

ASSOCIATION FRANCAISE des NOMPAIRES et
ENTAILLEURS de CRICKET

MINUTES of the 13th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
STADE CHARLETY, PARIS
18.00hrs, FRIDAY 12th MARCH 2010

PRESENT: David Rhodes (DR), Stephen Harrison (SH), Eddie Cannon,
Tony Banton (TB), Peter Townsend, Richard Thompson, Sharkey
Jayawardene (SJ), Barrie Holland.

13.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE had been sent by Vincent Buisson (VB), Philip Clayton, Andy Crawford, Graham Kelsey, Mike Lomax, Andrew Macaulay, Peter MacKenzie, Eddie Slack, Stuart Smith, Alf Tingey, Patrick Ussher, Don Gardner and Phil Browne.

13.2 THE MINUTES of the 12th AGM were approved.

13.3 MATTERS ARISING

- (i) The Laws have now been translated into French and MCC have undertaken to do the printing. It is hoped that copies can be distributed before the start of the season and in addition they will become available on-line.
- (ii) No action had been taken on the web-site.

13.4 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

DR presented his report, which had been distributed prior to the meeting. The following points were discussed:

- (i) UMPIRING in ILE DE FRANCE (I de F) is still problematic. There are many qualified umpires who do not stand. Furthermore, there are no statistics available of who has umpired which match, which makes the validation and coaching processes very difficult. It was agreed that the aim should be a pool of qualified umpires, although this may not be achieved in the short term.

(ii) DISCIPLINE is still not satisfactory, neither on the field (particularly in I de F) nor in the application of sanctions. It is to be hoped that the invitation for cricket people to sit on the disciplinary committee could improve matters.

(iii) SCORING. TB and VB have been nominated to the ECC panel of scorers. Regulations require that each club shall provide a scorer, but the rule is not being applied. On the question of whether to apply the rule or change it, the need for a certain pragmatism was noted.

(iv) COMMISSION D'ARBITRAGE. M. Lomax, who was appointed, is currently unavailable. One of the key requirements is to provide leadership in I de F. DR stated that he was not prepared to head the commission but would act as an advisor. A. Durnford was suggested as a candidate and will be contacted by DR.
[Post-meeting: P. Balane has volunteered to take on the role]

(v) LE NOMPAIRE VB is not able to continue as editor. It was decided to approach D. Gardner for him to provide material for inclusion, with other AFNEC members on a rotating basis preparing it for publication.
[Post-meeting: Don has declined; if anyone is interested in helping to prepare 'Le Nompaire' please contact a member of the committee.]

(iv) AFCAM. The committee has nominated K. Garner for the 'Elite' and Tony Banton for the 'Espoir' Umpire of the Year awards.

The President's report was approved by the meeting.

13.5 TREASURER'S REPORT

SH explained the details of his 2009 Profit & Loss statement and the 2010 Budget, both of which had previously been circulated. He pointed out that the amount of custodial funds held for I de F umpiring now exceeds €2000. After some discussion it was agreed that:

- upon evidence that a newly-trained umpire had stood in three matches, his club shall receive a refund
- monies will be set aside to provide a course on the laws for France Cricket (FC) players, and umpiring refresher courses.

ICC will provide a subsidy for the training of scorers and umpires. FC is asked to give guidelines on where and to whom.

The assumption on members' subscriptions in the 2010 budget is reduced, but in the absence of 'Le Nompaire' there has been no publicity.

The Treasurer's report was approved by the meeting.

13.6 SUBSCRIPTIONS

The subscriptions will remain unchanged for 2010:

- €5, for all new and introductory level umpires, and scorers
- €15, for higher qualified umpires.

13.7 ELECTION of OFFICERS

The following were elected:

President	David Rhodes
Treasurer	Stephen Harrison
Secretary	Barrie Holland
Editor of 'Le Nompaire'	T. B. D.
Representative to FC	T. B. D.
Representative to AFCAM	Vincent Buisson

13.8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Georgina Greville has accepted to become an Honorary Vice President in recognition of her and Tom Keeble's contribution to AFNEC. A general notice will be published in a future 'Nompaire'.

(ii) The FC commissioner for grounds has proposed that clubs not marking the pitch clearly and correctly or not setting the stumps properly should have points deducted. In principle, this is a matter for France Cricket to deliberate. However, DR pointed out the impossibility of applying such a rule as no ground in I de F currently meets this requirement, often outside the responsibility of the individual clubs.

(iii) SJ proposed that the licences held by umpires should be specific and show AFNEC membership and qualifications. This was agreed and will be managed by FC.

There being no other business, the meeting was declared closed at 2000 hrs.

Barrie Holland

Secretary