



Association des Club du Cricket du Sud Ouest.

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## **Provisional Minutes of EGM held online on 10th February 2024**

### **Present:**

#### **Committee, without vote:**

- Peter Brown, president (“PB”),
- Peter Townsend, vice-president (“PT”)
- Mehul Dhorda, treasurer (“MD”)
- Hugues Scheers, secretary (“HS”)

#### **Clubs, with voting rights:**

- Bordeaux-Giscours (“BGCC”): Rupert Holderness, President (“RH”).
- Catus (“CCC”): Peter Stirling, President (“PS”).
- Damazan (“DCC”): Apologies from Gagan Singh. Mandate given to Damazan fixtures secretary, John Ayling (“JA”)
- Eymet (“ECC”): Apologies from Andrew Cardle. Proxy given to Saint Aulaye
- Saint Aulaye (“SAC”): Peter Brown, President (“PB”)
- Toulouse (“TCC”): Philippe Fermanel, President (“PF”)

#### **Clubs, without voting rights:**

- Eyliac (“EBACC”): Irfan Sheikh, President (“IS”)

### **1. Registration, Quorum and Proxies.**

HS confirms the start of the meeting at 17:04

Quorum is achieved with five member clubs present (BGCC, CCC, DCC, SAC, TCC) with one Proxy (ECC), given to SAC..

### **2. Welcome.**

PB welcomes all in attendance.

### **3. Apologies for absence.**

HS confirms having received apologies from Andrew Cardle (ECC) and Gagan Singh (DCC). HS confirms that Nimes CC and Montpellier CC as member applicants were both contacted to attend the meeting with no response having been received.

### **4. Introductions and Results of pre-EGM online voting:**

PB confirms the results of the pre-meeting voting on agenda Items 5 through 8, as follows.

### **5. Draft minutes of AGM (2 December 2023)**

The draft minutes of the AGM on the 2 December was approved with the following results:

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YES (4) NO (0) ABSTAIN (2)

**6. Modifications to ACCSO Règlement Intérieur as a result of leaving FC.**

The ACCSO Règlement Intérieur modifications were approved with the following results:

YES (4) NO (0) ABSTAIN (2)

**7. Modifications to ACCSO Disciplinary Procedure as a result of leaving FC.**

The ACCSO Disciplinary Procedure modifications were approved with the following results:

YES (4) NO (0) ABSTAIN (2)

**8. Proposal for Pitch Standards and Player Safety.**

The proposal to adopt the Pitch Standards and Player Safety guidelines was approved with the following results:

YES (4) NO (0) ABSTAIN (2)

**9. Status of club affiliations 2024 and intentions for participation in ACCSO 2024 competitions.**

BGCC and SAC, confirm their renewed ACCSO membership but will not be participating in ACCSO competitive cricket in 2024.

CCC, DCC & TCC all confirm they are (or are busy) affiliating to ASPTT.

CCC, DCC, EBACC, ECC and TCC (with two sides) all confirm entering all the ACCSO competitions in 2024.

HS confirms that Montpellier and Nimes have indicated they will enter the league but not T20 and the cup. It was noted that their status with affiliation to an omni-sport federation (ASPTT or other) is unclear and could be an issue for Montpellier as they are part of a baseball club affiliated to FFBS.

**10. Blevins Franks ACCSO league format 2024.**

The likely BF league format will consist of North (CCC, DCC, EBACC, ECC) and South (Montpellier, Nimes and two TCC sides (Bears and Wolves)). PB notes a special thanks to PS of Catus for playing out of region to make two pools of four possible.

**11. ACCSO T20/One Hundred format 2024.**

There was much talk regarding the T20 as we have had problems completing three matches on one day in the heat.

Proposals to play 100 balls with 5/10 ball overs from one end to reduce the time involved were rejected.

TCC proposed that the traditional T20 format could be modified to bowl 5 consecutive overs from one end before rotating. This has been used for internal matches and it reduces



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elapsed time because of fewer fielding changes. EGM did not approve this for wide use but agreed that it could be used for T20 competitive matches in order to increase the over rate if required, this practice is now inscribed as "Local Conditions" - whereby visitors may be invited - but not obliged - to play accordingly.

It was felt that we would return to a three-match round robin of TCC x 2 and CCC in the South and DCC, EBACC and ECC in the North.

It was agreed that the T20 competition should be in May/June to coincide with the longer days.

We did not consider a third fourth place play off and a final or just a final but the committee can decide on this in due course.

### **12. Blevins Franks ACCSO Cup format 2024.**

The BF Cup will be contested by 6 teams - CCC, DCC, EBACC, ECC and TCC Bears and Wolves. It was agreed that two sides would benefit from a bye in the quarter final and the quarter final matches would be drawn by region to reduce excessive travel expenses.

The location and date of the Final will be decided by Blevins Franks and ACCSO in due course.

### **13. Umpiring and scoring.**

PT presents the Umpiring framework going forward. As in 2023 clubs will now need in the main to provide their own umpire, especially for home fixtures.

There are no longer any suitable courses from the ICC and their e-learning offering is totally unsuitable. ACCSO Committee have therefore decided to use the MCC e-learning offering for training new umpires, with accompanying pieces on local ACCSO rules and conditions Clubs will then be responsible for mentoring their new umpires.

ACCSO will use our best endeavours to assist with the formal panel umpires standing with newly qualified umpires if no one is available at the club, BUT there are very few of these umpires left.

A *prime* will be made available to clubs who qualify new umpires.

HS provides an update on scoring using the cricHQ digital platform. The CricHQ system can be adopted by clubs and it looks like all but DCC and ECC will do so.

HS is providing training material for clubs and kindly requests a full list of players from ALL clubs whether they intend to use the system or not so as to not hinder those wishing to use the system and as at away games the home team will likely be scoring with the system.

ACCSO offers to provide rechargeable batteries (both mains and solar) to be used with the scoring device for those clubs who wish to use the system.



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#### **14. Financial package for clubs.**

MD gives a brief introduction on the financial package, ECC via PB (SAC President) as Proxy raised a number of points with regard to the package, mainly that ECC felt that other clubs needed funds immediately to cover expenses such as transport and proposed a 300e payment to all clubs, this was questioned by MD pointing out that if clubs need 300e for survival should ACCSO be paying a failing club and the fact that clubs already benefit from a substantial subsidy from BF's sponsorship and in over 4K in donations. ACCSO accept they have some additional funds that could be dispersed to clubs but felt strongly this should be for development of cricket and not just subsidising out of pocket expenses for clubs. ACCSO will likely post a substantial loss in 2024 depending on the exact measures adopted. PS for CCC wondered if some further support could be made available due to their substantially increased travel costs as they agreed to compete in the north pool for league cricket. MD said amendments might be made to the umpiring support package to continue to make payments progressive and in so doing, ensure clubs have enough qualified umpires. It was decided that ACCSO would take another look at the package given the clubs comments and come back to clubs with a revised version for approval.

With no further business, the meeting was closed at 18h46