

ASSOCIATION DES CLUBS DE CRICKET DU SUD OUEST

Siège social : Hôtel des Associations - 47160 DAMAZAN

BLEVINS  FRANKS
INTERNATIONAL TAX & WEALTH MANAGEMENT

Minutes of AGM held by Zoom Videoconference on 14th November 2020

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Meeting started at 10:10 with Peter Townsend, President, in Chair.

Present:

Committee, without vote: Peter Townsend, president (“PT”) and Peter Brown, treasurer (“PB”).
Ian Brown (secretary - “IB”)

Malcolm Grant (umpire community manager). Apologies

Clubs, with voting rights:

Bordeaux-Giscours: Andy Smith, (“AS”),(President)

Catus: Peter Stirling (“PS”),(President)

Damazán: Apologies from Gagan Singh. Proxy given to John Ayling (“JA”),

Eymet: Andrew Cardle (“ACa”), (President): Visual connection not made at start but later established.

Mansle: Caroline Beecroft (“CB”) (President),

Midi: Apologies from Reginald Gratton,(President). Proxy given to Dominic George (“DG”) (Captain) arrived later.

Nimes:Rolf Zechner (“RZ”), (President)

Saint Aulaye: Peter Brown (“PB”) (President).

Toulouse: Philippe Fermanel,(“PF”) (President)

In attendance, without vote:

Rajesh Gopalan (RG),Toulouse) Candidate S-G

Ruairidh Howells (RH),(Toulouse) Candidate VP Devmt

Justin Burley (JB)(Mansle) Technician

Andy Coope (AC)(Mansle) Technician

Agenda Item 1: Quorum/Proxies: The quorum was reached. 8 of 9 member-clubs being connected and present

Agenda Item 2: Welcome

PT welcomed all to the new style of meeting, imposed by the circumstances and in accordance with sanitary requirements.

Agenda Item 3: Introductions made by all concerned.

Agenda Item 4; Minutes of AGM 2019: Document pre-published on Web site.

Reading not required. No significant matters arising.

Approval of AGM 2019 minutes: by Google forms vote. 8 clubs voted, 7 - Yes, 1 - Abstained - **Minutes approved**

Document to be signed post AGM by PT and IB.

Agenda Item 5: ACCSO ACCOUNTS 2020. Document pre-published on Web site.

No questions were put forward

Approval of ACCSO ACCOUNTS 2020: by Google forms vote. 8 clubs voted, 8 - Yes **Accounts Unanimously approved**

Agenda Item 6: President’s report and review of Season 2019. Document circulated to clubs on 18 October

PT summarised a few points and asked if there were any questions. With none forthcoming the President’s Report was noted (not subject to vote).

Agenda Item 7: Financial Review: Document pre-published on Web site.

PB summarised a few points, including that Blevins Franks the sponsors were finding it difficult to maintain their kind donations. PB asked if there were any questions.

RZ asked for clarification that no monies were received from the Ligue at Bordeaux and Montpellier because ACCSO is not recognised by these organisations. PB and PT made contributions to the reply indicating that this understanding was correct.

RZ offered his opinion that all should work towards changing this situation in the near future.

JB made the point that with more sponsors the income for ACCSO could be maintained. IB suggested that this be an action placed on all clubs to suggest additional sponsors to ACCSO. **Action All Clubs**

With no other questions forthcoming the Financial Review was noted (not subject to vote).

Agenda Item 8: Budget proposal 2020:

No further questions were put forward

Approval of proposed Budget 2020: by Google forms vote 8 clubs voted, 6 - Yes , 1 - No, 1 - Abstained **Budget approved.**

Agenda Item 9: Umpire Managers Report: Document pre-published on Web site.

IB informed the meeting that apologies had been received from MG. No questions were put forward

The Secretary's Report was noted (not subject to vote).

Agenda Item 10: Secretary's Report: Document pre-published on Web site.

No questions were put forward. The Secretary's Report was noted (not subject to vote).

Dominic George ("DG") (Captain, Midi) joined the meeting having discovered the required link in his spam in-box.

