



The Association of Cricket Umpires and Scorers Hong Kong – China

Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 2019

Held in the Fincher Room, Kowloon Cricket Club, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, 28th May 2019.

PRESENT:

Members

Clive Howard (Chairman)	Shiraz Vachha	Gandhi
Ian Thomson (A/Secretary)	Alvina Tam	Gohar Dar
Animesh Kulkarni (Treasurer)	John Prakash	Ashley Hung
R V Venkatesh (Training Officer)	Jackie Torate	Justin Fletcher
Shiroy Vachha (Appointments)	Nitesh Hemlani	Moner Dar
Roger Nissim (Assessor)	Manson Wong	Ravi Nagdev
Tabarak Dar (International)	Deepen Nebhwani	Atin Sharma

In attendance

Mrs Mani Vachha

1. OPENING

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.35 pm, declared it quorate and welcomed those present.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the following members: A/Secretary

Sudhir Gidwani	Niaz Ali	Lou Coulthard
Chandra Parameswaran	Zubair Nizami	Tahron Sharma
Jawad Ashraf	Suresh Pandey	Prakash Chakravarti
Ghulam Saqlain	Jayanth Babu	



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3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 22nd May 2018, as circulated were confirmed without amendment.

Proposed by Clive Howard and seconded by R V Venkatesh. Passed unanimously.

There were no matters arising.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Clive Howard presented his annual report (attached). Key points being

- there are 86 members of whom 41 are Qualified, 6 Intermediate and 39 Associate. The level of qualified umpires being an all-time high.
- the financial position of the association is healthy (Treasurer Report refers)
- recognised both Tabarak Dar's and RV Venkat's generous assistance with on & off-field kit
- the Association met obligations to Cricket Hong Kong by providing suitably qualified umpires for Premier, Sunday Elite, Women's and Junior cricket, creating a pool of trained/qualified umpires and by provision of training courses to support Saturday Championship and Challenge league cricket.
- the Training Officer is working on bringing scorer training and qualifications in line with umpires.
- Noted that Tabarak Dar & Ian Thomson on the development Panel are standing in international ICC tournaments representing Hong Kong, and we are also represented on the Asia Region Qualifier Panel by RV Venkatesh, Shiro Vachha and John Prakash. ACUS is working to give further opportunities to member umpires.
- Clive finished by recognising the contributions by the respective Committee members and thanked outgoing members Jawad Ashraf, Animesh Kulkarni and Roger Nissim.

CHK reform

- Noted that CHK is under an obligation to the ICC to integrate with the ACU&S
- The Chairman has had a preliminary discussion with CHK. Two initial steps proposed are to change the association's name to reflect the association with CHK as the CHK Association of Cricket Officials; and for governance to have the Director of Cricket, CHK, or nominee as an ex-officio representative on the ACUS Committee



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- The association is expected to manage its own affairs, finances, appointments, training and qualification with a closer working relationship with CHK strategy, international affairs and finance.
- Clive stressed that an EGM would be held in due course to agree and implement any changes to the constitution.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer tabled his report on the financial position for the year ended 30 April, and noted briefly that the association's position was financially positive.

Clive Howard noted there are no plans to change subscription fees given the financial position.

Treasurer's Report proposed by Justin Fletcher and seconded by Atin Sharma.

Passed unanimously.

6. TRAINING OFFICER'S REPORT

R V Venkatesh presented his annual report, noting:

- Courses run during 2018/19
 - Level 0 conducted in August
 - pre-season briefing in August
 - CricHQ Scorers Course with test conducted August
 - ACUS Level 2 Course conducted in October, with 7 passing requiring 15 games to qualify
 - additional courses did not proceed due to CHK budget constraints
 - Umpiring Course was run in May with Mr Anil Chaudhary with Level 1 & 2 umpires present
- Tournaments involving ACU&S umpires
 - recognised international tournaments/matches in HK supported by ACU&S umpires
 - tournaments by ICC Development Umpires
 - ICC Regional Panel umpire RV Venkat umpired in the 10 National Women's T20 Tournament in Thailand January 2019
- Umpire Assessments
 - These have in general been good, with feedback being passed on discussed with relevant umpires.



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- Development
 - plans in place for an ICC Asia Level 1, and Level 2 courses. Nominees will be addressed through the Committee
 - conduct of courses for Women Umpires & Schools league umpires
 - plans to work on a scorers accreditation program with ICC and ECB UK and adapt for our usage once finalised
 - plans to work with ICC HQ Dubai for development of Match Referees
 - Working with ICC & ACC to push for continued or further international appointments
 - work with Malaysia/Thailand to look at reciprocal umpire exchanges
 - continue to organise seminars workshops
- Thanked Roger Nissim for his support in assessment and acknowledged his efforts
 - Roger acknowledged Venkat's thanks and ran through a few key learning points passed to umpires during the year
 - Venkat noted the Committee is working to identify a suitable replacement for Roger

Questions/Issues raised

- Justin Fletcher noted that he sensed that scorer standards are falling. He offered assistance in both running and designing courses.

7. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following Officers were elected unopposed for 2019/20.

Proposed by Tabark Dar, seconded by Ghandi :

Chairman:	Clive Howard
Secretary:	Ian Thomson
Treasurer:	Chandra Parameswaran
Appointments Officer:	Shiroy Vachha
Training Officer:	R V Venkatesh

Passed unanimously.



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8. AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Annual Awards

The Chairman announced the following annual awards to be presented by Mrs. Mani Vachha, Mr Shiroy Vachha and Mr Shiraz Vachha:

Umpire of the Year Award (Vachha Trophy)	John Prakash
Vachha Saturday Umpire Award	Ghandi
Vachha Women’s Umpire Award	Alvina Tam

ACU&S Qualification

Qualifications for umpires who completed the ACUS (HK, China) Level 2 Course and completed sufficient games (15) were awarded certificates:

Prakash Chakravarti
Shelton D’Cruz
Atif Hussien
Atin Sharma
Ghandi

Life Membership

The Chairman recommended to the meeting that in recognition for his long-term contribution and efforts that the Association award life membership to Roger Nissim.

The motion was passed unanimously by acclamation.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Deepen Nebhwani asked two questions

- should a position be elected for a Scorers representative on the committee
 - Chairman and Secretary noted that an individual will be co-opted to such a position
- Noted the high rotation of Secretary for the year with Jawad, Simon Riley, Shiroy Vachha and Ian Thomson holding or acting in the position during the year.



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- Chairman noted this was necessary through circumstance and personal commitments

Shiraz Vachha noted that there is to be a Vachha Scorers Award awarded in future.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30PM. The date of the next meeting will be announced in due course (to be in May 2020).

Ian Thomson
Secretary

Clive Howard
Chairman