

**MINUTES OF THE DACO A.G.M., held 22/11/2019
at TIVERTON RUGBY CLUB.**

The Chairman opened the meeting, extended a warm welcome to all in attendance and thanked the North Area for organising and Tiverton Rugby Club for hosting the event and for the excellent catering. He also welcomed the former Chief Executive of Somerset County Cricket Club who had been invited to speak following the meeting.

1. **In memoriam** All present stood for a minute's silence in respect of those involved in Devon Cricket lost to us during the previous year.
2. **Present:** The attendance list shows that there were 36 members present
3. **Apologies:** The attendance list indicates that there were 21 members who had given their apologies.
4. **Election of President** – The outgoing president Eirion ‘Danny Daniels’ made reference to his remarks at the 2018 AGM when he indicated that he would be standing down at this meeting. He wished to thank members for their support for the past four years. He also wished to advise members that Bill Pinhey, who had assisted him with observation and assessments and had been ill, was now fit and well and ready to resume. Unfortunately, such observations and final assessments were no longer required. He supported the management committee in their proposal that Eddie Dymond be elected the President and that was agreed unanimously.
5. **President’s Opening Address:** The newly elected President Eddie Dymond thanked all for their support, offered his support to members and hoped that we could all look forward to an enjoyable cricketing summer.
6. **Minutes of the 2018 A.G.M....circulated:** These minutes were proposed as correct by P Bamber, seconded by N Piddock and accepted as a true record by the members present.
7. **Matters arising from those minutes** - there were no matters arising.
8. **Chairman’s report:** - Good evening members of DACO and may I thank you all for attending tonight, our 2019 AGM.

As many of you may be aware this will be my last AGM as Chairman after almost 5 years at the helm, as I have moved “out of county”, my work situation has changed as unfortunately I now work every other Saturday and I live in Somerset. I also consider it is time for someone else to take the organisation in Devon forward.

I leave the post of Chairman with DACO in good shape. We have a good number of candidates for training in the spring of 2020, which confirms that umpiring is still needed and the player’s survey; which the ECB have been conducting yearly in the recent years; continues to show that the players prefer and want two umpires at their games. So we as an organisation will strive to achieve this and will hopefully attract more members whether they are ex-players, young recruits; who play and umpire, older non-playing recruits or like I was over 40 years ago, someone who was just not good enough to play at a good standard!

The last year has been a busy one with the weather providing good playing conditions in the early season which then lead to very dry conditions and then latterly the rain came. DACO provided umpires in the top 3 leagues with umpires at all the matches. Not a mean feat for our appointments officer. DACO has also provided umpires to all levels of cricket in the county from school cricket up to 2 XI county and Minor Counties. We as an organisation continue to provide 5 umpires; Steve Lavis, Nigel Piddock, Ray Allen, Roger Tolchard, and Paul Smith; to the National panel, which is the highest level an amateur umpire can aspire too. We have a number of members who are working their way up the ladder, and I look to them to be knocking on the door to be on the national panel in the near future. We continue to have a good relationship with the Devon League, who generously have and continue to fund our training. I understand the league is looking to change their rules for the lower divisions, so a club providing an umpire will earn points. We will wait to see if this is ratified at their AGM. If so, this may see a further increase in the demand for training and also see more umpiring colleagues standing in league matches in the lower divisions.

I feel I must thank a few people for their work over the last 12 months and longer in all cases. Pete Bamber for his sterling work as our appointments officer and representative to the Devon League. Pete has recently retired, and I am sure he will continue in these roles to the betterment of DACO. Without Pete and the area appointers we would be lost and cricket in Devon would suffer. I also feel I need to thank Chris Shelton as our Education Officer for his work and the great results that have been achieved. There are others who need to be recognised for their work this year; Steve Lavis for ensuring the standard of umpiring in Devon is kept at the highest level, Nick Evanson for his work on scoring and furthering scoring in Devon, Danny Daniels for his observational duties during the year, ensuring umpires can continue to climb the qualification ladder and of course for his 4 years as our President, which he stands down from at this AGM and finally to Dennis Smith our secretary for his continuing support and diligence. Finally, finally, my thanks go to the members of the management committee for their continuing support.

During my time as Chairman, I have seen many developments within the organisation, some good and some not so!! I have to say computerised scoring becoming the norm, has been a beneficial one and our own Nick Evanson has been at the forefront of this. This has led to more and better updates of matches online which is an encouraging development. Recruitment of scorers is something which I feel we as DACO need to continue to drive forward, as no match can be played without the other members of the third team!

As leave as chairman I have to say I have thoroughly enjoyed my time leading Devon, whether within the county or further afield in Salisbury or London. I will miss it; I shall remain a member and I will give my full support to my successor. Thank you.

9. Treasurer's Report: The treasurer, Ian Birt, reported as follows: - I am pleased to present my report for the year ended 31 October 2019.

The first and most notable item is the surplus for the year of £1413.43 compared to 2018 £245.20. This leaves a bank balance at 31 October at a healthy £8705.24

The main reasons for this increase are twofold:

Firstly, is that having written off the unidentifiable fixed assets this charge of £645.80 was obviously not needed this year. I did consider writing off our stock of tie but decided instead to remind members that they are available at a mere £7.

Secondly, and more importantly, training created a small surplus this year (£5.73) compared with the loss of £463.50 last year, despite a 25% increase in the cost of training due to the numbers involved. A huge thank-you must go to Ed Leverton at DCL for supporting our training requirements, and to Chris Shelton for arranging this.

The advanced income showing in the Balance Sheet is due to ECB paying a double amount of affiliation fees in January 2019 to cover the 2019 and 2020 years. This is the last time we will receive this income directly from the ECB and in future this will be channeled through DCB. We will need to present our case during the year to ensure that we are properly funded when this responsibility is handed to DCB next year.

Sadly, despite various letters I was unable to get any answers to my queries on the much-vaunted ECB insurance for umpires and officials and the questions have not gone away. I need to find a new route to resolve this.

Finally, I must give notice that due to changes in my work circumstances I will need to stand-down from this role at the next (2020) agm as I will be unable to commit the limited amount of time that this role requires – that is assuming that you wish me to stay for the 2019/20 year. If anybody would like to take on the role, I am happy to discuss it with them.

10. **Election of Officers:** Officers positions were proposed by A. Forward, seconded by P.Bamber and elected 'en bloc' as follows:

• Chairman	-	Chris Shelton
• Vice-Chairman	-	Jim Anning
• Treasurer	-	Ian Birt
• Secretary & Membership Officer	-	Dennis Smith
• Development Officer	-	Steve Lavis
• Appointments Officer	-	Pete Bamber
• Education Officer	-	Chris Shelton
• Scorers and Welfare Officer	-	Nick Evanson
• Devon Women's CL Liaison	-	Paul Dawe
• DACO Representative to DCL	-	Pete Bamber

11. The 'Tony Miller' Award – the members present supported the North Area recommendation that Ray Hales be presented with this award.

12. The 'Aldridge White Memorial' Award – the members present supported the recommendation that this award be presented by Steve Lavis to Kevin Jacobs.

13. Nomination of Life and Honorary Members – There were none.

The business having been completed Peter Anderson then closed the meeting with an excellent address giving an insight into his time with Somerset CCC and anecdotes about his life and times in cricket.

The 2020 AGM is to be held by East Area.

Chairman:

Date: