



Minutes of The Isle of Wight Cricket Board AGM, Held on Monday 9th December 2013, at Newclose County Cricket Ground.

The meeting opened with Chairman, Ron Cook, thanking everyone for attending.

IWCB Directors Present:

R. Cook (Chairman), H. Downer (Treasurer),

Other Representatives Present:

S. Chatfield (CDM), G. Bailey (Arreton CC), K. Marston (Bembridge CC), I. Heal (CHSOB), P. Conway (Godshell CC), R. Webb (Island Bakeries CC & IWCB Minute Taker), M. Watson (Newport CC), J Goldsmith (Northwood CC), A Goldsmith (Northwood CC), L. Tolfrey (Ryde CC), G. De Belder (Shanklin CC), C. Millington (St Helens CC), H. Carkeet (St Helens CC), W. Dunne (Whitcroft CC), J. Featherstone (Schools Assoc), D. Buckman, D. Lloyd (Disability Rep)

1. Apologies:

A. Robertson (County Teams), P. Rudd (Cowes CC), S. Ford (Child Welfare Officer), P. Hunt (GKN CC)

2. Minutes of the Previous AGM:

The minutes of the 2012 AGM were accepted.

Proposed by: L. Tolfrey; Seconded: C. Millington.

3. Matters Arising:

Ron Cook referred to the schools reorganisation and the effect it will have on the structure of cricket. John Featherstone felt that the structure changes were gently settling down and 2014 should see all high schools playing some competitive cricket and 7 or 8 primary schools playing a good standard.

4. Management Report for 2013:

Ron Cook presented the following report which incorporates the report of the CDM:

Our aim to spread the load of our volunteers and give more responsibility to each part of our organisation has continued this year. This has linked in well with the ECB initiative on recruitment and retention. To qualify for our grant money all our activities have these two points of priority. Sports England made this a requirement for all sports making bids for funding. Sometimes, the priorities of the ECB do not always seem relevant at club level, but this time it has struck right to grassroots level.

The Board has met monthly over the last year, with excellent attendance at meetings. We are still missing the two important posts of Secretary and Marketing. Dave Buckman resigned as secretary during the year and so far we have not been able to find a replacement. To make it easy for a person to take on the role of secretary, we have re-introduced the role of minute secretary, which takes one of the main duties off a potential Board secretary. It is hoped that we can make an appointment at the AGM.

As with all clubs, balancing the books has been increasingly difficult over the past five years. Howard does a wonderful job looking after the accounts, but we cannot expect him to look for sponsors. We have not had a person responsible for marketing for a number of years and this must be a major task for next year. The possibility of putting this out on a commercial basis is being discussed. The reduction of our sponsorship by Wightlink has emphasised the importance of this role to Island cricket. I would also like to see a group formed to help with sponsorship, fundraising and events.

Finance has never been far from our discussions, and for the first time a full budget for the coming year has been proposed. We would like those people responsible in the areas where money is spent to have a greater say in the best way of spending the money available. We are in an over spend situation for this year and it cannot be allowed to happen next year.

One of the most encouraging aspects of this year has been the development of the committees and organisations within the IWCB. We have seen the formation of a managing committee for the Clubs, who have worked hard to produce a new format for competitive club cricket. A group is looking at developing the cricket played by our colts.

During the season David Lloyd has been reviewing social cricket and came up with some interesting statistics. Looking at mid-week cricket played by non-competitive clubs you can see quite a vibrant social cricket scene on the IW. These clubs are non-affiliated and their playing strength goes un-reported in the IWCB.

Basic details of Social Cricket:

Total matches recorded = 87

Clubs = 13

Players = 78 of which 40 did not play in league cricket.

4 Clubs completed survey, 2 declined and 7 did not respond

Sponsorship has been a problem over the last few years, but we would like to thank the following for their support for Island cricket.

Isle of Wight County Press - Under 11 League and Cup

Chris Sketchley - Under 13 League and Cup

Andy Butler - Under 15 League & Cup

James Thorn & Co - IWCB County Under 15s

Vikoma - IWCB County Under 17s

Ross Cooper - Disabilities

A J Wells - County Teams

Wightlink Ferries - Island Cricket

Island Webservices - Senior Cup

F H Winter - Fred Winter Cup

Newclose CCG - Ferry Crossing for Clubs, Schools & County Teams

Facility & Equipment Development

The CDM has administered the ECB small grants scheme on the Island and has supported three clubs in upgrading facilities at their clubs.

