

IOMCA Executive Committee meeting

Date: 13th March 2017

Venue: Karen R's house

Time: 18:00

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

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies as all present

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the previous meeting in January 2017 were agreed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

KR reported that she had spoken to Grainne Burns, the Safeguarding Officer and discussed how at the latest safeguarding seminar, parents had been asking about coaches' qualifications. Grainne had responded; "Why can't coaches access IOM Sport's resources?" KR had advised her that the DBS and SPC were ok for coaches but not for club's Welfare Officers who do not have reporting mechanism/pathway for clubs, eg. Record, Response, Report. NA said that we (IOM CA) need to continue to push IOM Sport to create a satisfactory mechanism for Cricket and other sports to use on Island, as an organisation there is an exposure to risk. GW advised that IOM Sport do allow the IOM CA to continue to operate without a defined process. NA said that we need to create a flow chart process which creates separation and confidentiality for individuals etc.

GW is to meet Gianni Epifani in the coming week to check on progress on this matter in the Sports Liaison Committee.

GW will email coaches to remind them that they should not place themselves in a one to one situation with a child and thus leave themselves open to any accusations of improper behaviour.

GW reported that the ICC database has not been online and he has not been able to send the activity submission in to the ICC.

4. AGM

NA advised that due to his health problems, the committee will need to actively seek a replacement for his position(s). He said that he is happy to assist for as long as he is able but certainly a Treasurer will need to be sought asap.

5. ACCOUNTS 2016

The Accounts for 2016 were reviewed and agreed by everyone present. The accounts were signed by NA, PL and AC.

6. SENIOR CRICKET

PL did a review of the Senior League Committee meeting held on 20th February 2017. He advised that open registration of players is to remain in place and that there will be a swap round of fixture days – Cain fixtures to Wednesday and Forrester to Mondays.

GW felt that it is important for the IOMCA to understand the decision-making process within clubs. NA agreed that it is important that clubs develop a focus on their structures in order that we can understand how decisions are made.

GW wished to stress that it is important to get the kids moving through to the Senior teams within clubs.

GW reported that the pitch renovations will take place in the 2nd week of May. GW advised that he has put in a bid to Isle of Man Sport for 4K GBP to help fund the renovations. He continued that a request from Neal Radford (pitch renovation man) for supplementary funding of 1K GBP (in addition to the quote accepted) had been refused.

GW advised that the amendments reverting to the original nets agreement with Crosby CC had been done and that the agreement was ready to be signed.

GW advised that a proposal for an Umpire Assessment form to be completed on a voluntary basis by Captains was to be discussed at the IOM ACO AGM meeting soon.

Touring – GW advised that he had spoken to David Ellian – Organiser of the MCC Island Tour and informed that the IOM CA will not contribute any funds to their dinner on the Island.

Awards – NA advised that no award trophies are sponsored. GW will send an email to all clubs which will contain guidelines for the nomination of volunteers who have contributed to cricket on the Island. Every nomination will be recognised and sent into the ICC by December 31st for inclusion into their awards process. **AP GW**

PL advised that Cronkbourne had informed the Senior League Committee that no games will be played on grass during 2017. GW reported that the Cronkbourne pitch will be re-laid in September. An ex-colleague of GW's, Dave Gilbert from Denby CC will assist and advise. Cronkbourne had informed the committee that they are happy for any volunteers who may wish to gain ground keeping knowledge to come along.

NA said that he is happy for the IOMCA to support people who wish to go on ground keeping courses. GW informed the committee that the IOG course (Institute of Groundkeepers) would be expensive if they gave the course on the Isle of Man – 4.5K GBP and 280 GBP per person attending.

7. JUNIOR CRICKET

KR gave a review of the Junior League Committee meeting which took place on 28th February 2017.

KR advised that a proposal put forward by GW for smaller teams and smaller pitches had been received favourably at the meeting.

Due to pitch availability, it was proposed, said KR, to move Under 13 games to Tuesdays. GW reported that based on team entries received so far, that there could be a reduction in the numbers of teams. NA stressed that it is important to have as many players playing as possible. GW will email clubs and parents to try and come up with some pre-season planning for players. **AP GW**

KR reported that there had been good attendance at the coaching for the Manx Youth Games. GW advised that Primary schools had given a good reaction to the proposed increase to 2 coaching days.

GW reported that secondary schools had rejected a proposal to amend the grouping structure for games played between schools. The existing school year format is to remain in place.

Coaching workshops – well attended by Crosby and Finch Hill (2 young lads) but there had been no one in attendance from Peel St Johns or Cronkbourne. GW stressed that it is important for coaching ideas to remain ‘fresh’ and up to date.

GW reported that the ECB is looking to extend their regional format to include Europe as their 8th Region (similar to the ECB ACO ICC region set up recently).

8. **PERFORMANCE CRICKET**

GW reported that the winter coaching was progressing well. There had been problems with timekeeping which was now hopefully resolved. GW was setting up an Open session (Saturday 18th March) for parents to view what happens during a training session. GW advised that he had received a good response from parents which will help to ensure that children return to their clubs with an inclusive attitude rather than an elitist attitude.

GW reported that Phil Littlejohns was stepping down from the captaincy of the National team and from cricket in general. GW expressed his huge thanks to Phil for his hard work during his time as Captain.

GW continued to report that the Performance committee had discussed the next captain and they had agreed that Adam Killey is the preferred option should he be happy to take up the post. GW felt that he has developed good traits which could make him an excellent leader. The Executive Committee were happy with the option suggested.

9. **EXEC MATTERS**

The Accounts had previously been discussed in Section 5.

10. **AOB**

AC asked if anybody had received a letter from Onchan Commissioners about the possible use of Onchan Stadium for cricket. GW advised that he had received a letter that day via IOM Sport. He will assess the stadium and report back. **AP GW**

Meeting ended 20:40