

Shropshire Cricket Board Ltd

Minutes of a meeting of the Board meeting held on 16th March 2026 @ 5pm

Held on-line.

Participating: Adrian Collins (Chairman), Steve Reese, Jennie Good, Dave White, Rachel Mullard-Wilson, Hafeez Rehman, Joe Leach, Richard Twigg.

1 Apologies: Natasha Hird

2 Minutes of last meeting: Minutes for January meeting were accepted as a true record.

3 Matters arising: – There no matters arising.

4 Declarations of Interest:

Policy Document: Board Directors were asked to declare any outside interest that they may have that could affect the Boards work or interests. No new affiliations declared.

5. Directors Update

AC confirmed that he had received 4 applications for the Schools Director role and interviews had been arranged, they will be conducted by AC, JG and RMW.

6. Safeguarding and EDI (JG) reported on the following the top items:

Poor behaviour of adults against junior players.

Sledging and banter over stepping the mark.

She is going to be attending regional meetings organised by SACO to deliver messaging on low level concerns to SCCL clubs, covering umpires, scorers, captains, vice captains.

Not known at time of this meeting was a meeting with Sara Niblock – Director of Operations was to be held later in the month.

JG also provided her bi-monthly dashboard ahead of the Board meeting.

7. Finance (AC)

AC presented the P&L report to date. Which centred on end of year accounts which was being finalised for auditing.

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| Income | £733,070 | Budget | £729,823 |
| Expenditure | £722,608 | Budget | £729,365 |
| Surplus for the year to date | £ 10,462 | Budget | £458 |

The reasons for the increased margin was in the main due to a late “Make Sport Work” project where we utilised our already budgeted labour, we also saw a small surplus for the Summer Camps as we did not need to use as many casual coaches as predicted, we also unbudgeted sponsorship from Furrows for Mid-Week League.

8. Performance Cricket - Boys (JL)

JL had provided a dashboard report ahead of the meeting.

Headlines were highlighting that we had provided 5 male players into the pro ranks since 2022, which was one above the National Average.

To explore the links with Women into Warwickshire

How we measure our players, maybe look against National Benchmarking?

Why are the number of state school children into pathway increasing?

Jeopardy is on facilities – specifically Indoor but also availability of outdoor pitches due to increased usage by recreation cricket at clubs.

Question asked - Why last summer’s feedback has not been analysed.

9. Early Engagement Programme – (NH)

NH had provided a dashboard report ahead of the meeting.

There were no matters arising.

10. Recreational Cricket (DW)

DW gave a comprehensive report on all areas as outlined in his dashboard report advising the excellent report discussions with Ops team.

These include

Facilities – money being made available from ECB, but emphasis of the contribution they are looking for. For every £1 ECB invest they are looking at raising £2.40 cost benefit to cricket.

To look at how we resource this area of business – looking at large capital investment projects.

To look at the Facilities Approval Process, to make more formal and ensuring benefit to Board through usage agreement. To report back to May Board meeting.

11. Women and Girls Recreational (RMW)

RMW gave overview of W&G’s which was in addition to her dashboard focusing on:

RMW attended the Women in Cricket Conference and suggested maybe with better timing and notice we could consider sending our coaches.

ECB have a heavy focus on Women's World Cup. We have a main activity for Finals Day at Oswestry.

Locally Women's game very strong, with a new 100 Hard Ball Competition starting in Summer of 2026 as a memorial to Anna Shore (Ellesmere) who committed suicide in 2024.

Girl's sections biggest challenge, we will focus on sustainability and multiple teams playing multiple games.

There was a concern Ops Team not advising clubs in enough time that they are delivering in local schools – action SR

Female coaches' numbers equally important focus, with growing numbers of players and demand for more girls we need female coaches. Could we consider mergers in first

13. Sales and Marketing (RT)

RT had provided a dashboard report ahead of the meeting.

There is a need for additional sponsorship – Kit, Junior Leagues

New partnerships required.

14. Schools and Community (SR/HR)

We had delivered our Schools Plan to Chance to Shine and expectations were we would receive same funding for Primary Schools.

SR advised he had challenged CtS with regards their comms which indicated we could have seen a £20K reduction, they apologised.

Secondary schools' delivery continuing – up to 20 schools by end of academic year.

STREET Programmes underway with exception of Longlands which will begin in late Spring 2026 with club support.

15. Operational Report (SR)

SR provided a dashboard ahead of the meeting.

We had our APR Meeting (Annual Performance Review) on 24th February.

Present were Leisha Hawkins CEO ECB Rec Game, Peter Ackerley Board Director ECB/Hundred Fund Chair, Nimet Nathani Financial Accountant ECB, Adrian Collins Chair SCB, Jennie Good Safeguarding Director SCB, Steve Reese Lead Officer SCB.

Subsequent report was positive with a small number of actions required on the CPA Portal.

We are currently Leading Organisation in 5 standards out of 12.

We have received confirmation of a successful EDI Strategic Fund bid - "We are pleased to offer you a conditional award for your bid" this is a two-year fund.

Affiliation Packages – we sold 16 and Darrell Corfield is leading on the implementation of this programme.

16. AOB – AC advised of a meet we had with the Regulator (Discipline) where he suggested we set up an independent disciplinary body to manage appeals. This has been shared with West Mids Chairs.

Reminder AGM Monday 27th April @ Wrekin College – 6:30pm

17. DONM – 18th May 2026 @ Wrekin College 5pm, face to face.