Report of the General Members Meeting of the KNCB dated 12 April 2025.
Van der Valk Breukelen, Stationsweg 91, Breukelen, starting at 13.00 hrs.

The attendance list was signed by:

Associations

Amsterdamsche C.C., C.C. Bloemendaal, C.C. Groenendaal, Cricket Vereniging Holland, C.T.C. de Flamingo's, D.S.V. Concordia, Dosti United C.C., C.C. Groen-Geel, HBS, HCC, Hercules, Hilversumsche C.C., Hoofddorp Jaquars CC, SV Kampong Cricket, De Kikkers CC, Qui Vive CC, HCC Rood en Wit 1881, Salland C.C., SV Royal Punjab, VOC, Voorburg CC, VRA.

Honorary members
M.B. Asselbergs, R.W. van Ierschot.

Members of Merit
J.L. Mulder, B.H.J. Timmer, W.E. Winckel, A. Parulekar, R. L. Buijze.

Other attendees
Barbera Boissevain, Gijs de Jong.

Board
Guido M. Landheer (chairman), Willemijn E. Vorderman (secretary), J. Van Zuydam (treasurer), Nitin R. Potdar (commissioner cricket development).

KNCB Bureau
Lucas Hendrikse (CEO a.i.), Bart Kroesen, Emil Buijs, Pamela Mulder, Adriaan van den Dries, Roland Lefebvre, Patrick de Leede, Ingrid van der Elst (assistance).

Committee members
Hans Peter van Arkel, Roeland Buijze, Arnoud Bernelot Moens, Theo Sikkema, Ingrid van der Elst.

Authorizations were received from the associations:
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1. Opening

The chairman, **Guido Landheer**, opens the meeting at 13:00 and welcomes those present.

The **chairman** especially welcomes the honorary members; Marc Asselbergs and René van Ierschot and the members of merit; Hans Mulder, Amit Parulekar and Betty Timmer.

The following honorary members have cancelled; Steven van Hoogstraten, Wim Neleman and Duco Ohm. The members of merit who have cancelled are; Louk Hartong, Ted Hartman, Rob Kemming, John Wories and Akbal Mohamed.

The clubs that have cancelled are; Quick 1888 Nijmegen, Gelre CC, Sparta Cricket 1888, Excelsior'20, HV & CV Quick and Hermes DVS.

Cancellations of the committee members who have arrived: Martijn Beversluis (Financial Committee), Erik van der Vecht (Disciplinary Committee) and Maarten Meijer (Disciplinary Committee).

The chairman reports that, in view of several English-speaking presidents, he will speak in English as much as possible. Of course it is possible if attendees want to speak in Dutch.

The **chairman** names the deceased members and the meeting observes a minute's silence for them:

Albert van Nierop Sr.: honorary member of VRA, member of SGS and voluntary financial employee of the KNCB Federation.
Willy van Nierop, older brother of Albert, member of VRA, honorary member SGS, chairman and founder of the former LBW in Amersfoort.
Egbert Lambers, former member of the Disciplinary Committee.
Poet Dubar, chairman and pacesetter of Wanica Star.
George Hartong, member of the Royal Ud, SGS and former KNCB umpire.
Eric de Haard, SGS and former VRA member.
Ernst Oudshoorn, former member of Ajax Leiden.
Piet Sonnemans, member of Excelsior '20.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The proposal of the chairman is to put the agenda item 7. To treat the 2024 awards as agenda item 3, as Ingrid van der Elst has to leave the GMM earlier and she takes care of these ceremonies. In addition, he proposes to treat agenda item 'Appointments of the board' as agenda item 10. Both proposals are approved by the meeting.

The **chairman** indicates that the documents belonging to the Finance agenda item (now agenda item 8) were sent two weeks before the GMM instead of the three weeks required by the Articles of Association. The reason for this is that the auditor's audit report was not yet available, so the documents were not yet final. The chairman asks permission for two matters with regard to agenda item 8:
1. Does the meeting agree to deal with agenda items 8 a to d? The meeting agrees to this.
2. Does the meeting agree to decide on agenda items 8a to d, if applicable?
The meeting also agrees to this.

The agenda is adopted as such.

3. Awards 2024

a. Presentation of the Kleefstra Almanac 2024

On behalf of the Archives and Library committee, Ingrid van der Elst presents the Kleefstra Almanac 2024 to chair Guido Landheer. She says that the Almanac used to mention all the numbers and statistics of all teams, but that this can no longer be traced at the moment. For that reason, only the top three, the women's teams and the international competitions are now listed. She expresses special thanks to Mr. Wim Neleman, who has worked tirelessly on the Kleefstra Almanac for 44 years now.

Cees Bieren (Red and White) finds it striking that match scores are not kept up to date in this digital age as well as they used to. He asks whether the focus from the KNCB will remain on THE and women or whether the lower classes will also be included. The **chairman** emphasizes the importance of tradition and reliable data from all clubs. **Roeland Buijze** (chairman of the regulations committee) points out that the recording of the scores is not always well kept by the clubs from the lower divisions, but it is mandatory. He emphasizes that the clubs themselves are responsible for compliance with this rule and that the regulations state that negligence in this case will result in a fine of fifty euros. This has not been collected to date, something he advises the KNCB to do to better provide for this recording.

b. Fair Play Trophy 2024 ceremony

Ingrid van der Elst presents the annual Fair Play Cup on behalf of SGS Cricket. The umpires will judge which team plays the most sportsmanlike, this year the prize will go to the first team of Delft sports club Concordia. Ingrid van der Elst hands over the trophy to Vidhvath Viswanathan of Concordia.

4. Documents received

There are no incoming documents.

5. Adoption of minutes of General Members Meetings

a. GMM 14 December 2024

Betty Timmer (member of merit) has emailed 30 comments about the minutes of December 14, 2024 to the secretary and would like to highlight a few more here, namely at page 5 (signals), page 6 (responsibility of the board - treasurer), page 9 (she does want an investigation) and page 11 (population growth). The secretary indicates that Betty Timmer is the only one who has emailed comments and that the minutes contain a summary of what was said in the meeting, with the aim that the person who was not present can check what was discussed in general. It is not the intention to re-address the meeting items discussed in a previous GMM for this agenda item. The **chairman** thanks her for reading along. **Cees Bieren** (Red and White) adds that he does not recognize the passage about the decline in population growth either; the **chairman** promises to have this removed from the minutes. The meeting approves the minutes under this commitment.

b. BALV March 13, 2025

There are no comments about the minutes of the BALV on 13 March 2025; These Minutes 2025 are approved.

6. Annual reports committees 2024

The **chairman** asks if there are any comments from the meeting about the annual reports.
Dorien Rauwerda (VRA) misses several annual reports, for example from the women's committee and the youth committee, and asks for the reason. The **chairman** reports that these were requested late and not all were delivered on time. He emphasizes the importance of women's and youth participation and announces that a task force will be set up that is committed to the growth of women's cricket. The **chairman** promises that from now on it will be ensured that all annual reports are delivered on time.
Joost Bakker (ACC) asks when the annual reports for 2024 will still be made available. The **chairman** replied that the missing annual reports for 2024 would be published on the KNCB website at the end of May 2025.
Betty Timmer (member of merit) notes that after last year's GMM she sent the KPIs of 2019 as a baseline measurement, but notes that these hardly appear in the annual reports. The **chairman** indicates that due to the recent turbulent period, insufficient attention has been paid to this at the moment. In the new strategy and vision, which will be worked on in the 2nd half of this year, there will be more attention to KPIs.
Dorien Rauwerda (VRA) wants to know how the cooperation between the Accommodation Committee and the agency can be improved in response to the annual report of the Accommodation Committee. The **chairman** acknowledges that the cooperation was not optimal, but emphasizes that attention is paid to this. **Theo Sikkema** (chairman of the accommodation committee) adds that new associations need additional fields and that an expertise desk was planned for this. Due to a lack of capacity and the financial situation, this has not been achieved, so that only reactive action is currently being taken.
The **chairman** reports that this will be discussed in the board meeting with a view to next season. Until now, the focus has been on financial stability; Now the goal is to take further steps.
Mark Asselbergs (honorary member) asks about the administrative idea behind the word 'participation'. He proposes to speak of 'top cricket' and 'club cricket' instead of the word 'participation'. The **chairman** responds that the term 'cricket development' is also used. **Lucas Hendrikse** adds that he will come back to this during this meeting.

7. Announcements

Hans Walhain has been active in the Appeals Committee since 2009 and acted as the central point of contact for this committee for many years. He organized hearings, compiled the chamber and wrote numerous judgments and annual reports. His commitment, knowledge and dedication to the sport of cricket have been of great value. After his official resignation in 2024, he remained involved for another year.
The board proposes to appoint him as Member of Merit of the KNCB. The GMM agrees.

