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EDITORIAL

Dear Members,

The new season is on and so also some changes in the playing conditions have been effected. Many of you may have collected the New Playing conditions by now along with additional changes sheet and gone through it thoroughly. By the time this news letter reaches you all, a lot of us would have completed our assignments.

We, at the Editorial Committee would try to make a humble request to you all, which we have been doing every now then. Keep abreast with the changes and discuss it thread bare in our monthly meetings. It is imperative that we do not question the playing condition itself, but rather clarify how it could be implemented in our league matches.

We have already discussed certain issues about these changes in our April and May meetings but the response from members we feel has been very poor.

Our long struggle of the web site is finally over and is hosted in full colour, but may be in the years to come, we would be making major changes in that. We hope our members would make full use of this web site and try to improve their knowledge.

Our next major programme will be the Umpires' Day. Hope you would all attend in large numbers and take part in the activities of ACUK. The 6th annual quiz programme will also be held during the same time. We request the members to kindly provide their names who would like to work for this quiz, to the President. Those willing to, should have knowledge of working with various soft wares required for our quiz programme.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dear Members,

Our 38th AGM has just concluded. My sincere thanks to all members for the smooth conduct of the same. A few lapses here and there, if any, from our side may please be ignored. Though the attendance at the AGM was a 100 plus, it was not a large one when compared to our strength, which is a bit displeasing. My special thanks to all for accepting the resolutions moved by the working committee for amendment to the bye-law. Our bi-annual outing with family members will be finalised in the working committee meeting of July and details of the same will be mailed to all. I request our members to attend the same in large numbers and make the outing a success.

It has been noticed that the performance of umpires in the on going league has been quite good, but a little more dedication would bring in laurels. Dedication, I mean on punctuality, dress code etc., that is all for the time being. My best wishes to all and keep the good work going. Thanks and regards.

AGM 2012

The 38th AGM of the Association was held on 16th June, 2012 at Karnataka State Cricket Association premises. It was well attended by members including members from Zonal Forums. Sri K N Srikanth performed the invocation. Sri M Sreenivasa Murthy, Vice President, welcomed the gathering. The President in his opening speech congratulated the members who got inducted in the BCCI Panel and also those who passed the level 2 exam. He wished them success in their future endeavors. He called for youngsters to take active participation in the affairs of the Association so that the Association can grow in the future days. He thanked all the

members for attending the AGM and making it a grand success.

The regular agenda like Secretary's report and the Accounts passed off smoothly.

The Official Resolution placed by the working committee also got passed.

In the open forum following issues were raised:

- a. Raising the voluntary donation from Rs 200 to Rs 500/Rs 1000,
- b. Raising death grant from Rs 3000/- to Rs. 25000/-.
- c. Raising the limit of interest free loan from Rs 2500 to Rs. 25000/-

All the three issues were not accepted since majority of the members were against the proposal.

An updated latest copy of A.C.U.K bye-laws was distributed to members. The same was sponsored by the President, A.C.U.K Sri S Muralidhara

The vote of thanks was proposed by Joint Secretary, Sri P Chandrashekar, he thanked KSCA authorities for supporting the ACUK in full fledge, and also thanked all the members for attending the AGM. He also thanked Sri P. Muralidhar for auditing the books of Accounts, and a special thanks to Sri B. Satyaji Rao, was made for sponsoring our News Letters.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

The President opened the April meeting with a disturbing fact that members continue to pressurize the KSCA authorities for match passes and cut a sorry figure before them. He requested all the members not to do so and accept the decision of the Organizing Committee in respect to Match passes.

The Vice President asked all the umpires to gather information from playing clubs, if they would be interested to attend a class on MCC laws and KSCA Playing conditions so that it would be handy for them when the need arises.

The March News letter along with the new K.S.C.A playing conditions was distributed to the members. The President pointed out printing errors in the said News Letter in the Greetings column.

Sri Ravi S threw some light on the major changes in the playing conditions: Runner not allowed, Extension of time in two/three day matches when 9 wickets are down at lunch, Batsmen changing direction while running and bowler running out the non striker in his stride, were a few of them and was well accepted by the members. These changes he said, will come into effect from the ensuing season in KSCA matches.

