

Isle of Man Cricket Association Junior Committee Meeting

**18:00 Hours March 17th, 2020
Meeting Room NSC**

Minutes

Present: Andy Coulson (AC), Peter Lewis (PL), Greig Wright (GW), Janelle Clarke (JC), Mark Williams (MW), Will Ward (WW), Sally Green (SG), Ollie Helfrich (OH), Clare Williams-Stewart (CW).

1. Apologies

Karen Riordan (KR), Kevin Quine (KQ)

2. Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting (17.9.19) were agreed by those present.

3. Matters arising

Coaching courses – GW advised – Ongoing. The courses, he continued, have been written and now require a Governing Body to formally qualify and accredit coaches.

SG advised that the Women and Girls had had 2 sub-Committee meetings already and a further meeting is scheduled for first Tuesday after Easter (April 14th).

4. Junior Leagues

Those present agreed that the same structure for the Junior Leagues will remain in place for 2020.

GW suggested that clubs investigate the introduction of an Under-17 League in future to support the development and selection for U19 WCQ squads of the future and also allow a longer period playing age group cricket before only having open age cricket as an option to play.

JC commented that Finch Hill had experienced issues with teams arriving with a disparity of players eg 8 on 1 team and 11 on another. It had been agreed previously to share fielders, but some clubs had demonstrated an unwillingness to

share. GW stressed the indicator of 8 players is to get games played but it is important that players should not be denied a chance to play.

The group had a discussion about whether there should be trophies awarded for the Junior Leagues and it was agreed that delegates should discuss the idea within their clubs. **Action Point – all delegates to discuss within their clubs and report back**

5. Community

SG advised that with effect 17/3/20, the Manx Youth Games (MYG) were still going ahead. Attendance had shown a slight drop in numbers to 120 from 140. Peel and St Johns, advised PL, had had a consistent 6 attendees. SG also reported that the Winter program of events was also postponed at this point because KWC had cancelled outside lettings.

SG also reported that the Community program in schools had been working well and schools on the whole had been helpful with good promotion of the cricket activity.

SG advised that the Association is awaiting contact from the Secondary schools re the promotion of Girls cricket in schools. GW advised that this will be a focus of attention this year as it is an area of activity in which the Association is non-compliant. It is important that some form of league structure is set up with 8 teams playing a min. of 5 fixtures per year.

Action Point – SG to email details of the coaching to PL and he will then distribute to other schools.

6. Coaching

See item 3 on courses.

7. Women and Girl's Cricket

SG advised that the plans for 2020 include softball, Incrediball and hard ball matches to be played in a festival format throughout the summer. The aim, continued SG is to have Junior fixtures up and running. SG reported that there are 16 girls training in the Development context plus Lucy Barnett. Players are eligible to play down in Leagues unless they have played in Senior Cricket.

GW encouraged clubs to integrate the women's groups into club organisations.

8. Child Welfare

GW encouraged all clubs to ensure that DBS checks continue to be done. AC advised that a new Incident Reporting form is available on the website for download if required.

9. AOB

WW highlighted that Ramsey may have problems with their site due to rumours about the shifting around of football pitches etc. GW offered the help of the IOMCA to attend any meetings with Government in relation to the proposed changes.

GW posed the question of how well do the Junior and Senior sections of the clubs integrate? Also, clubs to discuss different ways for clubs to approach how the matches are played and encourage others to play the game. **Action Point – all clubs to discuss and report back to the Committee.**

Meeting ended 19:20