

IOMCA Executive Committee meeting

Date: 17th Jan 2017

Venue: Utmost Wealth offices

Time: 18:00

Present: Neill Angus(NA), Andy Coulson(AC), Greig Wright(GW), Karen Riordan(KR), Peter Luft(PL)

Agenda:

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies as all present

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting September 19th 2016 were agreed

3. MATTERS ARISING

AC reported that he had contacted Mark Entwisle about the records in the filing cabinet and will speak with him again in February.

AC reported that he had received details of award winners in 2014 and is trying to contact the winners to try and get the trophies returned.

GW reported that The OneVision equipment has been purchased and GW is liaising with IOM Sport about a Press Release – IOM Sport contributed funds of £3.5K.

Pitch roller – see section 4.1

4. SENIOR CRICKET:

4.1 Facilities

GW advised that a review of each ground has been done to get costings. GW said that he has approached Paul Callow of IOM sport re the best approach in order to get funding and it is believed that the direct approach by the IOMCA will be the best. Clubs had expressed an interest in improving their pitches. Cost of £1000 per pitch is estimated and Neal Radford is preparing a quote to do the renovation. Finch Hill are meeting w/c 16/1/17 to discuss a possible renovation. Practice facilities will also need attention at some point in the future advised GW.

GW requested the purchase of a trailer for clubs to use to keep pitches in good order. Items to include a light roller(hand), a cleaner and scrubber to remove grass + a jet washer and brushes. The trailer is to be sited at one of the grounds eg KWC and clubs can maintain their pitch and return the trailer. GW hoped to get some funding from the Manx Lottery to help with the purchase. Agreement to purchase given by the Executive.

GW advised that the renovation will take place as near to the start of the season as possible.

GW advised that Finch Hill CC will discuss the transfer of the nets at Ballafletcher at the meeting in week commencing 16/1/17.

Crosby CC had wished to amend the agreement for the transfer of the nets at their ground advised GW. The requested amendment was felt to leave Crosby with a reduced commitment to maintain the nets in good order and was not agreed to by the Executive.

4.2 Leagues 2017

Agreed to swap the playing days for the Cain and Forrester Leagues(Weds/Fri) Tinker Cup to remain the same format. The Executive is keen for the Blincoe Cup to remain with no restrictions on players playing in the competition.

The executive is happy for clubs to start Saturday games at any time they wish as long as the teams and umpires agree. The default start time is to remain at 13:00 hours.

3. Officials

NA advised that there is still a shortage of officials. GW advised that Dave Kenworthy has agreed to do an adhoc course and for parents of junior players + a full course for umpires. Approx £50 per person – people will be requested to bring their own lunch. GW has budgeted £800 to cover the cost and requested that the Association cover the cost for 12 people. The Executive agreed to fund.

GW advised that Dave Kenworthy had been nominated for the ICC Umpiring Pathway.

4. Winter training (club nets)

GW advised that Nets start 26th Jan. At present, although the first 2 hours of the sessions are full, there have been no takers for the 8:30 to 9:30 session. GW advised that it will be used for academy training + setting up for the Friday AM training. It is possible that 'open lane' sessions be made available at a cost of £2 per person. GW would prefer someone trained on hand for supervision purposes. Mark Williams may attend some of the later sessions noted GW. GW continued to note that there had been no word from Cronkbourne, Ramsey or Peel St Johns.

5. Awards 2016

It was agreed that the Senior Leagues Committee will deal with the Awards.

Discussion took place around a renaming or redesign of the Awards based around the ICC Categories. The Executive are keen to involve Ian Tomlinson in any redesign. GW is keen to highlight the good work done by volunteers in the administration of the game as well as players and perhaps nominate to the ICC which may result in global recognition for the work done.

6. MCC

GW advised that 2017 is the 80th year of visits by the MCC. Their organising committee have requested a dinner. GW has been approached by the MCC in order to find games for them to play. He will also review the letter re the dinner as it would appear that the Association have

been requested to fund the dinner. The Executive do not agree to contribute funds for a dinner, although the Association may pay for pitches.

5. JUNIOR CRICKET

5.1 Manx Youth Games

NA advised that he and Sally Green had attended the launch on 16/1/17. GW advised that coaching starts week commencing Jan 23rd. Regional sessions will take place. Crosby CC are looking after the West.

5.2 Junior Leagues 2017

GW advised that the same age groups as 2016 plus an Under15 League (Tuesday evening). Under 9, Under 11 and Under 13s (Weds evening). Friday evenings – Kwik Cricket. Sunday games – GW advised that the Junior Leagues committee will discuss. The committee will also discuss extending the season for Juniors into the Holidays. NA felt that mixing and matching players around teams is a good idea and GW felt that it would be good if clubs organized games amongst themselves at the end of the season.

5.3 Coaching

GW advised that the Introduction to Coaching course was no longer available through the ICC due to a restructure within the ICC. The ECB course is how to coach rather than an introduction to the game which was the case with the old course. GW could deliver the old style course but there would be no certification for the students.

GW advised that he can expand the existing bowling and batting courses which is what coaches want. GW would also like to provide Tactical awareness and Field placing courses for players.

GW would like to lead:

2 x batting courses

2 x Bowling courses

1 x Fielding course

1 x Structure of a coaching session course.

5.4 School Programme 2017

GW advised that it is the intention to repeat and expand upon the success of 2016. He advised that the schools are happy that good quality coaching is taking place. Good feedback to GW. GW would like an increase in funding – he hopes to provide 2 days coaching instead of 1. He would use young cricketers such as Kieran Cawte or George Burrows who are keen to learn.