- Ryde Cavaliers CC - Changing Room Refurbishment and up grading of showers.
- Ryde CC - New electric boiler shower system
- Ventnor CC - New floors in both changing rooms

Sandown Academy has been supported in replacing their non-turf pitch with support from Chance to Shine. This has been laid and will be ready to be used for the 2014 season. He also worked with Newport CC in purchasing a second hand roller.

Chance to Shine

This year we worked in both primary schools and secondary schools for the first time. With coaching being based around game play. Years 3 & 4 were coached how to play Diamond Cricket and years 5 & 6 learning how to play Kwik Cricket. We delivered over 466hrs of coaching in 27 schools (5 Secondary & 22 Primary) with over 1750 children taking part in coaching. We had over 60 children move from the scheme into clubs which is the best return we have had for many years. It is an area we (Clubs and the Board) really need to work on as the numbers we are coaching are high and getting them into clubs is a priority. The coaching also supported Bembridge CC to start up an U11 team for the 2013 season which we will be looking to support once again in 2014 to make sure it has some sustainability.

We are looking to deliver the programme into more schools next year (30 minimum) and increase entry to competitions

We will be looking to support each secondary school in developing cricket at each of the schools. . Associated with this, we intend to deliver a strong teacher training programme.

Primary School Festivals

10 festivals organised with diamond and Kwik cricket being played across each day. We had 24 schools, entering 93 teams, equating to 714 children taking part in the festivals and visiting their local cricket club in the process. Each child received a flyer with details of training and contact information for each colts section on the Island. In partnership with the Isle of Wight College, 14 young leaders were trained to officiate all of the festivals.

Club Cricket

A combination of wet weather and player availability led to too many games being cancelled. The Academy Team added to the problem by withdrawing from the league after three games. This was disappointing but with the difficulty clubs had in raising teams, the pressure on trying to put out a competitive academy side became too great.

The Clubs' Committee has met and looked at a number of new proposals to implement for next year. Their main aim is to provide a full season's cricket for the clubs. Thanks needs to go to the group who worked hard to developing the proposals. What was especially pleasing for me was that the group is made up of active cricketers.

The disciplinary record this season was very good. It was especially pleasing that the two incidents reported were dealt with by their clubs and no other official action was needed.

During the year David Lloyd has been reviewing social cricket and came up with some surprising statistics. Looking at games played during the week by non-league teams

County Teams

Once again there were major staffing problem during the year. Just before the start of the season, Head Coach, Elliot Wilson, accepted a position with Worcester CCC, which meant we had no-one in that position. The post was advertised and Steve Benson appointed. It was hardly the best start for Steve, with picking up the academy team and the start of the county team's playing programme. After a couple of months he resigned. This once more left us without a Head Coach, but, rather than make another appointment, we decided to use our present coaches and our thanks go to the coaches, managers, Angus, Stuart and especially Martin Blackman for picking up the extra work and completing the programme.

There has been concern about the position of Head Coach for a number of years as to the amount of work available for a level 3 coach. After looking at the practices in other counties it was decided that we would offer the post on a part time basis. James Hibberd has been appointed and he will work with our present coaches to develop our county teams.

Although the County Team season was disrupted, it is important not to forget that there were some excellent achievements by teams and players.

- B Duggan - 112 v Lincolnshire, 97 v MCC, 162 v Gloucestershire, 119 v Fire Service
- M Webb - 13 wickets for the under 17s
- H Collier - average of 44 for the under 17s, 69 v Gloucestershire
- J Buckeridge - 85 v Lincolnshire, 52 v Wiltshire
- T Corbin 56 v Wiltshire
- U13 win against Wiltshire
- J Buckman 56 v Wiltshire, 52 v Sussex Skorpionz
- D Cox - 6 for 8 v Wiltshire
- U11 - Successful Malvern Tour
- U11 win against Tower Hamlets
- P Brown 7 for 8 against Essex
- Disabled Team winning 5 out of 6 hardball games
- U13 - Successful Ardingly Tour

- U16 win against Lincolnshire
- B Duggan, H Collier, J Buckeridge, R Whyte, Ben Herridge attend talent test for the ECB
- B Duggan, H Collier, B Herridge attend Academy sessions at Hampshire
- EPP Players - H Collier, B Duggan, R Whyte, D Cox, J Buckeridge, B Herridge.

