

Isle of Man Cricket Association Annual General Meeting - Minutes

Date	27.03.24	Time	18.15	Location	Cronkbourne Cricket Club
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Attendees		Apologies		Also Distributed to	
Mike Haywood (MH)	Director & Chair				
Peter Crompton (PC)	Director & Treasurer				
Ruby Roberts (RR)	Director & Secretary				
Greig Wright (GW)	Cricket Development Officer				
Matt Ansell	Cronkbourne	Author	RR		
Kathryn Clough	Cronkbourne	Checked by			
Rob Webber	Ramsey				
Kevin Kniveton	Crosby	Approved by	MH, PC		
Jack Rowlands	Crosby				
Gareth Roome	Castletown				
Richard Webster	Finch Hill				
Janelle Clarke	Finch Hill				
Russell Miller	Peel & St Johns				
Ollie Webster	Peel & St Johns				
Rob Webber	Ramsey				
James Cherry	Union Mills				
Andy Coulson	Valkyres				
A Mahalingham	Finch Hill				

Minutes

	Action (or Discussion)	Who/When
1	<p>Apologies for Absence and introductions</p> <p>Apologies noted from Peter Foxton.</p>	
2	Minutes of last AGM	

	Action (or Discussion)	Who/When
	MH put the minutes of the last AGM to the members and the minutes were duly approved.	
3	Chairman's Report MH delivered the Chairman's report, a copy of which is appended hereto as Schedule 1.	
4	Financial Report PC delivered the Financial Report and circulated a copy of the Association's accounts which are complete but await finalisation by the auditors. PC noted that the Association has ended the year with the same funds as it began and that funding from the ICC will increase substantially in the next financial year. PC noted decreased funding from Support for Sport in next financial year. PC noted a new vehicle is to be purchased for GW and that the Association is in the process of considering a change to banking arrangements and that new bank details will be notified in due course. PC advised that the accounts will be published once the audit is finalised.	
5	Election of Officials MH referred the members to the provisions of the Association's Governing Instrument by which the directors are to retire by rotation with the longest serving director retiring first, but that where a director agrees to continue to act, upon the other directors' recommendation the director due to retire can be reappointed. MH put the ordinary resolution for the reappointment of MH (a copy of which had been previously circulated with the Agenda) to the members, who approved the resolution unanimously and MH was duly reappointed. MH referred the members to the provisions of the Governing Instruments by which any newly appointed directors are required to be reappointed at the next available Annual General Meeting by the members upon the directors' recommendation. MH put the ordinary resolution for the reappointment of RR having been appointed by the directors in February (a copy of which had been previously circulated with the Agenda) to the members, who approved the resolution unanimously and RR was duly reappointed.	
6	Members' Affiliation Fees MH advised the members that the fees are to remain the same for the forthcoming year i.e. £50.00 per club.	
7	AOB No other business was noted and the meeting was closed at 18.18pm.	

Date of Next Annual General Meeting	To be advised on notice in accordance with the Rules	Time		Location	
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SCHEDULE 1 – CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Chairman’s Report AGM 27 March 2024

Good evening and on behalf of my fellow directors and employees of the Isle of Man Cricket Association (IOMCA) welcome to the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The report to the Annual General Meeting is an opportunity to reflect on the activity, operations, finances and achievements of the IOMCA over the last year.

2023 was another successful year.

Some of the highlights from last year include:

- Success at the Isle of Man Sports Awards, congratulations to:
 - Sports team of the year, the Isle of Man Women’s Cricket Team
 - Sports Coach of the year, Sally Green (IOMCA)
 - The Leonie Cooil Courage & Inspiration Award, Sally Green
- Holding the first Men’s T20 International against Austria on the Isle of Man in July 2023. T10 tournament in Spain.
- Success for the Women’s Team in their Tour of Austria and Romania.
- U13 & U15 Cricket Tour to Northern Ireland.
- Nearly 10,000 young people experienced IOMCA organised cricket activities in a school/community setting.
- Relaunching the Junior Development Pathway to allow more junior cricketers access to coaching from IOMCA coaches.
- Agreement for Cricket to be included on the sporting curriculum for girls in all High Schools on the Isle of Man for the first time this summer.

Our successes are the results of the hard work of our team. As many of you will know, the past year has not been an easy time for both Sally and Greig and in the circumstances; the achievements this past year have been extraordinary. I would like to personally thank Greig and Sally for their energy, passion, commitment and consistency in driving the IOMCA forward.