A problem other attendees reported with the meeting and Google Form invitations. A point to note for any future meeting

Agenda Item 11. Review Candidates for Election to Committee

Secretary General: Rajesh Gopalan presented himself for the position

Vice-president, charged with Development: Rolf Zechner and Ruairidh Howells both presented themselves for the position, however Ruairidh Howells announced that with such a strong candidate in RZ he would stand down and asked the clubs to vote for RZ. Committee accepted this withdrawal.

President, Ian Brown presented himself for the position

Agenda Item 12. Google Forms were to be used to vote for Business matters; items 4,5,and 8 and Election of Candidates for Committee

Agenda Item 13. A 20 minute break was taken during which clubs used the Google forms to vote. Time 10:35

Agenda Item 14. Meeting reconvened at 10:55

Agenda Item 15. Announcement of results, see also Appendix 1

IB Announced the results of the voting;

Business matters, **see above**

Elections: The Google Forms of 7 of the 9 clubs were received.

Secretary General: Rajesh Gopalan 7 - Yes, Rajesh Gopalan voted in.

Vice-president, charged with Development: **Rolf Zechner** 6 - Yes and **Ruairidh Howells** 1 - Yes Rolf Zechner voted in
President, Ian Brown 6 - Yes, 1 - Abstain, **Ian Brown** was voted in.

PT congratulated all the successful candidates

Post AGM the new RG will do the necessary paperwork and file the composition of Committee with the Agen Prefecture.

IB took over the chair of the meeting and, with the prior agreement of RG, PT took over taking notes.

IB began by saying a few words about the outgoing President PT. This included highlighting all the work PT has put in in various ways during his length association with ACCSO and Damazan. IB offered thanks on behalf of all those who had passed through and remain in the ACCSO Community and had been helped by PT efforts. IB explained that a small memento will be presented to PT at the best opportunity to do so with a live audience.

Agenda Item 16: FFBS Affiliation

IB invited the member clubs to say a few words on their own positions.

AS reminded his colleagues that **B-GCC** play on a private ground and therefore in that one respect the question of affiliation is not relevant. Confessing that the detailed implications are not clear to him, he confirmed that B-GCC wish to be *solidaire* with other clubs.

CB said that their *mairie* has just now confirmed that **Mansle** can use the ground for any matches regardless.

JB added that **Mansle's** principal concern is that they had zero income in 2020; only outgoings. An untenable situation.

JA confirmed that the *mairie* have said that **DCC** are welcome to use the ground regardless. He added that in any event DCC cannot afford to remain affiliated.

PS said that the *mairie* are happy to see **CCC** use the ground as long as the club operates correctly as an *association*.

PF confirmed that affiliation is not an option for **TCC**: access to the ground and to grants depend upon affiliation, which the *mairie* regards as the norm in France.

ACa has had confirmation from the *mairie* that **ECC** can continue to play on the present ground, affiliated or not. But he stressed that, for ECC, the unity of the ACSO clubs is paramount.

DG relayed that **Midi** have no inclination or need to affiliate.

RZ agreed with ACa that unity is key and that the future of ACCSO as an entity is very important. **NCC** are not even considering not affiliating. In his opinion the financing of junior players is indeed available and accessible.

IB stated that the committee would go away and work on a paper defining the clubs options. To be put forward for a vote.

Agenda Item 17: Covid-19 in 2021

IB restated the opinion of ACCSO Committee that we should plan 2021 on the basis that Covid-1 will still be major factor governing sport. And that clubs must apply to friendly matches the same principles and precautions as for competitive matches.

Agenda Item 18: Violence in Sport

IB reminded clubs of the government requirement, relayed by the FFBS, for notices to be displayed at all grounds and for all the required precautions and controls to be respected. This requirement is universal and will apply to all clubs, affiliated or not.

Agenda Item 19: FFBS Licensing changes

IB reminded clubs of the changes and extensions announced by the FFBS to take account of the government requirement for all persons dealing with juniors and/or females to be subject to checks on their honorabilité.

PB added a reminder about the new FFBS requirement for clubs to licence their club officers (president, etc.) as such, rather than as, say, a player or an umpire.

PS (Catus), on behalf of the attendees, thanked all who had made the meeting possible.

IB thanked the attendees for their time and contributions and the meeting closed at 11:35.

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Approved for distribution by Committee **tbc** November 2020.

Distribution:

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.....Secretary-General
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At ...Toulouse