New Strategy for 2014-17

The range of activities covered by the IWCB over the year is extensive and a new strategy for 2014-17 has been developed to reflect local needs and national strategies.

We are looking to Raising Expectations and creating;

- More People
- More Places
- Cricketing Opportunities

Other 2013/14 key Priorities

- Saturday League Changes run smoothly
- Colts Committee will be working to find a suitable way to give our U13 and U15 more Cricket
- Introduction of district fixtures for U12 & U14 to help the Development Pathway
- Looking to run official course for colts

We are really beginning to move forward, and now the Board is committing less time to dealing with the day to day cricket activities, and thus, is able to spend more time planning for the future. There is a great deal of work that we are required to do by the ECB to justify the new grant but, if successful, this should have a major effect on club and county cricket.

Finally I must thank all the people who work so hard to keep all aspects cricket on the Island working. All areas of our cricket rely on the work of volunteers so let's make sure that they are appreciated.

Ron Cook
Chair IWCB

There were no questions on any points raised in the management report.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Howard Downer presented the accounts for the year. The profit & loss and balance sheet of the Board's accounts had been distributed to all clubs in advance of the AGM and the Board Directors had signed them off.

Howard reported that it was important to run the Board's business against a balanced budget as there was a £5k deficit in 2012/13 which was consistent with a £6.5k deficit in 2011/12. Consequently, a revised budget for 2103/14 has been prepared. This includes a reduction in the available budget for a county coach resulting in a projected saving of £7k. Discussion was held concerning the increasing need for sponsors to boost income and the need to write off bad debts.

Dave Buckman felt that cricket is still cheap compared to other sports and IWCB charges are reasonable. Ron Cook explained that the Board intends to devolve budgets to individual committees in an effort to ensure more accountability for spending.

ECB funding is guaranteed for the next three years.

Guy De Belder asked about the reduction in sports travel discounts/sponsorship offered by Wightlink. Ron Cook reported that no money was expected from Wightlink and has been accounted for in the proposed budget. It is anticipated that travel costs to county matches will be covered by parents.

Approval of Accounts: Proposed By: Wayne Dunn; Seconded: John Featherstone.

6. Election of Officers

Directors IW Cricket Board Ltd.: Ron Cook, Proposed: Ryde CC, Seconded Ventnor CC
Howard Downer, Proposed: Ryde CC, Seconded Arreton CC
Angus Robertson, Proposed: Ventnor CC, Seconded Ryde CC
Company Secretary, No nomination

Board Officers:

Chairman: Ron Cook, Proposed: Ryde CC, Seconded Ventnor CC
Secretary: No nomination
Treasurer: Howard Downer, Proposed: Ventnor CC, Seconded Ryde CC
Social Cricket: David Lloyd, Proposed: Shanklin CC, Seconded Wootton CC
Media, Marketing and Events: No nomination
County Teams: Angus Robertson, Proposed: Ryde CC, Seconded Arreton CC

Clubs Committee:

Chairman: Glen Bailey, Proposed: Ventnor CC, Seconded Whitecroft CC
Secretary: Phil Rudd, Proposed: Ventnor CC, Seconded Whitecroft CC
Outdoor Competition Secretary: Tony Higgins, Proposed: Ventnor CC, Seconded Whitecroft CC
Indoor Competition Secretary: Ashley Goldsmith Proposed: Ventnor CC, Seconded Whitecroft CC

Disciplinary Cttee Chairperson: Janice Routledge, Proposed: Arreton CC, Seconded Ventnor CC

Welfare Officer: No nomination

7. Appointment of Auditor:

Barry Bushell (AH Cross and Co), Proposed: Ventnor CC, Seconded Arreton CC

8. Date of 2014 AGM:

8th December 2014

Meeting closed at 2030.

Ron Cook concluded the meeting by indicating that the Board are looking to hold a club's and associations joint meeting on 24 January 2014 to look at the IW Cricket Board's priorities.

Chairperson

Name: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____