



## WCACO Member Update – March 2024

### **Message from our Chairman**

Welcome to this brief edition of our Association newsletter and my first as Chair having taken over 'the reins' from David Bird at the AGM held at Olton & West Warwickshire Club in January.

Some other changes of personnel to report:

Rob Evans returns as Education Officer - with grateful thanks to David Johnson who continues as Development Officer after his stint looking after both roles for a couple of years.

Your Committee has appointed Phil Vann to the role of Members Representative to replace me. This appointment requires ratification by members at the next members meeting.

Finally, welcome to Clare Gardner who has been co-opted by the committee to undertake a new role: Equity, Diversity & Inclusion officer.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our planned events (see below) and during the upcoming season where, hopefully, the UK weather will favour us somewhat more kindly than last season. Finally, National ACO AGM takes place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 7pm by Zoom and I encourage members to attend. Link to register attendance was sent recently via email by David Elworthy.

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### **Upcoming Dates**

Members Meeting: To be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm – full details to follow shortly but this gathering will include ECB officiating Update including latest on promotion and pathway issues, Availability of updated ECB Directive cards & delivery of a CPD Module to members by Rob Evans.

Provisional further events schedule for your diaries:-

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Meeting with ICC Women's Elite Panel Officials

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Social gathering, mid-season review, CPD Module.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August – Day at the Cricket – Edgbaston; Warwickshire in Royal London 1 day action

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September – Social catch up, end of season review, plans for 2025

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### **ECB Officiating Update**

We are working closely with Warwickshire Cricket Board (WCB) General Manager Ed McCabe at the moment as WCB are on the cusp of appointing an individual under an ECB Workforce Officiating Pilot part funded by ECB.

The individual chosen will start in April and part of the role will be responsibility for recruitment of cricket officials, particularly at grass roots level. WCB and the new person will be working in conjunction with WCACO to arrange activities and we are hoping that via WCB and ECB, several of our linked activities will be funded to assist our costs of running events / courses etc. We will update members with progress during the year ahead around this new initiative.

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### **Finance**

At the recent AGM, the Treasurer's proposal that subscriptions would continue to be NIL for members in 2024 was passed, continuing a trend that began the previous year. Some Members are continuing to make payments by bank standing order which is not necessary, and we would remind these members to cancel payments please.

In accordance with our agreed policy, any sums received in lieu of subscriptions will be donated to our nominated charity (Edgbaston Foundation) at the end of the 2024.

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### **Mentoring**

Mentoring is part of how we support new colleagues and help umpires aspire to higher levels. 12 colleagues volunteered last season and we would like more! Should you be interested in getting involved, please contact the Chairman – details below. Thank you.

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### **Education**

We have added a new page for umpire education to the website and have added some of the existing CPD videos that have been available for some time. You can find them here: <https://wcaco.org.uk/umpires/education/>

Please feel free to go through them at your leisure, they are not the set we will be sing at member's meetings.

How about refreshing your Laws knowledge before the start of the season <https://laws.lords.org/login/index.php> don't forget to set up a learning account to track your progress.

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### **Social Media**

Remember to visit our website for more information: <https://wcaco.org.uk/>

Did you know we are now on Twitter – join us: @WarwickshireACO

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