

**MINUTES OF THE DACO A.G.M., held 27/11/2018
at BARTON CRICKET CLUB.**

The Chairman Andrew Forward opened the meeting, extended a warm welcome to all in attendance and thanked the South Area and Barton Cricket Club for hosting the event trusting that the meeting will run smoothly with no unexpected surprises.

1. **In memoriam** All present stood for a minute's silence in respect for those involved in Devon Cricket lost to us during the previous year.
2. **Present:** The attendance list shows that there were 25 members present
3. **Apologies:** The attendance list indicates that there were 20 members who had given their apologies.
4. **Election of President** – Eirion 'Danny Daniels' agreed to continue for the coming year making it clear that it would be his last year in the role.
5. **President's Opening Address:** In his address Mr Daniels stated that he regarded it as a great privilege to be the President of the Devon Association of Cricket Officials but wished to make it clear that following this year he would be standing down. He wished to thank all those colleagues he had worked with, both on field and off, over the many enjoyable years he has had in cricket. He commented on the return to health of Pete Bamber and thanked him for representing DACO at Devon Cricket League meetings as well as making the appointments. He also gave mention to Chris Shelton thanking him for his many years work behind the scenes as well as standing on field. He advised that Bill Pinhey from West area had had to step down due to ill health and that has left us with two on field assessors. In closing he asked that we try to ensure that new umpires enjoy progression and that we try to establish a policy for dealing with Captain's markings.
6. **Minutes of the 2017 A.G.M....circulated:** These minutes were proposed as correct by E Dymond, seconded by M. Davies and accepted as a true record by the members present.
7. **Matters arising from those minutes** - there were no matters arising
8. **Chairman's report:** Well the last season was excellent for weather and therefore lots of games were played. Discipline was not a huge problem, there only being a few cases needing to be reported. But I have to ask are all disciplinary matters being reported? Or are umpires managing games better? I would hope the latter is the reason. However, if an incident needs to be reported then umpires must do so in accordance with the laws of cricket and the regulations of the competition or game which you are standing. I am aware that sometimes certain competition regulators are not quite up to speed! BUCS being one of these but there are others.
I was pleased to see recently that there is to be a change to Law 41.7 High non bouncing full pitched deliveries. It seems that the MCC have listened to the grass roots regarding the law on High non bouncing full pitched deliveries and the requirement to call and warn on the first instance regardless of direction, age or gender. However, does this amendment which puts the onus to call after consideration on the bowlers end umpire going to work? I am sure common sense will prevail and umpires will call correctly those deliveries which are no balls and those youngsters and women who it is felt by our members could have been unfairly penalised by this ruling may now have some

leeway, but remember whatever you do on the field needs to be in accordance with the law and rules of the relevant competition.

I wish to thank the members of the management committee for their sterling work and support over the last year. There is a member of this committee that will be retiring at this meeting and I wish to express my thanks to Nigel Piddock for all the work he has done over the last 4 years as our secretary. Nigel has ensured that DACO has run in a professional way. I personally wish to thank Nigel for all he has done.

Training over the last year has been a bit hindered by the way the training packages have been re-written, but we have still managed to organise courses and get umpires trained. To that end we have now secured funding from the DCL for training in the coming year. Thanks to Pete and Chris for all the work they did to ensure this funding was secured. We hope to have courses more regionally in the county to endeavour to get more umpires trained. As with everything these days, the training syllabus, course registration and the actual training are all on line. Therefore, anyone interested in getting any training will need to apply online so if you are aware of any interested persons please direct them firstly to the Devon Cricket website and encourage them to apply via this to ECBACO.

DACO has continued to supply umpires to all areas of cricket played in Devon whether that is DCL, Women's league, County Youth, Age Group, schools. My thanks go to Pete and the area appointers for ensuring all matches which we are asked to supply umpires to, have umpires.

Scoring as with umpires is an area which we as DACO want to encourage more members, an ongoing process. The training which I referred to earlier will help with this and with the DCL funding this will ensure any costs are minimal for individuals.

Nick is organising a scoring course for March next year and any interested individuals will need to speak to Nick. Electronic scoring continues to be a muddle with the alternative two systems being in existence. I sincerely hope there will be a resolution to this very soon.

DACO continues to support the Minor counties Umpires panel and the D list with Nigel Piddock, Steve Lavis, Ray Allen, Paul Smith, Roger Tolchard and myself. For the next season these two panels of umpires will become one and be run by Chris Kelly. This panel will be appointed to all Minor Counties, D list, University and U17 matches in the 2019 season. I wish all those on this panel; the pinnacle for amateur umpires to aspire to; all the very best. I have chosen not to put myself forward to be on this panel due to work and health reasons.

I think I have spoken for quite long enough and I apologise if I have missed thanking anyone. As we look forward to the next season our first item at which DACO will be is the South West Regional Conference at Salisbury. We should get an idea of the direction ECBACO is going following the departure of Nick Cousins.

May I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

9. **Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer, Ian Birt, distributed the balance sheet which showed an accumulated fund carried forward of £7,255.99p comprising, £7010.79 brought forward plus £245.20 excess income over expenditure for the year. He advised that more club affiliations had been received this year and less spent on training which he felt was probably due to use of an electronic booking system. Meetings costs were up due to the need to call an EGM and our involvement with Cricketeens came as a shock but transpired to be cost neutral. In response to questions from David Gambie and Ken Jeffrey he advised that the responsibility for collecting fees lies with Devon Cricket Board. Sheilagh Harding thought that smaller clubs may consider they don't need to pay as they don't have DACO appointed umpires. Alex Pickersgill advised that there was a cricket board meeting in North Devon at which only six turned up. Members expressed concerns as to whether clubs not affiliated to DCB should be playing matches.

10. Election of Officers: Officers were elected as follows:

• Chairman	-	Andy Forward	Pro E. Daniels;	Sec A. Pickersgill
• Vice-Chairman	-	Eddie Dymond	Pro E. Daniels;	Sec A. Pickersgill
• Treasurer	-	Ian Birt	Pro E. Daniels;	Sec C. Shelton
• Secretary & Membership Officer	-	Dennis Smith	Pro A. Forward;	Sec N. Piddock
• Performance & Development Officer	-	Steve Lavis	Pro E. Daniels;	Sec A. Forward
• Appointments Officer	-	Pete Bamber	Pro N. Forbes;	Sec S. Lavis
• Education Officer	-	Chris Shelton	Pro A. Forward;	Sec P. Dawe
• Scorers and Welfare Officer	-	Nick Evanson	Pro I. Birt;	Sec K. Jeffrey
• DACO Representative to DCL	-	Pete Bamber	Pro E. Daniels;	Sec I. Birt

11. The 'Tony Miller' Award – the members present supported the South Area recommendation that Ken Jeffrey be presented with this award.

12. The 'Aldridge White Memorial' Award – the members present supported the recommendation that this award be presented to Paul Smith.

13. Nomination of Life and Honorary Members – The South Area secretary proposed that Chris Shelton be awarded Life and Honorary membership. The proposal was seconded by Steve Lavis and agreed unanimously.

The 2019 AGM is to be held by North Area. The Chairman felt that we should consider centralising the meeting to reduce travelling and hopefully attract a better attendance. Pete Bamber thought this was a good idea to be discussed at the next Management Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.36 pm.

Chairman:

Date: