

Senior Committee Meeting 15/09/2020 @ 6pm SDU Meeting Room

Attended - Mark Burrows (MB) Dan Laughlin (DL) Kevin Kniveton (KV) Tom Kennaugh (TK) Ollie Webster (OW) Rob Webber (RW) Nathan Knights (NK) Dave Picken (DP) Chris Cunningham (CC) Greig Wright (GW) Mike Haywood (MH)

Absent: Valkyres, Umpires

DP - Thanked everyone for coming tonight

- 1) Minutes of last meeting approved
- 2) Senior Cricket review -

(DP) 550 people played Senior Cricket last year. 16% increase on last year. Very impressive given we managed to fit the season in 2 months. Old faces returning to play which increased the numbers as well.

KK - Positive season, lot more kids involved. Maybe next year we may struggle with numbers. Only issue was the Umpire situation

RW - 2 teams for Saturday looking at 2 teams on Monday. Think the Monday league should be split into 2 divisions as there was a different level between certain teams.

TK + DL - Good season everyone enjoyed it but struggling for umpires. The team who has the week off on a Saturday could umpire (depending on availability and over 18)

MB - Had more players for the B league. Might struggle to get a second team. Umpiring is a problem due the number of players under 18

NK - Good competitive season - older faces returning to play. More chances to play cricket with entering more teams in. Umpiring was issue but thinks the team with the week off should Umpire.

OW - Beneficial year, Prefer not to have Play Off scenario and would prefer the Blincoe and Tinker cups being played instead, not enough weeks in 2020 season to allow this to happen (GW). Umpires were an issue and the light fading at night caused problems with games later in season.

CC - Mills happy with how the season went. Umpires was a problem but glad to be playing competitive cricket and not getting battered every game

GW - Was a challenging year but a very positive year. Nobody expected a season of cricket to be played and doing so was very impressive. We need to learn from this and continue to build and grow and recruit more players.

We need to focus on our own bubbles to recruit players use Social Media, Contacts, Indoor Cricket.

Named eight was suggested but this is stopping people playing cricket so would not be beneficial and does not need to be brought up again.

3) White Ball Cricket

GW - On the recent IOM trip to Guernsey, we spoke to them and they confirmed all their cricket is played with a white ball. Huge fan of white ball cricket. We just need to find the correct ball to use that is not going to break bats (pink ball issues with that when it was brought in). Good for bringing players through to the National Squad.

There will be a trial in the winter and we will be advised off the prices for the balls once the correct one is found.

With White ball cricket being introduced it means that all the teams will need to wear colour clothing. This is for all formats of cricket Junior, Senior and Women's. DP asked if we could make a decision on this.

All clubs agreed to this.

Concerns regarding the prices of all the juniors having shirts from the clubs (RW). More exposure for sponsors on the shirts. Castletown advised their shirts were a good price so all teams told to go out and have a look.

Sight screen covers will be provided for the playing equipment if changed to white ball cricket. Can get coloured covers for pads (Clads).

Due to 4 members off the Executive Committee being there (CC, DP, GW and MH), it was agreed that we would go to white ball cricket for 2021. DP to email the Executive Committee to confirm this.

4) Indoor Cricket

GW - advised that if we used the NSC it would be £50 per hour but it is too big.

Sunday at KWC would be ideal and that Valkyres regularly attended in the past but were the only club. All teams to let Chris know by Friday if they would like to put a team in. (Cronkbourne, Union Mills and Peel St Johns confirmed they would.)

8 a side would be 40 minutes

6 a side would be 30 minutes.

5) Umpires

There is a major shortage of umpires in the leagues at present. As advised the Umpire associate are separate from the IOMCA.

There was a suggestion that on the weekend off, the team not playing on a Saturday could umpire.

RW - Brian and Joe umpired in Ramsey for almost every game.

We need umpires who understand the game whether that be ex cricket players.

Previously in the last few years the integrity of the players has been lacking towards umpires. Maybe if this improves then more people would volunteer to umpire.

Parents may do square leg and if they enjoy it they want to umpire games.

A suggestion was made to let under 18's do square leg but due to child welfare issues we cannot allow this and it's not possible,

DP to speak to David Kenworthy regarding umpiring situation.

6) Equipment

RW - Ramsey ground was ok but grass needs to be cut shorter. More prep needs to be done on the ground

Rabbit holes need to be looked at by clubs as this is dangerous for people playing as can cause serious injuries.

GW - All the equipment that has been bought needs to be used for each game. This was purchased to make IOM cricket better but it's not there to not be used.

NK - Grass wicket is being prepared to play on in 2021.

7) IOMCA Awards Night

GW - Advised that Cronkbourne would be hosting this on 10th October 2020 (this has now been changed to 11th October at Crosby).

Certain trophies for the following categories

Competition Winners, Volunteers, Squad players.

8) AOB

GW -Play Cricket had some technical gremlins - couldn't use it on 4G or 3G with Manx Telecom. Spoke to everyone but nobody can find the reason why.

Structure of playing rearranged fixtures discussed and needs to be agreed before 2021 season.

Huge positive for open registration not being used as much as numbers are increasing and we need to keep the recruitment going to keep Manx Cricket growing.

DP - thanked everyone for attending and closed meeting

End of Meeting 19:30.