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**TRANSVAAL CRICKET BOARD UMPIRES  
ASSOCIATION**

**ANNUAL  
REPORT**



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## TO ALL OFFICIALS AND CLUB SECRETARIES

Notice is hereby given of the 1st Annual General Meeting of the T.C.B.U.A. to be held at the Nurul Islam Auditorium, on the 4th August 1985 at 10H00 sharp.

## A G E N D A

- 1 To read the notice convening the Annual General Meeting
- 2 To receive delegates credentials
- 3 To receive Chairman's address
- 4 To read and confirm the Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting held and to deal with matters arising therefrom.
- 5 To receive the Secretary's Report.
- 6 To deal with correspondence
- 7 Election of officials
- 8 To elect sub-committees
- 9 To deal with new applications for membership
- 10 ~~To appoint auditors for the coming year~~
- 11 To deal with General business.

Yours in Sports,

*I M Khan*

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HON. SECRETARY



## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The concept of neutral umpires for Super League fixtures had its origin during the season 1983/84. During this season the umpires were called upon to officiate at both bowling ends because of the shortage of umpires. This was a very tiring experience which taxed the most competent of umpires. A concerted effort to launch the umpires association in an official capacity was made during the past season 1984/85 with considerable urging and prompting by the Transvaal Cricket Board Executive. At the first official inaugural meeting, Mr E Khan was elected as chairman and Mr I Khan as secretary. Shortly afterwards the T.C.B. were presented with the Constitution of the Umpires Association which was officially read and accepted at an umpires meeting.

Despite occasional mumblings of discontent from the cricketers concerning the standard of umpiring, it can with confidence be stated that the general opinion amongst the cricketers was that the Umpires Association was long overdue. The cricketers felt they were able to play with much more confidence than ever before due to the presence of a neutral judge. Unfortunately it was not always possible to appoint two umpires for every super league fixture and when only one man was in charge, problems were occasionally experienced with the square leg umpire from the batting side.

It is in the interest of all clubs to ensure that only the most experience cricketers are asked to take up the square leg position.

Besides the league fixtures, the umpires were also kept busy with the Howa Bowl, the Booley Bowl and Benson and Hedges games. Naturally the call for neutral umpires at all official board fixtures made itself heard again and along the grapevine it can be reported that the forthcoming season 85/86 will herald the start of neutral umpires at Board level. I have no intention of stealing anyone's thunder so I will leave the official announcement and details of this long awaited step to the T.C.B. hierarchy.

Very shortly we will be welcoming the commencement of a brand new cricket season and naturally the question arises - what can be expected? Despite the positive reaction generally from the cricketers towards the Umpires Association, it must be stated that the relationship between the T.C.B. officials and the Association requires urgent attention. A very sour and bitter trend surfaced towards the end of the season but had been simmering throughout the season. A difficult task of appointing umpires was made impossible by the interference in this function by officials of the T.C.B. Late in the season we lost the services of three umpires who claimed they were not being considered for Board fixtures but being used only for league matches. Naturally the blame was placed on the executive of the Umpires Association. It certainly did not help matters when it was publicly aired that the umpires were only interested in umpiring for payment. Let it suffice to say that the appointment of umpires have to be left to the executive of that body and that no official of the T.C.B. has any jurisdiction in the performance of that function. It certainly did not promote unity amongst the umpires when appointments of their men were reversed such as experienced by me personally. A serious lack of recognition for the status of this association was shown in the neglect by the Board in resorting to official written communication with the secretary. Instructions and other information was regularly conveyed by telephone which placed an unnecessary burden on the shoulders of the Secretary. The latter must be complimented on his untiring endeavours to keep the Association afloat and viable, and he did not deserve to become the butt of all criticism from certain umpires over appointments.



The future of the Umpires Association should not be viewed despondently from the foregoing report on the lack of understanding that existed. To discard this Association is to plunge the state of harmony in league cricket to its old low levels. This Association can, with greater determination, still make a significant contribution to the future of T.C.B. cricket because the present incumbents must be viewed as the cornerstone on which to build a formidable body. Naturally greater support is required from the clubs in making more people available to augment the numbers of the Association. It should become a requirement for registration of clubs that at least one umpire or nominee be made available.

It would not be appropriate to conclude by not commenting on the general state of turf pitches during the past season. The pathetic condition of the wickets made it quite impossible for the league batsmen to concentrate on the accepted arts of batsmanship. Ordinary bowlers were at times made to look very dangerous. Quite obviously the Board will once again have to take a serious view of this aspect of our cricket.

In conclusion I would like to thank Mr I Khan for his unstinting efforts throughout the season and the patience he displayed.

Yours in Sport

E Khan

MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING HELD ON THE 17th SEPTEMBER, 1984  
AT THE C.J. BOTHA SCHOOL, BOSMONT.

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ATTENDANCE: The following gentlemen were present:

Messrs. E. Khan, S. Desai, I. Khan, E Akhalwaya, Mr. Rasdien.

