulated to members and hard copies are available.

15/08 *Welfare Officer* The meeting discussed the need for a Welfare Officer in the light of the changed circumstances. The ACU&S had required its local associations to have such an officer, but it was unclear whether the same situation obtained under the new ECB arrangements. However, the members felt strongly that the matter of Child Protection is of such importance that ESACUS (ESCUSA) should retain this post and make it an "office" under the Constitution, to be elected at every AGM.

16/08 There was a proposal to amend the proposal from the committee to remove the role of Welfare Officer. An amendment was proposed by Barrie Stuart-King, and seconded by Ian Philippe, that the "Welfare Officer" should become an elected official on the Association's Committee. This was agreed nem con. There was also an amendment proposed by Ian Philippe, and seconded by Barrie Stuart-King, that the the name of the association should change to the "East Surrey Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association" (ESCUSA). This was agreed by 12 votes to 1 (see addendum to minutes).

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17/08 The meeting then voted to adopt the new, amended Constitution.

## Report from the County Board.

18/08 At the Chairman's invitation, David Edwards, the Chairman of SCBACO, briefed the members about the progress Surrey is making on umpire training. We are extremely lucky that Graham Cooper, who has been tasked by the ECB to devise the new courses for umpire training, is active in the Surrey Association, though he will no longer be instructing. Andrew then elaborated on the courses the association is offering this winter. The meeting expressed its appreciation for the excellent instruction Graham has provided for the Association over the past decade.

## Elections.

19/08 Uncontested elections then took place, resulting in the following:  
Chairman: Steve Hodge Proposed by P. Turner, seconded by A. Etherington.  
Vice-Chairman: Lorraine Elgar Proposed by P. Turner, seconded by D. Edwards.  
Secretary/Webmaster: John Flatley Proposed by B. Stuart-King, seconded by A. Reason.  
Treasurer: Peter Turner Proposed by S. Hodge seconded by A. Etherington.  
Welfare Officer: Fred Imms Proposed by A. Elliott, seconded by D. Edwards.  
Committee members: Andrew Etherington and Bernard Wright.

## A.O.B.

- 20/08 David Edwards informed the gathering that SCBACO has its own website with many interesting links.
- 21/08 He also mentioned that a proposal to replace the Cockspur National Knockout with a Twenty/20 competition had been roundly condemned by clubs. The ECB has responded by reinstating a 50-over competition but with fewer clubs.
- 22/08 Peter Gale drew members' attention to the fact that HM Customs & Revenue are investigating a cricket club about corporation tax given that the club raises revenue from sales and rents.
- 23/08 Geoff Knight recommended that the Constitution be further amended next year to include the Training Officer as an elected official of the Association.
- 24/08 Neil Williams enquired about procedures concerning the renewal of CRB clearance certificates.

The meeting ended at 9.45 pm and after refreshments was followed by a Cricket Quiz, run by Steve.

Peter Turner	Confirmed	.....
Hon. Secretary	Date	.....
November 17 <sup>th</sup> 2008.		

## ADDENDUM TO MINUTES

At its meeting on November 19th 2008, the ESACUS committee decided that the proposal to change the name of the association (para 16/08) should not have been accepted as an **amendment**. This was because it did not relate to the clauses in the original proposal. The committee agreed that such a fundamental change should be tabled as a proposal which our constitution requires to be "proposed and seconded, (and) must be given to the Secretary at least thirty days before the AGM". The committee, therefore, decided to organise an EGM to discuss a proposal from the committee to change the name of the association to the East Surrey Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association. In the meantime, the association shall remain named as the East Surrey Association of Cricket Umpires and Scorers.