

Junior League Executive meeting

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Venue NSC Café 18:00

*Present: Andy Coulson(AC), Greig Wright(GW), Karen Riordan(KR), Sally Green(SG), Mark Williams(MW), Janelle Clarke(JC), Jenny Barnett(JB), Craig Hartmann(CH), Peter Crompton(PC)*

## **1. Junior Season 2016**

KR asked how the season and the committee responded with an agreement that it had been 'brilliant'.

MW requested that the games be extended to 20 overs, with up to 5 bowlers bowling a maximum of 4 overs. GW is keen for the youngsters to understand what the younger games are to be used for by the older kids. They are a chance for them to bat if struggling at own age not be used as a means to win leagues.

It was agreed that the Under-11s can bat to 25 runs before retiring and for the Under-13s to score a maximum of 30 runs before retiring. Players can come back in if sides are bowled out. These are recommendations and if teams agree different rules between each other then they can play to those. If failure to agree then play to the recommendations.

GW felt that there is a good quality of people organising the junior teams ensuring that as much cricket as possible is being played.

## **2. Playing up/Playing down**

It was stated that any players can play down as long as they are not playing at an older level. GW will send out the recommendations again to all clubs.

## **3. 2017 Age Groups**

It was agreed that the under-11s and Under-13 leagues will continue. An under 15 league was requested by the clubs and it was also felt that was doable.

AC quoted from Peter Lewis' email from St Johns who advised that they will stick with developing their Under9 and under 11s if poss.

GW reported that he had met a new teacher (Dominic Winrow) at QEII who seemed keen on sport in general and may prove to be a friend for cricket in the West.

## **4. Play-Cricket**

Delegates reported satisfaction with Play cricket and the use of the new ipads. JC requested if it may be possible to fund more ipads for junior cricket as the seniors seem to have them in use at the same time as required by the Junior Teams. GW will raise the matter with the full Exec to see if more can be purchased.

SG reported that it had been a benefit for the Super 2s as the kids were keen to see how many runs they had scored etc.

GW advised that the number of page views and unique users had been very encouraging. The average was 8.5k views and at one point there had been over 26K page views.

GW stated that a big thank you should be passed onto all the clubs for embracing the technology so enthusiastically especially with results being uploaded so quickly.

## 5. Schools

It was reported 23 out of 33 schools had taken part in the programme provided by the IOMCA delivered by MSRs and SG and Chris Steriopoulis. Over 3240 children received some form of coaching. GW asked - did the Junior sections grow? Anecdotal evidence from the delegates advised yes. GW emphasized that it is important to monitor the takeup. This could be done, he suggested by offering a voucher or leaflet which has the child's detail. These vouchers can then be returned to the Exec so that numbers from 2015 to 2016 can be compared etc.

GW advised that the Exec will look at repeating exercise in 2017. Costs were £3 to 3.5K. Provision of the bats and balls are included in the costs some of which were helped by sponsorship from KPMG.

There had been good feedback from the schools.

GW advised that he is looking for a sponsor to maintain Programme. - f The PSSP competition will again be for Year 5 and 6 this can be mixed or all boys. There will also be an all girls festival.

## 6. Manx Youth Games

Manx Youth Games(MYG) had gone well in 2016 though problems had been experienced in the West.

Manx Youth Games is for years 3 and 4 in 2017

GW advised that the first Saturday in May 2017 or perhaps the 3<sup>rd</sup> week.

It was reported by PC that that Bemahague school in Mid- November has been booked by Cronkbourne for Under 9s.

GW advised that there will be training for coaches delivering on MYG and it was stated that all coaches must have DBS checks completed + courses undertaken to be compliant with regulations. If coaches are taking part in the MYG, then the training is free. Otherwise the cost is £25 per person per course.

GW stated it had worked well Finch Hill and Cronkbourne organising their own sections in the MYG.

GW encouraged Crosby CC to take part in the MYG which takes place in the Tommy Clucas Centre and they can follow after football and encourage children to have a go at another sport. This will allow them to compete for youngsters alongside St Johns.

## **Community games (Years 8/9/10)**

It was reported that Cricket engaged in 2016 and the kids enjoyed the games set up. GW is happy to arrange in 2017 if the clubs wish him to do so

## **7. Camps**

GW reported that there had been 3 Summer camps (2 days Kwik/2 days Hardball) this year at KWC and Finch Hill and St Johns

St Johns attended by 24 youngsters

Finch Hill 24 youngsters

KWC 66 youngsters.

GW felt that the 2 days costing £35 had proved very good value but also provided income to the clubs

GW reported that the kids seemed to love the experience and their cricket did improve.

Huge thanks were given to Sally(SG), Mark Williams(MW), Kieran Cawte, John Norbury, Andy Stevenson.

GW will speak to Ramsey about them hopefully organising a summer camp in 2017

## **8. Trials/Nominations**

It was reported that Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September - trials to take place for Under10s. 25 responses had been received.

GW requested that clubs be selective and that players need to have maturity of their years. GW felt that kids can grow quickly if directed in the right way but need to be able to take the information on board in the right manner.

It was stated that the other age groups had trialled through the summer super 2s and there would be core squads of 14.

## **9. Winter 2016-2017**

9 weeks training before Christmas and 12 weeks post Xmas is the plan as advised by GW.

KWC indoor is booked from 20/10 through to 15/12

6 per side for 40 minutes - costs work out at £1 per player. GW will attend every week.

Ideally teams from the clubs will be entered.

Times are 6pm - 8pm Thursdays.

Squads will train on Saturdays

EPP/Academy - Wednesdays and Fridays

GW stated that he hopes to get 100hours of nets at the NSC this winter. potentially open nets where players will be graded according to ability.

#### **10. Child Welfare**

KR stressed the importance of Child Welfare. DBS checks need to be completed by all people dealing with children. Each club needs to appoint a Child Welfare officer if they have a junior setup. GW advised that training is available through IOM Sport and the Safeguarding and Protecting Children (SPC)course should be considered a minimum level of training. If something untoward happens, liability lies with the clubs. It was reported that most sports require clubs to follow the UK governing bodies' training but the ECB does not recognize the IOMCA because of our affiliation to the ICC. The ICC has no global specification and relies on Self Declaration (criminal records etc) for governance.

GW advised Bev Buxton from Crosby has done a lot of work re the required paperwork and is happy to supply to other clubs in exchange for a small donation to Crosby CC..

KR advised that DBS checks take 6 weeks approx.

GW will email details of the SPC courses to delegates.

#### **11. Coaching courses**

GW will finish the Level 2 course and he reported that he had been in touch with those who took part.

#### **12. Officials courses**

JC requested an insight for parents etc into umpiring so that they can help with under 11s and Under13s. GW advised that he had spoken with Dave Kenworthy about providing a short course about the fun side of umpiring etc. GW to check about DBS check requirements for umpiring Junior games.

#### **13. AOB**

MW asked if there was a plan to enter a festival next year. GW said he hoped so but waiting to see how the Winter training went. GW has provisionally entered teams for the Under 10/12/14s. GW felt that there was enough opportunity on the island and no need to go away if not appropriate. Shadow squads would be in training for the winter - groups of 12-14.

GW said that he hoped to get more people involved, to share knowledge and create a sustainable future for the juniors.

GW wished to say a huge thanks to everyone involved in the Junior sections of clubs.

KR said that 2 years ago Junior cricket on the Island had been dying and a huge thank you should go to Greig and Sally for their hard work. Cricket was now a growing sport on the Island which was noted by IOM sport and the game was having a big impact on children.

KR advised that it is intended to have another meeting before the start of the 2017 season.

Meeting closed 19:45.