The above gentlemen who attended this meeting decided that to form some kind of positivity, an Umpires Association should be formed. It was unanimously decided to name the new body the Transvaal Cricket Board Umpires Association.

ELECTION OF OFFICIALS:

PRESIDENT: Mr. E. Khan, moved by S. Desai, seconded by Mr. E. Rasdien.

SECRETARY: Mr. I. Khan, moved by S. Desai, seconded by Mr. E. Akhalwaya. The following decisions were taken at this meeting.

UMPIRES FEES:

It was decided that the following fees would be applicable:

PREMIER LEAGUE:

If two umpires are appointed for a fixture the fees shall be R15.00 per umpire. Where one umpire is appointed the fees shall be R20.00 (R10.00 per team). The fees should be enclosed in a sealed envelope and handed to the umpires before the commencement of the match. This also applies to fixtures which have been called off owing to bad weather.

HOW A BOWL AND BOOLEY TROPHY:

The fees for these competitions shall be R25.00 per day.

Catering for umpires at Provincial and B & H. Fixtures:

Representations should be made to the T.C.B. advising them to provide separate facilities for umpires as far as catering and separate quarters are concerned. Domestic fixtures, teams wishing to provide refreshments to the umpires should do so by providing paper cups or tumblers and not by letting the umpires to sip from bottles.

DISCIPLINE OF CRICKETERS:

It was decided by the umpires to adhere strictly to the laws of cricket pertaining to the discipline of players on the field of play. Any disrespect shown to the umpires, a report should be made in writing to our association, which will then forward the matter to the T.C.B for notion.

DRAFT CONSTITUTION:

Mr. I. Khan was appointed to draft out a constitution for the umpires association:

THE Meeting terminated at 11.15p.m.



SECRETARIAL REPORT- SEASON 1984/1985

MR. PRESIDENT, DELEGATES AND MEMBERS;

I have pleasure in submitting this report on the activities of the Transvaal Cricket Board Umpires Association for the 1984/1985 season for your consideration!

1) Administration and Meetings:

In this respect two council meetings were held.

2) Membership:

The board had nine members, and with the aid of the news media appeals to ex-cricketers to join our association proved futile! Nevertheless, an all out effort will be made this year to increase the membership of our Association! The non responsive attitude of some Clubs to ignore our appeals, has been a great disappointment.

3) Umpires Classes:

This did not get off the ground, owing to various reasons. In the interim, Questions on the laws of cricket will be sent out to every club, which will assist them greatly in increasing their knowledge regarding the laws of cricket.

LEAGUE CRICKET:

Our Umpires did their utmost in fulfilling their duties in the above competition. At the beginning of the 1984/1985 season, Circulars were sent out to all Premier Division Clubs to write to our Association for recommendations and complaints, has met with a negative response. Cricketers, on the whole behaved well, with a few cricketers being reported to the Misconduct Board.

PROVINCIAL AND B & H FIXTURES:

In these competitions, the umpires appointed to officiate, carried out their duties very well! I can state with confidence, that the standard set up by some of our umpires could be compared with the best umpires in the South African Cricket Board.

THANKS AND APPRECIATION:

My report would be incomplete if I fail to thank and place on record my appreciation to the following:

1. Mr. Moosa Kara - for donating one dozen ties.
2. M/S Aboo Manack, Ismail 'Morris Garda', Yusuf Noorbhai, Bhai Rajah, George Gani (Lenasia Shell) Dr. Peer for donating towards the costs of the Windbreakers and screenprinting of the ties.
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5. Mr. Yusuf Delair of Wonder Printers, for the Printing of Letterheads and covers for the AGM free of charge.
6. Mr. Aggie Mangera, president of the T.C.B. and his Secretaries for their kind advise and co-operation at all times.
7. Mr. Ahmed Hans for his co-operation as far as the fixtures were concerned.
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WICKETS:

Some of the wickets were in a bad state. With good wickets, good cricket can be provided. This was proved in the Provincial Fixture at the Stadium, when Transvaal put up one of their finest performances. If good wickets are provided in this coming season I can safely say that Transvaal will be amongst the leaders at the end of the Season;

In conclusion, I would like to thank you for the privilege of serving this organisation, and my apologise for any short-comings on my part. My sincere good wishes to all Clubs in the new season.

Best Wishes to the Incoming Officials.

Yours in Sports,

*I.M. Khan*

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(HON. SECRETARY)



One law discuss at council meeting

→ Very important - contribution for future  
General - ① Appointment of umpires → discuss in TCB Exec.

Grading of umpires →

No telephone → consultation →

fixtures will be drawn up well  
in advance.

Clubs → fair competition

② Council meetings → discuss law 2 difficult.  
laws at these meetings.

③ One umpire per club.

④ Neutral →

④ Treasurers or not.

⑤ Appointment of umpires before hand.  
Members of executive → to attend umpires meetings.  
→ permanent members.

⑥ Classes for Clubs → central venue.

⑦ Junior → umpires for Saturday.

⑧ Wickets