8. Finance

a. Financial statements 2024

Lucas Hendrikse (CEO a.i.) explains that the higher turnover in 2024 is partly due to prize money that was not budgeted for, transferred NOC*NSF funds, extra competition contributions and freed-up ticket facilities. Sponsorship in kind is not included as a benefit or burden in consultation with the accountant; This will be adjusted in 2025. Higher personnel costs are the result of expansion of the office and more player contracts. Overrun on marketing communication is due to poor budget control. A hefty payment to FanCraze also negatively impacted the result. The result is in line with the last budget. The Finance

Committee also shares its view on this. The board has also received various additional advice and comments from the auditor and these will be included in the action plan.

aa. Explanation financials

Hans Peter van Arkel reports on behalf of the financial committee that an interim review of the provisional figures for 2024, including bank statements and reporting items, was carried out at the beginning of January. The main findings are included in the report. He points to the complex budget trajectory around 2024 and 2025 and emphasizes the importance of the balance between austerity and ambition growth. The KNCB remains largely dependent on ICC funds and additional funding is needed. The conversion of dollar income into euros is laid down in a management decision. Finally, the next financial statements will provide insight into the link between costs at cost type level (financial statements) and cost center level (appendix), so that personnel costs, among other things, can be correctly traced. The high debtor item has now largely been collected. The cause was delayed invoicing and insufficient debtor management, with some older items. A good escalation mechanism is essential here. At the moment, only a limited balance is outstanding. In January, the bank authorizations were put in order thanks to the new treasurer. The financial committee advises that changes in authorisations should be implemented directly at the bank from now on.

Cees Bieren (Red and White) notes that the financial question time is poorly attended and calls this a missed opportunity. He calls on the board to announce this in good time and encourages the members to participate. In addition, he proposes to make an English translation of the financial reports available.

Betty Timmer (member of Merit) indicates that she finds the information in the annual accounts brief and that she needs more explanation, especially in the case of major deviations. She points out that the amount of hired trainers is even higher than in 2023 and that this is not sustainable. According to her, the hiring of staff, especially self-employed persons, also deserves further attention. She calls the overrun of €280,000 within the high performance program incomprehensible, as well as the cost overrun of fifty percent for the board and committees. She argues that the director is primarily responsible for the finances and that the board should supervise this; According to her, both have failed in this. According to her, the consequences of this financial mismanagement will still be noticeable in the coming years. In addition, she believes that the board has incorrectly informed the GMM several times about the financial situation. Finally, she questions the question of whether discharge should be granted for the policy pursued.

The **chairman** indicates that the points mentioned by Betty Timmer have already been discussed in detail during the previous GMM. The board takes the concerns seriously and has now taken measures to improve financial control.

Dorien Rauwerda (VRA) asks what concrete measures have been taken. For further explanation, the **chairman** refers to the presentation by Lucas Hendrikse. **Betty Timmer** (member of merit) notes that these measures were already in force in 2022, which she says says something about the way in which the operation functions within the KNCB.

b. Financial Committee findings

There are no questions.

c. Discharge

Hans Peter van Arkel indicates that the financial committee critically questions the board about decisions taken, the budget process for 2025 and the underlying assumptions and shares its findings. It was a challenging year, but the result is in line with the budgeted amount. The figures have been checked and found to be correct by the auditor and the findings are being taken up. Based on this, the financial committee advises the GMM to approve the annual accounts and to discharge the board.
The meeting then discharges the board for the policy pursued and financial management for the 2024 financial year.

The **chairman** then hands over a bouquet of flowers to Mr. **Mudi Allah Rakha**, former treasurer of the KNCB, as a token of appreciation for his efforts and services.

