

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive of Cornwall Cricket Board Ltd on Monday 13th March 2017, at Cornwall Cricket Centre, 6.00pm.

Present: S Menneer, C Fyles, C Leathley, M Mitchell, J Skinner, S Oakley, A George, R Fine, A Jones, T Lee,
A Kent

Apologies: None

- 1 The Minutes of the February meeting were adopted and signed as a true record.

Matters Arising Nil

- 2 Finance / Fund Raising

CF thanked JS, CL and SO for their work on the budget. There was hot news on the sponsorship front, with Treleaven's Ice Cream (for the T20 day) and Prima Bakeries having today agreed sponsorship deals. There had been promising discussions with Rodda's as well. Together, these would turn a small budget surplus into one of several thousand pounds.

Less good news regarding 'Wave' who, since having their engagement terminated, had been found to have failed to fulfil their obligations in several areas. It was agreed that SM should write to the company, raising these concerns and asking for a 50% refund of fees paid.

Action: SM

The plan to work with other south west counties in a sponsorship/cost-saving exercise had also been well received at the regional meeting and progress was continuing.

Cash For Clubs 2017: Using the sponsorship money currently available, a payment of £100 per participating club would be made.

Regarding CSCA funding, as some of the work for which ECB funding is received is carried out by CCB staff, it was agreed that the £19500 so far received could be passported on to CSCA.

The above again raised the thought that we do not have a full understanding of the funding and financial procedures of some of the member associations. We should therefore implement last year's deferred proposal that there should be a review of the accounts of all associations, beginning with that with the highest turnover. CSCA would therefore be the first.

Action: SO

- 3 'Investment in Cricket'

There had been 23 clubs, plus CSCA and CACG, applying for the pot of money allocated. However, the sums requested totalled over £80000. From the information collated by Dave Eggins, SM had prepared a preliminary priority list, largely based on things which enable cricket to be played, especially equipment. There was a good discussion on the merits of these applications and it was agreed that a panel of unconnected (to clubs having applied) CCB/CCL officials should finalise the offers but, first, SM would revise his document and present it to the full Board next week.

Action: SM

- 4 Pitch Adviser process

CL summarised the current position and some concerns that Kevin O'Kelly was trying to gain a head start in the process. It was agreed that SM should write to him, pointing out that he must not communicate further with clubs on topics which relate to the process of appointing a Pitch Adviser.

The appointed Adviser would need to be fully trained (initially and annually), which was not very time or cost effective, so RF put forward the suggestion that we might in some way share Devon CB's officer, as there were so few official visits to grounds actually required over a season. This possibility would be looked into and the process document updated by CL and JS.

Action: JS/CL

- 5 'All Stars'

JS reported that 29 clubs were now engaged on the project. New recruits Jack Mingo and Craig Williams were now coordinating school assemblies and meeting clubs. The official national launch would be on 20th March.

- 6 Devon/Somerset T20

The T20 triangular tournament, on 25th June, would now be called the "Treleaven's Trophy". JS had met with CCCC representatives, who would organise the Cornwall team, whilst CCB, working with Truro CC, would be responsible for all of the off-field planning. The team kit had been costed and this, plus other costs, would be met by the Treleaven's sponsorship. Volunteers were needed to join the organising committee: AJ and CF were happy to be included.

Action: JS

7 'Lashings' Hospitality Invitations

Two tables had been booked at this Penzance event, on 26th July, one of which would be paid for and used by CACC. CCB would have one host representative on the other, with the four sponsors to be invited, leaving space for 5 other 'volunteers' to be invited as honoured guests.

Action: JS/SM

8 Development

AJ reported on the meeting of CSCA, CYCL and CACC, which he was disappointed with. He felt that two of the associations had backed down on resolutions made at their AGMs. There would be no immediate moves towards a merger, but it had been decided that a youth group should be formed, much like PPSG, which would meet monthly, starting in May. The three associations (CWCA also to be invited) would each supply two representatives and CCB staff would also attend. There was, however, due to the current lack of personnel, the possibility of the three parties sharing a joint Treasurer. CL agreed that he could consider finding enough time to take this position, with help offered by SO.

Action: AJ/CL

JS reported some problems with DBS, in that over half of the clubs' CWOs were not 'in date', let alone other officers at clubs. A swift process of enabling people to complete their applications was already in hand.

9 Administration

Risk Register: would colleagues please check for accuracy / amendments required.

10 Sport England Corporate Governance

SM reported on that the rules which have hitherto only applied to National Governing Bodies would be likely to be conditions of the new MoU in 2018. Whilst CCB has most of these provisions already, we would need 30% Director gender diversity plus the need to implement term limits for Directors (either 2x4, or 3x3). Term limits, however, would not take into account time already served. The Board should expect these two issues to be addressed at the 2018 AGM.

11 Strengthening Committees

SO presented an excellent document he had prepared for clubs as a guide to their administration. How could this be made most useful to clubs? (further reference in 14, below)

12 Board Meetings

A suggestion, to be put to the Board, that meetings reduce to quarterly, was met with no opposition.

13 Franchise T20

A vote would soon be requested by ECB on the new franchise T20 competition for the professional game. It was agreed that CCB should vote in favour.

Action: AG

14 Club Health Checks

AK, as Chair of CCL, would like to be proactive in ensuring that clubs have the best opportunity to survive. He knew of the work done by MM and JS last year and had another volunteer at CCL, who would help to continue meeting clubs to offer assistance. Face to face meetings were felt to be important and SO's guide (as in 11, above) could be discussed at such meetings. The Executive agreed that AK, MM and JS should take this forward on behalf of the Board and CCL, working together.

Action: MM/AK/JS

15 Any Other Business

- i JS reported that we had been granted funding of £7200 from the 'Cricket Unleashed' pot for the organisation of a series of coaching sessions and four soft ball festivals for females new to cricket. These tasks would be carried out by the two new CDOs.
- ii December meeting to move to Monday 4th.
- iii SM thanked AK and CF for their immense contributions to the Board over the past few years.

Meeting closed 7.46pm.

Signed (CEO) Date