

The Cambridgeshire Cricket Umpires & Scorers Association

Meeting Minutes

Special General Meeting to be held: Thursday 21st April 2022 commencing at 19-45

Location: The Downing Room, Marriott Hotel at Huntingdon – Kingfisher Way, Hinchingsbrooke Business Park, PE29 6FL

Attendance: All members of the merged CCUSA and HACO

In attendance: Andrew McLean | David Pimblett | Mick Hoy | Ben Whyall | Alan Lamb | Peter Laughlin | Peter Hinstridge | Don Lloyd | Cindy Tai Lim | Richard Powell | Andrew Lowin | Mark Webster | Helen Hyde | Simon Smith

AGENDA

Standing Agenda Items

- Chair's welcome and purpose of meeting – Alan Lamb welcomed all to the meeting
- Apologies received – Simon Seabrook | Alun Bedding | Ken Smart | Pete Laughlin | David Wedgwood | Rob Benson | Christopher Dean | Keith Coburn | Andy Hayward | Chris Wilson | Thomas Laver

Specific Agenda Items (by prior notification)

1. Motion received (Proposed Alan Lamb, seconded Andrew McLean): Item 1.1 (et al) of the Constitution The name of the merged ACO shall be the "Cambridgeshire & Huntingdonshire Association of Cricket Officials" and all references in the CCUSA Constitution shall be adjusted according – Alan Lamb discussed the changes as issued to all members previously
2. Motion received (Proposed Alan Lamb, seconded Andrew McLean): CPD Session 2022/1 – The following additional Representatives shall be inserted in Items 6 & 8 of the Constitution:
 1. Cricket East
 2. Cambridgeshire Cricket Ltd
 3. East Anglian Premier League
 4. Huntingdonshire County Cricket League
 - It was agreed that there was no requirement for a Representative to the Hunts Cricket Board
3. Motion received (Proposed Alan Lamb, seconded Andrew McLean): Corrections and adjustments to the Constitution to improve and clarify procedures as indicated in red on the draft but not included in Items 1 & 2 above – Alan Lamb discussed the changes as issued to all members previously
 - The above three motions were voted on separately and were all agreed with 14no votes FOR, none against and no abstentions
 - In addition to the votes cast at the meeting, a further 5 members had written to the Chair or Secretary in favour of all three motions.
 - All three motions were therefore passed

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Any Other business

- As the EAPL meeting on 7th April had been cancelled, there was no update on EAPL Rules and Regs.
- As all EAPL umpires were able to attend the CHACO meeting on the same evening, there was no need for a reciprocal update on Whiting rules and regs
- Simon Smith asked for clarification regarding the use of Saliva on the ball:

At the CHACO meeting of 7th April, it was agreed that the use of saliva on balls should not be allowed and that the ball should be sanitised if this were to happen. This has now been followed up by the following Statement made by the ECB in their release of the 9th April:-

When cricket resumed following the onset of Covid-19, playing conditions were written in most forms of the game stating that applying saliva to the ball was no longer permitted. MCC's research found that this had little or no impact on the amount of swing the bowlers were getting. Players were using sweat to polish the ball, and this was equally effective.

The ECB have requested leagues adopt this approach for the 2022 season. The Management Committee have agreed that the new Law 41.3 (NO Saliva) will be implemented by standing officials for the 2022 season.

The new Laws will NOT permit the use of saliva on the ball, which also removes any grey areas of fielders eating sugary sweets to alter their saliva to apply to the ball. Using saliva will be treated the same way as any other unfair methods of changing the condition of the ball.

It will be dealt with in the below manner by the standing umpires. <https://www.lords.org/mcc/the-laws-of-cricket/unfair-play> - Under Law 41.3 The match ball – changing its condition

Post Meeting Note:

At the Whiting League meeting on 21st April the above Statement was ratified for implementation in the 2022 season

4. Dates and locations of next meetings – TBC

Close of meeting by Chair – 20:52