d. Budget

Lucas Hendrikse (CEO a.i.) explains the budget. He discusses developments in the first quarter, the financial focus for this year and gives a preview of 2026 and 2027. He paints a picture of a dedicated

group of people who are committed to the success of the KNCB. At the same time, he acknowledges that the first quarter was challenging, partly due to the loss of some employees. There was a lack of clarity about goals and responsibilities, which was at the expense of efficiency. In addition, there was unrest within the organization. People left, players' contracts were not renewed and the departments such as Competition and Events were islands within the organization. The board was also too operationally involved. In order to bring more structure, an Operations department has now been set up under the leadership of **Adriaan van den Dries**. This department now also includes the ICC events and the competition, . **Emil Buijs** has been asked to take on the role of office manager and is working closely with **Alex de la Mar** who is retiring in October. 'cricket development' was chosen instead of the word 'participation' because it concerns the development of cricket in the Netherlands. Currently, there is a small team that meets monthly with the CEO about the plans and focus. **Patrick de Leede is** Lucas Hendrikse **'s point of contact** for managing the budgets for social media and the website. From now on, the High Performance organization will focus entirely on the national team programs, including the academy. The current personnel costs are high and it has been decided to stop external support in the field of sponsorship after Q2, Lucas **Hendrikse** sees this as a responsibility of the CEO and the board. The operational responsibility lies with the agency, the task of the board is to supervise and advise. In addition to recruiting a board member for high performance, work is also being done on filling the board position for Sponsoring, Marketing & Communication. Budget holders have been appointed for the departments, there is a monthly MT meeting and the debtor list is discussed monthly. If there is an upside, it is included in the overall P&L. **Lucas Hendrikse** goes through the figures with the union center every month. **Jacques van Zuydam** (treasurer) also regularly consults with the Bond Centre.
The KNCB is currently almost entirely dependent on the ICC for external funding. The ICC uses two scorecards with the possibility of receiving a qualification grant with which to work towards the World Cup. It is almost certain that the KNCB will be eligible for grants for a period of two years next year, which is positive for the planning. In addition, the KNCB receives income from the clubs and the NOC*NSF, but that is limited.
Lucas Hendrikse explains the ETPL, an initiative of Bollywood actor and investor Abhishek Bachchan. The KNCB has been asked to sign a support agreement and will receive €150,000 per year for participation. It is financially attractive for the players to participate in the tournament. Cricket Scotland and Rules X (this is a joint venture party of Cricket Ireland) are in talks with franchisees, with the aim of organising the tournament in 2025 or otherwise in 2026.
Ewout Boendermaker (HBS) asks if there is a financial bonus from the ICC if the Under 19 team qualifies. **Lucas Hendrikse** says that this is not the case because Under 19 does not receive a grant. When asked by **Cees Bieren** (Red and White) about money for extra support for grass wickets, **Lucas Hendrikse answers** that this is included in the budget.
Cees Bieren asks if the long-term lease includes a notice period of six months, Lucas indicates that the current rule is; fixed obligations for one year can be met.
Richard de Lange (chairman VCC) states that big ambitions are only sustainable with a large sponsor, although dependence on one sponsor also entails risks. He argues for a broad base of multiple sponsors for financial sustainability. One person who is structurally involved in this pays for himself, according to him. He also sees that other sports such as draughts and darts also receive a lot of money from NOC*NSF. **Lucas Hendrikse** responds that they are not only looking for a main sponsor, but also for sub-sponsors for specific areas. There is already a proposition, but when talking to companies, they still want to talk to the CEO or the chairman of the KNCB.
Jan Nuijten (Royal HC & VV) informs what the marketing and communication budget should yield in terms of sponsorship. **Lucas Hendrikse** says that the zero budget includes an amount for social media, website support and press contact, including €20,000 for sponsor support. This is based on the expected deployment required in early 2025.

Dorien Rauwerda (VRA) points out that the task force for girls and women's cricket will not start until the second half of 2025. **Lucas Hendrikse** emphasizes that the working group has priority, but that its start-up takes time. He will start setting it up earlier, but expects the Taskforce itself to become active in the second half of 2025.
Hans Mulder (member of merit) is surprised about the nine hundred thousand euros in personnel costs. **Lucas Hendrikse** explains that these are permanent contracts.
Hans Mulder emphasizes the importance of women's cricket and asks whether the seven hundred thousand euros of the ICC for the ladies will also be spent on ladies. **Lucas Hendrikse** acknowledges that it is a fair point: the distribution is now not in balance and a separate P&L for women and men should actually be made.

