

Junior League Executive Meeting

**18:00 hours Monday 25th September 2017
Sports Development Room Sea Terminal**

Minutes

Present: Andy Coulson(AC), Greig Wright(GW), Chris Eaton(CE), Karen Riordan(KR), Sally Green(SG), Janelle Clarke(JC), Rob Webber(RW), Mark Williams(MW), Peter Lewis(PL), Peter Crompton(PC).

1. Apologies

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

3. Matters arising

(a) Pitch sizes - GW reported that pitch sizes had not been consistent but he would keep pushing and hoped for better in 2018.

(b) PSSP - the PSSP had taken place late reported GW which had a knock-on effect for schools' coaching. 25 days of coaching in schools had been achieved in up to 25 schools in 2017 continued GW. It is hoped, advised GW, that we would be able to get coaching into all 32 schools in 2018, approximately 48 hours coaching if possible.

(c) DBS forms. GW apologised – he had not distributed the forms to clubs.

4. Junior Leagues

GW reported that Under 11, Under 13 and Under 15 leagues went ahead along with KWIK cricket. He advised that after 2 weeks, more teams had been entered in to the leagues which was a good plus for all clubs.

GW requested that a key focus for 2018 needs to be KWIK cricket to recruit a new mass of players. SG emphasised that smaller children especially can benefit from KWIK cricket.

JC said that more games for Under 15s would be helpful. GW replied that he is always open for more games to be played but said that the older players may already be playing in Senior cricket.

MW advised that he appreciated the flexibility of team sizes. PC felt that batting had improved with the reduced pitch sizes and it had levelled the 'playing-field'

between bowlers and batters. Generally, those present expressed favourable reactions to the changes in team sizes and pitch sizes.

5. Community

GW advised that it is hoped to get more cricket coaching in schools in 2018. GW requested that clubs focus attention on those schools which may be most favourable for their clubs (catchment area etc). GW also requested that clubs provide any ideas as they would be very much welcomed and supported by the Association if possible.

Manx Youth Games – SG felt that the games had been positive with approx 80 children in training for the games. There were still difficulties migrating players to clubs from the games.

CE felt that the training for MYG at QEII school is not leading to any great migration of new players to Crosby. Any support from Peel and St Johns would be welcomed. PL hoped to be able to provide support this winter. SG said that there continued to be a search for a viable venue nearer Marown but it is difficult. CE was concerned that 2 venues may not be viable to sustain the number of players anyway. CE continued that Crosby may consider the opening of their Under 9 training session to MYG training.

GW stressed that it is important that we optimise the Youth games to get more players.

6. Coaching

GW advised that the ECB had refocused their coaching programmes but he is unsure when they will be released and available to us. GW stressed that coaching is not just about certificates and he is planning winter workshops. GW will send out information in the near future. **Action – GW.**

GW advised that there would be national teams for the Under 10,12, 14 and 16s as well as the senior side – 14 people will be involved with coaching and GW is keen for them to be involved with their clubs as well. Again, GW requested any ideas from the clubs.

7. Child Welfare

KR noted that an email had been sent out the other day by GW and asked if there had been any responses? GW advised that there had been some. GW advised the planned courses would be sport specific for Child Welfare Officer training. Cricket would be the pilot course as Cricket had been proactive in ensuring that this type of course takes place on the Island, reported GW. GW advised that a request will be made to the Executive Committee to introduce a rule to bar clubs which do not have a Child Welfare Officer, trained in the designated course, from entering Junior competitions. Clubs, continued GW, can send more than 1 person to the training. KR requested if anyone present had any questions. No questions were posed.

8. Playing conditions

See 3(a) for pitch sizes.

9. Scoring – Play-Cricket, Play-Cricket app

Favourable reactions were noted regarding the app after initial problems. JC advised that she is very happy to score with the app. MW requested that all clubs ensure that teams are downloaded before the start of games. GW advised that the ICC are keen to check the amount of games played. SG advised that players love to check their stats throughout the season.

GW reported that on average there were 4.5K views per week in the season with a peak of nearly 12K unique views one week. GW urged all clubs to upload results as quickly as possible. More use creates better accuracy stressed GW.

10. Awards

Generally, the consensus of those present was that awards related predominantly to the Senior Leagues. GW reported on a successful awards day at St Johns for the Excellence squads, and said that awards included mounted cricket balls for players who had achieved five wickets or more.

11. Winter 2017-2018

PL asked for the launch date for Manx Youth Games training. SG advised that the launch date is 15th Jan 2018 and training is due to start from 22nd January. SG requested that she be advised of the preferred training nights of clubs. Manx Youth Games Day is May 5th 2018.

12.AOB

No other business

Meeting ended 19:05