In the open forum lot of incidents were discussed in relation to umpiring, like umpire referring to third umpire for bowled, time wasting and other incidents.

In respect to the wicket keeper not wearing pads or wearing it inside, all the members had their own views and even had doubts on how to go about it, if the same incident took place in local Matches. The house was of the opinion that the wicket keeper shall wear pads outside and shall forfeit his right to be Wicket keeper if he doesn't fulfill this clause. All the umpires were directed to follow this procedure.

Secretary in his closing remarks expressed happiness with the strength of the meeting and made some announcements. Regarding the Annual General Body Meeting which was normally supposed to take place in the month of May, he expressed that it will not happen so, keeping in mind the KSCA League season. He further stated that a decision shall be taken in the working committee meeting and the same will be notified to the members.

MAY meeting was one of the rare meetings where in ACUK had a guest, in the form of Sri B A Jamula, an Umpires Educator, who was in Bangalore for the BCCI Level I classes. The president welcomed him and this was the second time he had visited our meetings.

Sri Jamula speaking on the occasion said, "Thank you all for a warm welcome, its heartening and very interesting to know that the playing conditions are being deliberated at such length in this forum. You all can make mistakes here because it's your forum, but not on the field. Calculations as per my experience should always be done separately by two umpires so that if there are any difference/mistakes you have an opportunity to always recalculate"

The president in his address, said in no uncertain terms that those who report late to the ground and use mobile will not be posted for matches and complaints have been coming from the club secretaries. He requested all the umpires to leave home early to grounds which were far off.

QUESTION & ANSWER

1. In the question answer session, answering to a calculation question asked by a member it was clarified that only remaining time should be taken into account while calculating the overs.

2. Without the knowledge of the umpire the grounds man rolls the pitch when not permitted. What is the action to be taken by the umpires?

It was a very lively discussion amongst the umpires and each one expressed their views, but the chair finally gave a ruling that the match should continue

and any protest shall be handled by the concerned authorities.

A portion of the pitch, i.e., about 05 feet in front of the popping crease is damaged and a layer of earth has come off. Can the same be repaired for the match to be continued?

There was a lot of debate since the MCC law provides only for repair or re-turfing of the foot holes made by the bowler in his delivery stride. After a considerable amount of discussion a decision was arrived and a ruling was given.

Ans. The umpires shall jointly agree along with the consent of both the Captains, consider the options available to bring the pitch to playing condition. Options shall include rolling, drying or even watering the damaged portion or any other act to bring the pitch to playing condition. Importance should be given to facilitate as much play as possible.

ZONAL FORUMS

The 6th Annual General Body Meeting of Mysore Zonal forum was held on 26th May 2012 at Gangotri Glades at 6 p.m. The meeting was well represented by its members along with other Zonal forums and some of the working committee members from Bangalore.

The President in his address thanked KSCA for having given opportunities for the mofussil umpires along with very educative seminars conducted by senior umpires. He expressed how it was during his days when such programmes were not being conducted or even if conducted it would not be very interactive, where as the times have changed and good lot of audio video sessions were being conducted and the seminars are more interactive. He only desired that the young mofussil umpires should grab the opportunity to climb up the ladder of umpiring.

The increase in the umpiring fees has been a major motivational factor for youngsters to take up umpiring and at the same time he felt that the forum should go hand in hand with the governing body for the smooth conduct of this game. He wished that more members were inducted into the forum and requested the ACUK President to take up this matter.

Closing his address he quoted "I have enjoyed my tenure as a President of this forum and this Forum is like a family. I know that I have not done complete justice to the Chair but somewhere I have the satisfaction of doing 50% of the job. I wish the new board all the best and hope that this forum will grow from strength to strength in the coming years, Thank you"

Sri S Muralidhara in his speech expressed satisfaction with the number of umpires attending this AGM, especially umpires from other forums like Mangalore and Shivamogga. He stressed that the 30% postings in Bangalore are reserved for mofussil umpires and this is the time that the forums should wake up and conduct regular workshops and seminars along with the help of KSCA. He also stated that quality of umpires from the zones has improved but still there is a lot to be done in this matter. The forums should now identify umpires who would be going to the next level and train them thoroughly for which ACUK will always support such programmes.