Betty Timmer (member of merit) warns that only part of the World Cup grant remains net available and that a large part is needed for next year's World Cup. According to **Lucas Hendrikse**, the high performance budget will be increased if the grant is awarded. First we look at what is needed for the preparation, then what is available to the players.
Betty Timmer (member of merit) points out that a BV was set up in 2019 for the Super League events and asks whether the board is considering placing this year's events in a BV as well. **Lucas Hendrikse** replies that we are not going to do this: it was specifically about the Super League then and it is now about ICC-approved and reimbursed budgets. **Betty Timmer** wants to convey to the board that a BV can offer advantages for risk coverage and may generate additional resources.
Hans Mulder (member of merit) agrees with Betty Timmer, especially in the event that the ETPL goes ahead because according to him a franchise is a serious risk.
Amit Parulekar (member of merit) emphasizes to be careful with the exchange rate, the KNCB cannot enter into formal contracts on dollar/euro exchange rate, the bank does not allow that so the exchange risk is not hedged. He believes that attention should continue to be paid to equity (EV) because in the event of non-qualification, only the EV will remain as a reserve. Extra income must first supplement the shortfall, then the EV and only then can it be spent. He believes that before participating in the ETPL, the KNCB should have due diligence carried out so that it is known who the investors behind the tournament are, in order to avoid the risk of money laundering.
Cees Bieren (Red and White) sees that the ICC contribution in the current budget is higher than in that of December last year. **Lucas Hendrikse** explains that this is due to a lower payment to FanCraze, part of which has been postponed to next year. **Cees Bieren** notes that the amount is lower due to the current exchange rate. **Lucas Hendrikse** confirms that this will be deducted from the grant. He adds that high performance is difficult to budget for and that the next MT meeting will start with an austerity target.
Amit Parulekar (member of merit) suggests holding incoming dollars and making all bookings in dollars, to avoid exchange rate risk.
Dorien Rauwerda (VRA) asks whether there is a possible financial setback surrounding the current absence of the CEO. **Lucas Hendrikse** says that there is an absenteeism insurance that offers more coverage than the costs for the KNCB are for him.
Hans Mulder (member of merit) asks for a clear EV formula before the end of this year. **Amit Parulekar** (member of merit) confirms that this is an action point for this year.

The **Mr. President** thanks **Lucas Hendrikse** and **Jacques van Zuydam** and asks the GMM to adopt a budget. The meeting then adopts the budget. The **Mr. President** thanks the working group, consisting of Messrs. Parulekar, Sulaiman, Hendrikse, and Van Arkel, for their efforts. In addition, thanks are also due to the work of the financial committee.

9. Organizational developments and financial scenarios
This subject was discussed by Lucas during the previous agenda item.

10. Board appointments
Jacques van Zuydam reports that **Guido Landheer** and **Nitin Potdar** are stepping down in accordance with the schedule and proposes on behalf of the board to the GMM to reappoint them both.
The GMM agrees to the reappointment of both gentlemen.

11. Competition regulations 2025 (for information)
The **chairman** notes that this is the first GMM of this board without Reinout Scholte and expresses great appreciation on behalf of the board for his efforts in professionalizing high performance. His contribution was valuable and the steps taken were necessary. A big applause sounds from the GMM as a token of appreciation. There are four to five candidates for the vacant high performance position and the board hopes to appoint a new member soon. **Hans Mulder** (member of merit) inquires whether the candidates know the cricket world or come from it, as this was not in the vacancy text as a requirement. The **chairman** confirms that this is the case.

Adriaan van den Dries (Manager Operations) explains the regulations. There are no major changes, but more responsibility is placed with the captains. He mentions the changes in the competition regulations, the playing conditions and the accommodation regulations. The final version with the latest changes will be sent.

Cees Bieren (Red and White) indicates that he has read the competition rules and finds it too complex due to excessive detailing. According to him, it does not have to be so extensive. **Adriaan van den Dries** indicates that the playing conditions are deliberately detailed because some clubs are pushing the limits. **Cees Bieren** points out a contradiction: some articles state that matches are not replayed in the event of a draw, while elsewhere it says that this is possible if teams want to and report this to the KNCB three days in advance. **Adriaan van den Dries** explains that this difference applies to different competitions: at THE in 50 over competition nothing is replayed, in lower classes there are possibilities. **Cees Bieren** refers to Articles 4 and 6 as an example of the excessive detailing of the rules and is of the opinion that rained out matches should not be replayed. **Adriaan van den Dries** explains that rained out matches in THE (50 overs and T20) are not replayed. There are exceptions to this in the lower classes, because there is more emphasis on social cricket and an attempt is made to get the teams to play as much as possible.