NA advised that that last year's funding was money well spent.

GW has requested more consultation takes place between IOMCA, schools and Manx Sport before the 2018 Primary Schools Festival in order to avoid clashes of fixtures/Courses etc.

5.5 'Team up'

GW will meet up with his colleagues at Netball and Hockey to discuss possible tie ups about getting girls playing sport. There will 2 World Cups in the UK within the next 2 years. GW is

confident that funding support from the ECB will be made available. GW has spoken to Derbyshire CC about getting up to 50 tickets for the Semi-Final. However, a decision is still awaited from the ECB.

6. Child Welfare

GW advised that IOM Sport are stressing that processes must be in place for Child Welfare in order to obtain funding as they are ultimately responsible. KR asked why the IOM Safeguarding courses cannot be completed by our coaches. There are 2 English courses explained GW – Safeguarding and Protecting Children (SPC) and 'Time to Listen' but we cannot use them. GW said that he has been working with Gianni Epifani of IOM Sport to get the required training but he is experiencing problems with clarification as to what coaches need to do if they come across problem situations. Unlike Rugby and Football, there is no process or facilities for coaches to access for further help after the report of a problematic situation.

KR said that she would speak to Paul Callow and explain the situation. **AP KR**

NA said that at present, coaches are not covered by the Association and there needs to be a mechanism in place on Island for coaches to follow. GW has requested to attend a forum on 16th March about safeguarding. GW also advised that he has verbally requested coaches to ensure that they are not isolated one to one with any child. GW agreed to email a welfare update to all coaches to highlight the request in writing. **AP GW**

KR said that any allegation presents a risk to coaches and the Association.

6. PERFORMANCE CRICKET

6.1 Winter training (age group squads)

GW reported that pre-Christmas training had gone well; individual reviews had taken place and communication had improved with parents. More work is required for the Under-14s.

Saturday training will take place at the NSC. Fitness and fielding training will take place at KWC. Summer training is to be confirmed.

6.2 Summer festival/fixtures update

GW advised the following dates have been confirmed for Summer Festivals

Under 10s – July 24-27th Venue: Malvern College

Under 12s - July 26-29th Venue – Bromsgrove School

Under 14s - July 27th/28th Venue – Isle of Man vs Bedfordshire

Under 14s - July 30th- August 2nd – Bromsgrove School

MCC Visit - June 14-16th – Isle of Man

Mersey Commonwealth IOM Visit – June 26th- 29th

Altrincham Grammar School – June 23rd-24th

Cheadle Hulme School – 4th-6th June to include:

1 x 2 day game, 1 x T20 evening game 2 x T20 day games

GW advised that there is budget for the National team to play Gibraltar in Manchester.

GW reported that Guernsey have in touch to discuss the possibility of 3-way island championship.

6.3 Development squad 2017

GW would like to speak to Simon Beard re the setup of a Development XI. GW suggested that clubs have first say on young players who are certain to play. GW would like a bigger input from the coaches to use good young players and thus create a conveyor belt for the clubs.

7. EXEC MATTERS

7.1 ICC Governance update

The IOMCA had been offered support for governance by a company called Dynamic Voice Company at a cost of USD 5K. NA felt that it was not worth the money. Apparently, it has been said that the IOMCA is deemed to be a good example of best practice for good governance within the ICC. GW stated that the mission of the Executive was to regulate, guide and develop cricket on the Island. The Chair of the Senior and Junior committees not being aligned to specific clubs is another example of good governance said GW.

7.2 2017 ICC Funding update

NA reported that the IOMCA has received an increase in funding of USD 10K bringing income up to USD 80K (Category J). The increase is due mostly to the increased participation in Junior cricket.

7.3 Finances update

NA advised that the yearend figures are in and the accounts should be completed for the AGM in March. The accounts show a surplus of GBP 20K and there is GBP 71K in the bank. **AP NA**

7.4 ICC Submission (activity)

GW is to sort the submission to the ICC soon. **AP GW**

7.5 Budget submission 2017

GW has completed the budget for 2017. He has projected an expenditure of GBP 130K for the year. GW felt that the budget model is sustainable at present and the funding support is to help clubs grow which in turn will generate more income for both clubs and the Association.

7.6 Schedule of meetings (junior/senior/performance/AGM)

GW stated that the original schedule set up in 2016 intended for Senior committee meetings in January, April and September. Junior Meetings – February, April and August. The Performance committee should meet April, October and December. The AGM is scheduled for March. Approx 10 weeks' notice should be provided for any changes to the Constitution.

NA advised that he has written to Barry Smith to see if he is happy to continue as the President of the Association.

GW reported that best practice for the appointment of officers within the ICC is that he/she should serve for no more than 10 years but they should serve at least 3 years with a maximum of 3 reappointments.

KR wondered whether she remains the correct person to continue in her position as at present she is not as closely involved as in previous years. Those present felt that her present situation may be a strength rather than a weakness.

8. AOB

KR enquired about opportunities for disabled players. GW advised that we need to consider the possible number of players and clubs who wish to set up games and facilities for disabled players. It is not felt that there is a demand at present but the IOMCA supports IOM Sport disability events at present.

GW reported that Gough Ritchie had agreed to provide GBP 2K for the provision of a Smart electronic scoreboard at KWC. The screen will take the updated scores from the ipad scorers on site and can even replay film of notable events on the pitch.

Meeting closed 20:55