He thanked the forum for starting off with the monthly meetings were in every small technical issues could be sorted out. He wished the new board all the best.

The Election to the Working Committee for the ensuing term was unanimous. The following are the new office bearers for the term 2012-2014

Sri R Ananth	-	President
Sri Prabhu	-	Vice President
Sri A R Venkatesh Prasad	-	Hon. Secretary
Sri Srikanta Sharmaa	-	Hon. Assistant Secretary
Sri Shantha Raj	-	Hon. Treasurer
Sri Bhaktvatsala and Sri Altaf Ahamed	-	Committee members

DATES TO REMEMBER MONTHLY MEETINGS

11th July-2012

8th August-2012

12th September-2012

GREETINGS

2012-August- 2nd -Raksha Bandhan

12th Sri Krishna Jayanthi

15th Independence Day

19th Id Ul Fitr

2012- September- 19th Ganesha Chaturthi

ACHIEVEMENTS

We are proud to inform that Sri Abhijeet Bengeri and Sri Sai Darshan Kumar have been inducted into the BCCI panel of Umpires.

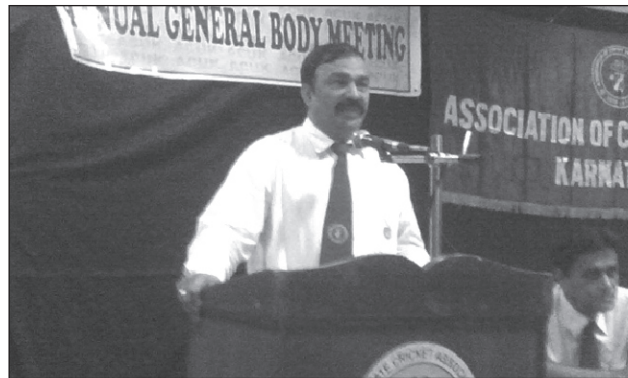
Three of our members, Sri K. N. Ramesh, Sri K.R. Vasuki and Sri Vikas R Lund have qualified in the level 2 exam conducted by BCCI.



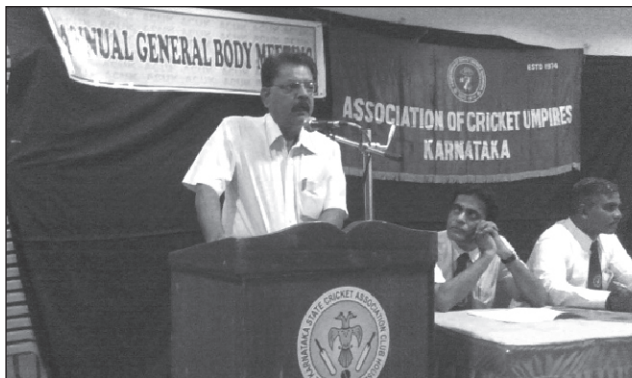
38th AGM in progress



Sri S. Muralidhar President addressing the gathering



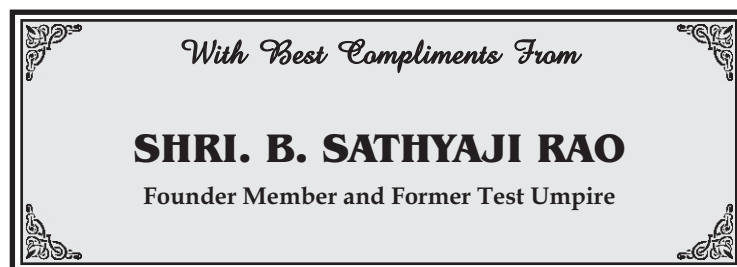
Shri N.R. Seetharam prabhu , Hon. Sec. addressing the gathering



Shri N. Raghuprasad during the open forum.



Members in rapt attention



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