

IOMCA Executive Meeting
September 19th 2016
AXA Building

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

1. Minutes of the last meeting

Agreed

2. Matters arising

The Senior and Junior League meetings had taken place.

The Performance Committee have produced a document about the registration process to be distributed to the Senior League Executive for discussion.

It was agreed that the Committee reports for the season will be smartened and then placed on a section of the IOM Cricket website. Also minutes of the Executive could be placed on a Minutes section of the website after review by the Exec. This would help to ensure that information is made available for all players.

Emails have been sent out re First Aid courses and coaching courses. There has been a good response from the clubs.

3. Senior League Review

NA felt that the season had been pretty good with more games played and a helpful willingness by all clubs to get games played.

It was stated that the rules for the senior Leagues are the responsibility of the Senior League Executive but are subject to ratification by the full Exec. It was agreed that there is an important role for the Exec members who are on the Senior League Committee. It was felt that the rationale of betterment of the game in general and of performance levels must be pursued. GW felt that the introduction of rules after a successful initial season could lead to a dangerous process of revision. It was felt important to reduce regressive thinking amongst the clubs and allow as many players as possible to play. The Performance Committee has produced a document about the registration process to be distributed to the Senior League Executive for their further discussion.

4. ICC Scorecard

GW stated that Data for the ICC Scorecard needs to be input by Jan 31st and results should be available by mid-Feb. These results, based on the number of teams playing in Senior competitions, dictate the level of support payments that the Association will receive.

NA advised that The ICC Euro conference will take place on 24/25th October in London. NA is not available to attend.

5. Fixtures

GW stated that Draft fixtures for 2017 could be produced quite quickly even if the competing teams are not yet confirmed. The season could start the week after Easter approx. 22nd April.

AC mentioned that the clubs had expressed a preference for a split of the Forrester League. GW stated that he had been advised previously that teams had become fed up of playing each other so often when the League(s) were smaller. GW felt that it is important for all players, especially young players to be exposed to better players. A Forrester 2 league could just be in effect another Under-13 league. It was felt that young players may get mixed messages. They receive coaching and performance training but players were being encouraged old habits in the club environment - the game is changing and we need to keep up with it. It was stated that with perseverance the performance levels will increase across the board in 2/3 years.

6. Schools XI

It was felt important to re-emphasise the importance of players being in the team who aren't playing regularly for their clubs. Also it was felt useful to spot players playing in the school leagues. GW is to undertake further discussions with Simon etc.

7. Pitches

GW has a copy of the ClubTurf report on the Island's pitches and the costs to repair each pitch are estimated at £12K per pitch. NA enquired if it was possible to have 1 pitch roller which could then be shared amongst clubs. GW agreed to enquire about the costs of a trailer with a pitch roller.

GW advised that more outfielders had been cut to around 17mm this season which is an improvement. However, it is more complicated for grounds which are looked after by the Department of Education to be cut to this length.

8. Nets

GW is to write to Finch Hill and Crosby CC re the transfer of ownership of the nets to those clubs.

GW advised that Neal Radford has offered to come over to the Island to help develop a maintenance plan for the nets on the Island.

9. One Vision training aid

GW asked if the training aid OneVision could be purchased by the IOMCA. The aid should allow video of players to assess areas for improvement. Cost is £7,014. GW will apply for funding from IOM Sport and also sponsorship. It is possible that clubs can use the aid after training has been given and the clubs contribute towards costs. An example of cost was stated - Lords use - cost is £105 for 30 minutes, but it is not expected that costs on Island would be as high as that. **Agreement to purchase was given.**

10. Nets in the New Year 2017

GW stated that he has been able to book a block booking for nets use at the NSC for 10 weeks after Christmas. He apologised for the unilateral action but speed to book them was of the essence due to the booking system at the NSC. 3 sessions of 4 lanes per week will be available to book by clubs. Cost is £10 per lane per hour. Sessions will be 6:30pm to 7:30pm. 7:30pm to 8:30pm. 8:30pm to 9:30pm

First session Thursday 26th January through to March 30th.

11. Financials

No recent information to hand but reserves have been holding up well this year.

12. Early starts Premiership games

The Executive is happy to proceed with 11:30 am starts, but such starts can be amended between clubs if the 2 clubs and umpire(s) are in agreement.

13. Junior Leagues

GW requested the supply of 6 iPad minis for use by the Junior teams as the original iPads are often in use by the senior teams. **Agreed**

A request had also been made at the Junior League Exec meeting for an unofficial umpires course so that parents can help etc. GW agreed to liaise with Dave Kenworthy and arrange for a suitable date.

GW advised that he is having difficulty getting Facebook access as it is not clear who has the administration rights. Perhaps it is Ali Ansari still or maybe Maurice T. Access to all the media outlets will allow a greater synchronisation of information.

14. AOB

It was reported that that the subject of Trophies had been brought up at the Senior Exec meeting. It was felt important that we try to locate the trophies even if parts of the trophies had been lost, eg the base of the Cain Cup has gone missing it is believed. AC is going to try and request the return of trophies after identifying the last known recipients of the them. GW suggested trying the old website as a first point of search.

The Exec agreed that a streamlining of the awards would be attempted next year.

AC advised that Mark Entwisle had informed him that he was still holding onto a filing cabinet of the old minutes of the IOMCA and he wished to get them out of his garage at some point. The Exec felt it was important to retain them in order to create an archive at some point and a history of cricket on the island.

GW put forward an idea for the numbering of caps from the start of representative cricket on the island if those players can be identified. All those present supported the proposal.

Meeting ending 20:15