Ewout Boendermaker (HBS) asks whether a points system is already being looked at to limit the number of foreign players and to stimulate youth development. **Adriaan van den Dries** indicates that this will take a lot of time, but that a working group will work on it in the coming months, as promised in the BALV. It is still too early for the upcoming competition. **Cees Bieren** (Red and White) asks if this is a promise for 2026. **Adriaan van den Dries** confirms that this is the case and adds that the coming season will be 'shadowed' with a points system.
Max de Bruin jr. (ACC) expects the board to respond to the advice given by the BALV, as it had previously been promised by email to do so before this GMM. The **chairman** indicates that the board has taken the advice into account carefully. Two pools have been chosen in the main league. The e-mail sent to clubs states that a working group is looking at the points system and the stimulation of youth players and players trained in the Netherlands. The competition structure of the main and first division will also be further refined towards 2027. **Max de Bruin jr**. (ACC) believes that there was insufficient communication about the competition structure for 2026 and 2027 before this GMM. He emphasizes that commitments must be made and fulfilled carefully. According to him, the lack of clarity leads to doubts about the interpretation of the agreements made.
Lucas Hendrikse indicates that the decision about 2026, with two main classes, will be sent to the clubs in the coming week. **Max de Bruin jr**. (ACC) points out that other questions and advice were also discussed in the BALV. He argues in favour of including them in their entirety. The **chairman** emphasizes that the task of the working group is to conduct the discussion with the clubs in open dialogue. The aim is to have clarity about the process in September and the concerns from the BALV will be explicitly taken into account.
Dorien Rauwerda asks why the board has chosen to include the main league in the plans and not the top class. The **chairman** explains that the advice of the Dutch big league was to postpone this for a year and to refine it. An important point in the Topklasse was to give the T20 competition a higher status: the board did not want to wait for this. That is why it has been decided to take steps towards a new competition now. The biggest concern of the clubs that emerged from the BALV of March 13 was mainly looked at: the 'big bang' and the relegation of five big league and three top class clubs. For that reason, it has been proposed that the number eight of the top class play-offs play against the winner of the big league. This approach has been chosen compared to the original transition proposal. The working group that is looking at the points system will also carry out a pilot on youth development.
Dorien Rauwerda (VRA) asks whether the composition of the working group will remain the same or will be adjusted. According to the **chairman** , no final decision has yet been made on this, but that this will be announced within a few weeks, the advice of the working group is expected in September. In any case, the working group must be representative of the composition of Dutch cricket.
Jan Nuijten (Koninklijke HC & VV) asks if he understands correctly that the two pools in the main league apply to 2026 and that the working group focuses on the main and first division in 2027. The **chairman** confirms that the focus is now on the next two years and that the period after that is being looked at.
Hans Mulder (member of merit) notes that the communication talks about a T20 and an ODI competition, which he finds curious. The **chairman** promises that this comment will be taken into account.
Joost Bakker (ACC) asks whether the advice of the working group in September also means that a clear decision will be communicated to the clubs. The **chairman** confirms this.

12. Disciplinary Regulations 2025 (to be adopted)

Adriaan van den Dries explains that there are no major changes and mentions the most important points. There is more clarity about the reporting process and the role of the captains when there are no

official umpires from the KNCB present. In that case, both captains act as umpires and can report fouls that occurred during the game. Captains who act as umpires do not have to pay a fee. **Joost Bakker** (ACC) asks whether there are clear guidelines for the processing time of disciplinary cases. **Adriaan van den Dries** confirms that there is a procedure, but that progress depends on the efforts of the disciplinary committee. **Joost Bakker** (ACC) mentions an incident from August in which no follow-up took place. **Adriaan van den Dries** acknowledges that there is a delay and that the procedure will be adjusted. **Max de Bruin jr.** (ACC) calls this unsatisfactory and believes that the board should intervene. **Cees Bieren** (Red and White) refers to the 2023 disciplinary regulations that contain clear timelines and asks for an overview of the number of cases submitted and settled.
Willemijn Vorderman indicates that it is a difficult issue: the board has found that the Disciplinary Committee has not functioned properly in the past two years, which has manifested itself in particular in the failure to settle cases on time. The course of events has cost Adriaan and herself in particular a lot of time and frustration in the past two years. In the meantime, measures have been taken and there is close contact with a new chairman, Jan Willem Beuker. The board is close to it and is confident that it will go better next season. She accepts the suggestion to explicitly include in the annual report the number of cases handled in a timely manner by the TC and will share it with the new chairman and the other members of the Disciplinary Committee.
Roeland Buijze (member of merit and chairman of the Rules Committee) shares the secretary's view on the functioning of the Disciplinary Committee over the past two years and points out that the Disciplinary Committee is an independent committee, appointed by the GMM. The GMM therefore also has the responsibility to supervise. He adds that members are still being sought for the Disciplinary Committee and calls on the GMM to take the initiative in this as well.
Ekant Arunwal (Red and White) asks if there is insight into the number of complaints per club. **Adriaan van den Dries** replies that this is not currently included in the guidelines. **Amid Parulekar** (member of merit) points out that according to the guidelines, the penalties for captains are doubled for repeated violations within twelve months, so there is already some form of control. **Ekant Arunwal** (Red and White) states that information per club can help to gain insight into which clubs are involved in the violations. **René van Ierschot** (honorary member) points out that social control also plays a role and that not everything has to be laid down in rules. The **chairman** indicates that **Roeland Buijze** (member of merit) will take this into account, but that the agency also has a role in approaching the clubs involved.

