

## Isle of Man Cricket Association Senior Committee Meeting

18:00 hours Tuesday 10<sup>h</sup> September 2019

### NSC Meeting Room

#### Minutes

Present: Andy Coulson (AC), Greig Wright (GW), Arun Mahalingam (AM), Greg Wenn (Gr.W), Rob Webber (RW), Russell Miller (RM), Mark Burrows (MB), Jaco Jansen (JJ), Malcolm Guild (MG), Nathan Knights (NK), David Goldsmith (DG), Dave Picken (DP), Kevin Kniveton (KK),

1. Apologies

Colin Jackson

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

3. Matters arising

The actions raised in the previous meeting were closed – updated playing conditions for the 2019 season were implemented.

4. Season review 2019

Attendees expressed general satisfaction with the format of the **Tinker Cup**. It was agreed by those present to retain the same format for the 2020 season. **Premiership** – Attendees felt that there was a competitive balance this season. It was agreed to maintain the split of the league for the 2020 season.

GW advised that the Development XI will not enter a team for 2020 and the idea behind the team was to give younger players an opportunity to play weekend cricket when they were not chosen by their clubs. GW continued to say that it is the clubs' duty to ensure that young players are given an opportunity to play. GW reported that despite the large investment by the Association into all areas in the past two years, the number of senior teams that entered into competitions had actually reduced and this situation needs to be addressed.

A general productive discussion between the attendees took place. Suggestions such as a Sunday League, a 30 over competition and another league to be played on Saturdays was suggested. Also suggested was an eighth team made up of players from other clubs.

GW advised that despite strong numbers of young players, there are only around 66 opportunities to play at the weekend, AC said that Senior Cricket will need to change. There is now uneven growth, which may result in players being lost to the game. GW said that it is important that as many people as possible get opportunities to play.

JJ suggested that teams find out how many players there are in each club who wish to play more cricket and report back to the Committee. **Action Point for all.**

It was agreed that the Committee will meet again in November to discuss this point further with a reduced agenda. **Action Point AC to organise.**

#### 5. Senior Committee Structure

AC advised that it is vital that the committee has a Chairperson. AC continued that if nobody is willing to take up the post on a permanent basis, then the clubs should appoint a chairperson on an annual rotation basis. AC believed that we should be in line with ICC governance guidelines if the position is held for a minimum of 1 year. AC advised that the person will serve as a Director on the IOMCA Executive committee. DP (for Crosby CC) volunteered to act as chairman of the committee until April 2021.

GW stressed that it is important the 5- person structure of the Executive is continually in place because if the number of positions that become vacant exceeds 80%, then the organisation is classed as non-operational and income is withheld.

#### 6. Retention of players in Senior Cricket – see agenda point 4

#### 7. Officials

MG reported that there are now 6 or 7 officials standing although they are not doing so regularly. Both MG and DG advised that it is important that the pitch markings (popping crease, return crease and the 30- yard markers for the Powerplay) are sorted properly for each game.

GW expressed huge thanks on behalf of the IOMCA to those players who did the online course and stood as umpires or square leg umpires this season. GW advised that there are a possible 4 people who are interested to do the Level 1 umpiring course. MG to check with Dave Kenworthy when he may do the course. **Action Point MG.**

GW advised that the ICC were introducing modified online courses, which are shorter and less detailed. However, the date for launch is not available.

GW advised that there would be no charge to those people who attend the umpiring course as the Association would pay the charge.

8. Disabled Cricket.

GW reported that disabled cricket cannot be looked at as a priority at present for the Association. However, the Association does look to continue to support Manx Sport and Recreation (MSR) in disabled festivals etc. AC advised that he had spoken with a person who was interested to introduce cricket to some disabled people. GW advised the disabled sport point of contact in MSR is Zoe Crowe. There are assigned budgets and officers to assist within MSR.

9. AOB

GW advised gain that there is a pot of £10K available for clubs to apply for funding if they are trying to attract new players.

Next meeting – mid November 2019

Meeting ended 20:05