This year the IOMCA will continue its work to deliver on the five focus areas set out in the IOMCA Strategy, which are as follows:

- **Women and Girls** – revolutionise Women and Girls cricket.
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- **High performance** – create opportunities for talented individuals to develop and progress to high ranked national teams.
 - **Education** – deliver high quality cricket in schools
 - **Coaches and Umpires** – establish a network to support player development and quality match play
 - **Digital** – we will embrace the digital era, making greater use of technology to promote IOM cricket to all our audiences.

Our plans to progress with these objectives include:

- In the Women's league, a return to the pairs format for the 2024 season. The IOMCA will provide opportunities to play hardball cricket for those who want to try it. The aim is to strike a balance between inclusivity and competition and to grow the number of women and girls taking part.
- The Primary school's competition is being modified this year to include a competitive school festival for those schools who want to engage. All primary schools will be invited to the skills festivals, in addition there will be an opportunity to attend out of school, multi school events, where there will be an opportunity to be coached and engage those pupils who may not have been selected by schools for festivals.
- The Manx Youth Games continues to bring new players to our sport annually, this twinned with our CricStart programme provides an excellent entry level experience for young players into cricket.
- Continue to grow the number of club school's links with a further five this year, taking the number to almost half the primary schools on the Isle of Man.
- The introduction of a Men's national team coach and the T20 World Cup Qualifying tournament in June in Italy.
- Women's national team in Southampton in May for matches against Guernsey.
- U19 World Cup Qualifying tournament in Denmark in July.
- Appointment of an additional full-time coach, who will join the IOMCA with specific responsibility for supporting the development of Women's and Girl's cricket.

The success of the Association is the result of teamwork from many people. I would like to thank everyone involved for his or her support in helping to run Cricket on the Isle of Man.

This includes,

- the other Directors of the Association and members of the Executive,
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- the club representatives who attend the association subcommittee meetings,
 - the members of the committees of the cricket clubs on the Island,
 - coaches, umpires, and the other volunteers who work to make cricket on the Isle of Man successful.

I would like to thank you all for continued support and efforts.

Since the last AGM Helen Helfrich stepped down from her role as Secretary and Director of the IOMCA and Matt Ansell also stood down from his role as Men's National Team Captain. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them both for their commitment and hard work during their time as Secretary, Director, and Captain, respectively.

I would also like to take this opportunity to formally thank Peter Lewis for agreeing to take on the role of Chair of the Junior Committee during last year and for joining the Executive.

Ruby Roberts has also agreed to act as Secretary and Director of the IOMCA and I would like to welcome her to the IOMCA and to thank her for volunteering to take on this role.

There are also some plans that are in their preliminary stages, but I look forward to sharing them with you all soon.

We continue to enjoy a positive working relationship The International Cricket Council and Isle of Man Sport.

Whilst there are lots of reasons to be positive, like any organisation the IOMCA also faces some challenges.

Last season the senior men's league saw 33% of arranged matches cancelled and consequently the number of individual senior men playing cricket also dropped.

Discussions at the Senior Committee meetings and in turn at club committees have looked to see what initiatives would ensure that there are no further drops in playing numbers. As a result, there will some changes made to the playing formats for this season. Clubs have been actively involved in determining the shape of these changes and the IOMCA has facilitated these discussions.

There were also significant opportunities missed for Juniors playing with Kwik festivals being moved to Sundays and very few matches played. These festivals are the future of IOM cricket and will be reverting to Fridays and no longer on regional formats but looking at mass participation festivals trying to create Manx youth games feel on a weekly basis in clubs for younger players.

Both the IOMCA and Clubs will be looking to see what impact these changes will have.

So far, there has been a disappointing response to the online ICC umpiring courses. At the time of drafting this report, only 11 have completed the online course. It is hoped that given the importance clubs place on having umpires available, others will come forward to take the course.

Ravenscroft unfortunately have ceased their sponsorship of the CricStart programme, and we would like to thank them for their contribution over the past 3 years, this has had a significant impact on our work in the community and clubs. Schools and clubs have benefited hugely from their support.

This has acted as a catalyst for work to begin on reviewing our approach to sponsorship and we hope to have further news on this soon.

I appreciate that there is a lot of information to digest in this report, but the report will be published as part of the minutes of the AGM.

We have made great progress in recent years, and we have ambitious plans. I would like to thank you for the part you and your clubs have played in making that progress and ask that you support the strategy, and we look forward to working with you again this year.
