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Assistant editor sought and overseas articles encouraged

I have been editing the Cricket Statistician for some ten years now. I am not necessarily ready to pass it on yet, but I am conscious of the fact that I am mortal and also remember that when I took it on there had been no succession planning at all and I rather had to make it up as I went along. It would be good if somebody would like to lend a hand with a view to succession – preferably somebody rather younger than me (74, if you must know).

I also wish to appeal for more articles about non-English cricket.

If you are interested, please get in touch at simon.sweetman@btinternet.com

Simon Sweetman

Proposed Rule Changes

ACS Members are being given advance notice that, at the 2019 AGM, the ACS Committee will propose to update Rules 4 and 8 as follows:

RULE 4: MEMBERSHIP

Admission of members shall be by election by the General Committee. A candidate for election who receives the votes of the majority of the General Committee or as may otherwise be decided shall be declared elected subject to payment of the current annual subscription. Membership will deem to have commenced seven days after the application has been communicated to the General Committee unless, before the end of the seven-day period, any Committee member requests that the application be referred to the next Committee meeting for consideration and decision. In the case of an applicant under the age of 18, confirmation of Junior membership at the concessionary rate is subject to the provision of written evidence as to the age of the applicant.

Rationale:

To clarify the commencement date of membership.

To ensure that the ACS has evidence to support the concessionary rate (currently £10) to Junior members under the age of 18.

RULE 8: SUBSCRIPTIONS

The annual subscription shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting of members following a recommendation of the General Committee. Subscriptions for the ensuing financial year shall become due on 1st December and the membership of any member whose subscription remains unpaid on 1st February following shall lapse. No member shall be re-admitted unless that year's subscription is paid. In the event that a lapsed member has not paid the current year's subscription by 30th November of the current financial year, any subsequent request for reinstatement will be subject to the membership application process laid out in Rule 4. The General Committee shall have the power to recommend a change in subscription at any time, subject to the Association's approval given at the Annual General Meeting.

Rationale:

The majority of ACS members discharge their membership subscription obligations promptly by direct debit or through other accepted payment channels. This is usually undertaken before, on or within a few weeks of the due date of 1st December each year. A relatively small minority of members do not meet their subscription obligations by 1st February of the following year, two months after the due date.

Under the current Rule, members lapse on 1st March, and the absence of complete current membership information by 1st February complicates the process of AGM planning and communication which has to take place during February in order to meet the prescribed 21-day notice period, also allowing for the time required for the mailing to reach members, especially overseas members.

The proposed new wording of Rule 8 will address these two anomalous conditions.

Other considerations:

Members will have 62 days after the 1st December due date to pay their subscription, which most independent observers would consider perfectly fair and reasonable.

The 1st February due date will afford sufficient time to ensure that eligible members receive the AGM material within the notice period laid down in the Rules.

Lapsed membership that extends beyond one financial year will be regarded as membership termination and will effectively require a new application and fresh approval.

The existing wording of these Rules can be seen on the ACS website.

Committee Meeting Report

The third meeting of 2018/19 was held at the Space Centre, London, on Saturday 29 September.

Apologies were received from Ric Finlay, Adam McKie and Mark Rowe.

The committee discussed its Publications Strategy at length, taking into account the views of publishers Stephen Chalke, Malcolm Lorimer and Christopher Saunders, who had recently met committee members at Trent Bridge. Points addressed included why the ACS publishes books; online publication; better ways of marketing books to non-members; joint publication with other organisations; sale-or-return; the obscurity of recent subjects; book design and size.

There was further discussion of how a voucher scheme enabling members to claim a discount on publications might be implemented.

ACS officers were to meet Jim Hindson of Cricket Archive to discuss how the agreement between the bodies was working.

Simon Sweetman, the editor of *The Cricket Statistician*, was anxious to widen the range of subjects covered, and especially to cover more topics that are non-English.

Nominations for the committee elections should be in by 15 November; there would be one vacancy.

The dates for forthcoming committee meetings are 24 November, 26 January and 30 March. Any member wishing to raise any matter should contact the Secretary.

The next AGM will be on 23 March 2019 at Derby.

Membership Update

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

Mr Roger Bell of Carrickfergus, County Antrim
Master George Burrowes of Papanui, New Zealand
Mr Gerald Crabtree of Chadderton, Greater Manchester
Mr Philip Evans of Eckington, Worcestershire
Mr Daniel Hopper of Knaphill, Surrey
Mr Andrew R Jackson of Upwell, Norfolk
Mr Ian Platt of Langton Matravers, Dorset
Mr Steve Powell of Builth Wells, Powys
Mr Dave Swanton of Clayton-le-Woods, Lancashire
Mr Andrew Zaltzman of Streatham, London
New Zealand Cricket Museum of Wellington, New Zealand

We require a Change of Address from the following member:

Mr Ken Hart, formerly of Leeds, West Yorkshire

We regret to announce the death of the following members for whom we offer our condolences to their families and friends:

Mr Gerald Hudd, lately of Warrington, Cheshire
Mr Michael L Pearce, lately of Roehampton, London

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