The **chairman** submits the 2025 disciplinary regulations and the guideline on penalties for approval, the GMM approves both.

13. Appointment of committees

a. Appeals Committee
According to the schedule, Mr. Hartman is retiring and is eligible for re-election. The board proposes to reappoint Mr. Hartman as a member of the Appeals Committee. The GMM approves the reappointment of Mr. Hartman as a member of the Appeals Committee.

b. Disciplinary Committee
According to the schedule, Mr. De Leede is retiring and is not eligible for re-election, Mr. Knops is retiring according to the schedule and is not eligible for re-election. According to the schedule, Mr. Krabbendam is retiring and is eligible for re-election. The board proposes to reappoint Mr. Krabbendam as a member of the Disciplinary Committee.
The GMM approves the reappointment of Mr. Krabbendam as a member of the Disciplinary Committee.

The board also proposes to appoint Mrs. Van Beuge as a member of the Disciplinary Committee.
The GMM approves the appointment of Ms Van Beuge as a member of the Disciplinary Committee.

The **chairman** asks for a round of applause from the GMM for the members of the Regulations Committee Roeland Buijze and Robert Vermeulen for all the work they have done on the various regulations of the KNCB.

14. Question/wvttk

Ekant Arunwal (Red and White) inquires about the number of new clubs and the rules regarding owning their own field. **Emil Buijs** (Office Manager) indicates that the number of members and clubs for 2025 is not yet known. In a number of cases, existing clubs share their fields with new clubs. New clubs are obliged to indicate where they will play their home games when registering and participation in the competition is only possible if they have their own field. **Ekant Arunwal** (Red and White) emphasizes that the focus should be on supporting existing clubs, so that their continuity is guaranteed, instead of admitting new clubs.
Richard de Lange (chairman VCC) speaks about the importance of the development of women's teams and indicates that some women's members are getting bored of cricket, which he says indicates that the Dutch league is not attractive enough.
Betty Timmer (member of merit) agrees with Richard de Lange's remarks and proposes that clubs in the top, main and first division should only participate if they have a women's team. She sees this as essential for the preservation of women's cricket and asks the board to include this in the strategic discussion for the coming years.
Ewout Boendermaker (HBS) argues for the strengthening of youth cricket and emphasizes the importance of moving on players trained in the Netherlands to the Under 19s via the Dutch Lions programs. He hopes that in 2026 there will be room for a trip to England with the Dutch Lions teams, as this is now done on the initiative of parents and is not a KNCB project.
Dorien Rauwerda (VRA) urges the board to send the meeting documents on time and to report well in advance when a financial question time will take place. The **chairman** promises this.

15. Closure
Cees Bieren (Red and White) agrees with the words of Ewout Boendermaker and emphasizes the importance of investing in youth, women and Dutch players, in addition to the necessary investments in foreign players. It has been decided to focus on one top class and two main classes, but from 2026 there will be a top class, a main class and a first class. He asks the working group to reconsider this decision, including the points system. Finally, he wishes everyone a beautiful cricket summer.

The **chairman** closes the meeting at 4.35 p.m.,

Appendix 1 Action list GMM 12 April 2025

	Action	Who?	When
1	Adjust minutes GMM 14-12-2024	Secretary	30 April 2025
2	Publish missing annual reports of committees on the KNCB website.	Director	May 31, 2025
3	Annual reports committees all delivered on time and in full with documents from the spring meeting.	Director	Q1 2026
4	KPIs Disciplinary Committee (how many cases were handled and settled on time in season 2025 and beyond).	Secretary	April 2025