



Association des Club du Cricket du Sud Ouest.

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Draft Minutes of EGM

held at online on 11th March 2025

Present:

Committee, without vote:

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

Clubs, with voting rights:

- **Catus:** Peter Stirling (“**PS**”) (President).
- **Damazan: Apologies** from Gagan Singh. Mandate given to Damazan fixtures secretary, John Ayling (“**JA**”)
- **Eyliac: Apologies** from Irfan Sheikh. Mandate given to Eyliac vice president Jeremy Bird (“**JB**”) thereafter a proxy to Peter Brown (“**PB**”) on his departure.
- **Eymet: Apologies from** Andrew Cardle (“**AC**”) (President) after technical difficulties in signing into the meeting.
- **Nîmes:** Apologies from Pénélope Chauvin. Mandate given to Nimes sporting director Rolf Zechner (“**RZ**”)
- **Saint Aulaye:** Peter Brown (“**PB**”) (President) (no vote on questions relating to competitions)
- **Toulouse:** Philippe Fermanel (“**PF**”) (President)

In attendance, without vote:

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Apologies for Absence:

- Gary Stark (“**GS**”), Treasurer, Damazan

Quorum:

Quorum was confirmed at 18h07, with 7 of the 9 member clubs represented by their president, by mandate to another member of club or by proxy given to another club.

Committee members PB, MD and HS were present.

Agenda Item 1: Welcome:

PB welcomes those attending and confirms receiving communication with AC to continue while he tries to join the meeting.



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Agenda Item 2: Apologies for absence:

HS informed the meeting that the presidents of NCC, DCC and EyCC apologised for their absence. **Noted by All**

Agenda Item 3: Summary of amended regulations from AGM:

HS confirms that the 2025 match regulations have been amended to reflect the decisions taken during the AGM, specifically for the obligation of the use of helmets by batters as well as the use of pink balls when sight screens are not in use. As per ACCSO Competition Regulations - Season 2025 FULL VERSION.pdf. **Noted by all.**

Agenda Item 4: Update from the secretary on clubs/teams taking part in ACCSO cricket in 2025:

HS confirms that Catus, Toulouse (2 teams), Eyliac, Damazan and Eymet have all entered all 3 formats of the 2025 competitive season with Nimes entering the League and T20 Formats. **Noted by all.**

Agenda Item 5: Final accounts:

MD presented the final accounts for 2024 (as per ACCSO Accounts 2024 update 20250310.pdf) and confirmed that the accounts have balanced to which PB concurred. PS asked for a vote on the approval of the final 2024 accounts seconded by JA. 6 votes in favor 1 abstention.

Final accounts 2024 are approved..

Agenda Item 6: Financial package for clubs:

MD presented the financial package structure available to all ACCSO member clubs for 2025. After research into using funds to assist with transport found that funds would not benefit clubs in the long term nor assist ACCSO in finding a solution for umpires and scorers, it was decided to continue to use the umpire qualification package offered in 2024. PB asked for a vote on the approval of the package seconded by PF. 6 votes in favour 1 abstention

Financial package 2025 is approved.

Agenda item 7: Revised 2025 Budget:

MD Presented the budget 2025 including the revisions for the financial packages to clubs as per ACCSO Budget 2025 20250310.pdf.

PB asks for a vote on the approval of the 2025 season seconded by PS.

6 votes in favour 1 abstention

2025 Budget is approved.



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Agenda Item 8: Update on online banking:

MD confirms that with approval of the committee, ACCSO will open an account with “la poste” so as to have access to online banking which is important to continue to operate the accounts efficiently considering the vast distances between clubs and committee members.

Noted by the EGM.

Agenda item 9: Update on artificial pitch at Nimes:

RZ confirms that Nimes have managed to secure a ground, and that they will also be putting in a full length artificial wicket on “casting”. There is therefore no need to give a dispensation for the use of a shorter artificial surface. All present congratulated RZ on the great news of another cricket ground being created.

Noted by the EGM.

Agenda item 10: Proposed format for the scheduling of League cricket 2025.:

HS presented the Ligue format for 2025 noting that due to 7 teams entering there would simply not be enough weekends available for a 7 team pool leading to having to structure the league into 2 pools with 3 teams in Nouvelle aquitaine and 4 in Occitanie with the winners of each pool playing each other for the title of ACCSO Ligue champions 2025.

Noted by the EGM.

Agenda item 11: Proposed format for the T20 and Cup:

HS Presented the T20 and Cup format noting that the T20 QF round structured as a 3 match day is unavoidable due to the already limited weekends in Nouvelle Aquitaine caused by the 3 team ligue structure.

The Cup draw is to be slightly modified to ensure that the QF rounds are played between regions so as to give clubs from both regions to play more varying opponents should they not qualify out of the pool phases of the League and T20.

. AGM took note, with approval.



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Agenda Item 12: Motion to revert the regulations to allow for the use of red balls in competition

(without sight-screens):

Due to the absence of AC who brought the motion, HS and PB explain the motion as E-mailed through to ACCSO.

A discussion is held with JA confirming that Damazan will continue to use the red balls but will have operational sight screens in place to be able to do so.

PS confirms that the use of sight screens would assist in player and umpire safety but that grounds unable to use sight screens should stick to the current regulations and use pink balls to ensure player and umpire safety.

Motion is noted by the EGM with no call for a vote.

Agenda Item 14: Any other business:

PF noted that the link to the french copy of the MCC laws referred to in the match regulations for 2025 does not seem to work. HS confirms that the french translation does exist and he will look into it.

Agenda Item 15: Close:

PB thanked all for attending and closed the EGM at 19h20.

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