

## **Senior League Executive Meeting**

**18:00 hours Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**NSC Meeting Room**

### **Minutes**

Present: Peter Luft(PL), Andy Coulson(AC), Greig Wright(GW), Dave Picken(DP), Kevin Kniveton(KK), Rob Webber(RW), Malcolm Guild (MG), Phil Littlejohns(PJ), Richard Jackson(RJ), Mark Burrows(MB), Phil Richardson(PR), Abdul Khan(AK).

#### **1. Apologies**

Chris Cunningham(CC)

#### **2. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

#### **3. Matters arising**

Playing Conditions for all competitions are under review – Ongoing Awards – Suggestions received by 4 clubs – Ongoing.

#### **4. Competitions**

It was agreed by those present to confirm the league and cup competition as below:

Premier League (Saturday 40 overs) - No changes, flexible start times to continue.

Forrester (Monday 20 overs) - No Changes, continue with single league structure, 6 pm. The start time or as near as possible to 6pm eg 6:15.

Cain (Wednesday 20 overs) - Changes to structure:

All teams play each other once (random play cricket generated for home or away) then split into 2 divisions and then play each other home and away. Finals day suggested - top 4 play off for a winner. Use as season finale.

MB highlighted the desire of Finch Hill to play more cricket. RW had expressed a request to amend the structure of the Cain in order to reduce the disparity of ability within the League. All delegates expressed an interest in a Finals Day for the Cain. GW will investigate the feasibility after team entries are received.

**Action Point GW**

Tinker (Weekend 40 over cup) - No changes to structure but final to be scheduled for a Saturday with Sunday as reserve day (none changeable) if weather intervenes a bowl out to be used to determine the winner.

Blincoe (2 innings 16 x 8 ball overs) - Matches to be played at weekends and utilise 2 innings no alterations to format.

**Action Point GW** – GW to send out details of the agreed formats and request team entries.

## **5. Officials**

MG reported that there will be a further reduction in the number of umpires (6) and he requested that all clubs seek to provide new umpires.

RJ enquired if umpires who had attended the umpire course but had not yet passed the umpires test be allowed to stand in matches. GW felt it important there be no reduction in the standard of qualified umpires, but it would be better to coach those persons to address weaknesses so that they could pass the test. GW advised that it may be possible to introduce an exchange of umpires from other jurisdictions, but this may be limited by costs etc.

Scorers – MG reported that there are no qualified scorers officiating at present.

## **6. Facilities**

GW highlighted the development grants which are available from the Association and urged clubs to take up the excellent offers. The offer is for the provision of boundary ropes, electronic scoreboards, and pole-based sightscreens. Details have been emailed to clubs and applications should be received by next week (week commencing 19/3/18) as GW hopes to place the order.

RJ advised that Castletown are introducing covers for the pitch at King William's College for which they have sponsorship. GW advised that clubs seeking further development grants should speak to GW to discuss.

## **7. Child Welfare**

PL highlighted that Welfare is an important issue. All clubs, he continued, now have Child Welfare Officers. GW stressed that all clubs are trying to share knowledge and best practice. GW continued that it is important that Child Welfare

Officers have a seat on club committees and that delegates work with their Welfare Officers to make sure that their club's approach to Child Welfare is correct.

## **8. Non-Playing adult members**

GW urged members of the Committee to encourage club members to come with ideas and formats to bring in new players and members. The Association have a fund, he continued, which could incentivise these ideas. GW stated that the number of junior players is growing but asked how can we get parents etc involved? The Strategy of the ICC is to encourage many more players in to the game reported GW. The fund allows for payments of between £200 – £1000 to be paid reported GW.

## **9. Disabled Cricket**

GW advised that Disabled cricket is not a priority at this time but it is part of the responsibility of the Association to promote it in the future. At present, continued GW, it is difficult to create a sustainable pathway into cricket for players who are disabled.

## **10. AOB**

PL advised that the disciplinary process is under consideration and that AC/GW are developing a process. MG advised the new laws of cricket Law 41 and 42 are being introduced and the Umpire Association is awaiting tutorials. GW advised that a new video about the new laws is on the Isle of Man cricket website ([www.iomcricket.co.uk/news](http://www.iomcricket.co.uk/news)).

GW advised that there is no intention to introduce the provision to send players from the field of play.

GW advised that the Match report facility for weekend cricket matches will remain available on the Play-Cricket site.

Meeting closed 19:05