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## **Isle of Man Cricket Association Junior Committee Meeting**

**18:00 Hours September 17th, 2019  
Meeting Room NSC**

### **Minutes**

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

#### 1. Apologies

No Apologies. KR formally welcomed CW to the meeting. CW has agreed to shadow KR with a view to becoming Junior Committee Chair.

#### 2. Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting (19.2.19) were agreed by those present.

#### 3. Matters arising

GW reported that no safeguarding courses by Manx Sport and Recreation (MSR) had taken place this summer.

#### 4. Junior Leagues

WW (Ramsey) and MW (Castletown) reported a good increase in the number of players playing, and OH expressed satisfaction with the numbers at Cronkbourne. JC reported that Finch Hill had only been able to enter 1 team in each category. CH advised that Crosby had also struggled with numbers in the Under 9 and under-11s. Competition from other activities eg scouts etc are believed to be part of the problem. PL reported that Peel and St Johns are in the process of reviewing their strategy. They hope to develop new ideas to recruit players in schools and obtain new areas for indoor practice.

KR confirmed after discussion with the group that the same structure for the Junior Leagues will remain in place for 2020.

## 5. Community

SG reported that the Manx Youth Games (MYG) had seen an increase in player numbers in all regions except Castletown. There were 10 teams including two girl's teams, continued SG and the next challenge is to ensure that the players move into the clubs. SG reiterated that good links between clubs and local schools are essential. OH reported that Cronkbourne had printed and handed out flyers detailing training days and days when games were being played. This had produced some success.

PL and CH agreed that PSJ and Crosby would arrange separate nights and venues for training in order to hold onto possible players.

SG reminded delegates that venues should be booked by October 26<sup>th</sup> for the MYG.

KR suggested that a venue within a housing estate may mean that parents would be happier to allow their children to come along to training on their own.

GW said that it is important that a structured approach starting with the Junior Committee. GW continued that good collaboration between the Association's coaches and clubs should ensure a good first experience of cricket for the child.

## 6. Coaching

GW reported that the new ICC courses have been created and are now out to tender for organisations to deliver. It is expected that the courses will be available in April 2020.

GW requested ideas from the clubs as to what kind of coach education they would wish to be delivered. **Action point – GW to provide possible dates for courses.**  
**Action Point – all clubs to send ideas for coach education to GW.**

GW offered the chance for club coaches to observe Island Squad training sessions take place. Advance notice required and only 2 coaches per club.

## 7. Women and Girl's Cricket

GW reported that there was now good interest in providing girl's cricket in the Island's secondary schools. Good feedback had been received from Ramsey Grammar, KWC and Castle Rushen. QE2 school in Peel will be introducing cricket in 2020. GW reported that the only school to show no interest to date is St Ninian's School.

SG reported that the Women and Girls festivals had been very successful, and 120 females had been introduced to cricket in 2019. SG also advised that Brownies and Guides cricket festivals had taken place with good feedback received.

SG advised that she would be sending out a survey Monkey for participants to suggest the ongoing approach to the women and girl's games in the future.

GW reminded clubs that there is a pot of money available, which clubs can access for attracting new players or non-playing members to the game.

#### 8. Child Welfare

GW reminded everyone that safeguarding training is free to those people who will be training players for the MYG.

#### 9. AOB

GW presented a copy of the Player Pathway structure for 2019/20. Please see attached a copy of the Pathway attached to the minutes.

GW advised that the structure has been amended. GW continued that it is important that clubs only nominated players who are ready for the rigours of the pathway. Nominations were due by 15<sup>th</sup> September and invites were sent out on 17<sup>th</sup> Sept. Trials date 5<sup>th</sup> October.

GW asked delegates to return to their clubs and discuss how well their Junior and Senior sections integrate. Under-13s (School year 8) and up can play senior cricket.

GW advised that the Executive committee felt that it was important that a sub-committee was formed to develop women and girl's cricket. GW requested volunteers for people to sit on the committee with 1 individual reporting back to the Junior Committee.

**Action Point – delegates to discuss within their clubs. Please email names of volunteers to GW and he can then organise dates etc.**

KR expressed her thanks to everyone for their hard work and thanks to Sg for her hard work organising the Women and Girls Festivals.

Meeting ended 19:30