

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive of Cornwall Cricket Board Ltd on Monday 15th May 2017, at Cornwall Cricket Centre, 6.00pm.

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

Apologies: D Gladwell

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

Matters Arising

- i) 'Strengthening Committees': this document to be taken by CL to Thursday's LMC Meeting.
Action: CL
- ii) 'Wave': SM would be preparing a further letter to send, regarding our claim against the company.
Action: SM
- iii) Cricket Centre costs: RF would be looking into these with MM, for presentation to the next meeting.
Action: RF/MM
- iv) Pitch Adviser: the appointment process was now satisfactorily concluded, with Simon Johnson in post and Kevin O'Kelly continuing to lend his experience.
- v) Concerns with CACO shortages – to be discussed with the CCL. Action: CL
- vi) Loan System: RF to check that the "loan exchange" system was working as well as it could be.
Action: RF

2 Finance / Fund Raising

CGB Financial Dashboard: Cost has increased slightly since the budget was prepared, perhaps being around £10000 more. However, some additional income would offset this. Additionally, the 'Aldermore 1' investment was now held in reserve for potential future capital expenditure.

Regarding Cricket Centre income, one customer was still owing around £3500 on overdue invoices. SO to continue follow-up process. AG wondered about using a direct debit system for large customers, but the customer would still need to approve, so there would be no failsafe guarantee.

Action: SO

'Investment in Cricket': It was agreed that SO should "approve" (or otherwise) the evidence provided by each club. In general, it was felt that we could be flexible with the deadlines issued to clubs for completion. Wadebridge's application had been withdrawn, owing to a change of circumstances.

Member association accounts: SO had met Nigel Sanders and Malcolm Broad, of CSCA, and reviewed their "summary" accounts, with some more detailed discussion. However, he was awaiting sight of the full accounts. AJ was still looking into the possibility of finding a combined Treasurer for CSCA, CYCL and CACC.

Cash for Clubs: SO to distribute 75% of the available sponsorship to the 66 eligible clubs.

3 Development

All Stars: 294 children now registered. Four clubs each have at least 20 signed up. We were comparing reasonably favourably with other counties. Some clubs (Redruth, Troon, Newquay, Paul) now cancelled or deferred. AJ was disappointed with the ECB's marketing, especially the lack of radio advertising.

Youth Group: The group had now met and established how to proceed, at least initially.

AJ also put forward the idea of a 'Roadshow', which came from a discussion at the Youth Group. Could this be a general promotion of cricket, either at one venue or in 3 regions? TL expressed the view that we should try to 'hit' the general public, at a shopping precinct, for example. After general discussion, it was agreed that SJ should discuss further with TL, prepare an initial plan for a Development-only roadshow and then request additional suggestions from other areas of cricket. All were encouraged to submit their thoughts.

Action: AJ / All

4 Administration

Website: RF reported that this was looking good, with a certain amount of "snagging" to be addressed over the next few days. JS noted that there would be quite a bit of uploading of files to be done by our own editors! Further training was to take place on Thursday (18th).

The "InTouch" system for multiple e-mailing was now in use and working well. It was hoped that all mass mailings from staff could eventually be made on the system.

5 Regional Assembly

SM gave a brief summary of some of the items covered at the meeting, ie. All Stars, Women/Girls' Update, 'Cricketfest', Get The Game On and Live Scoring.

6 Young Players in Open Age Cricket

This was an issue raised at the Youth Group and, additionally, causing problems in the CCL. JS, with help from MM, had compiled a document, with some recommended amendments to current ECB policy. It was agreed that the letter of this policy should stand for boys in open age men's cricket, with boys not approved as county U12A standard to be vetted as per existing policy. For girls, an extra layer of care to be introduced, ie. that no girl below the U14 age group should play men's cricket without going through the approval (by an L3 coach) process.

The above to be submitted to CCL for approval. MM to also circulate a more relaxed recommendation for girls playing women's club cricket only – this to be approved by CCL and CWCA.

Action: JS/MM

7 Treleaven's T20

Next meeting on Wednesday, 17th. Progressing well enough, but the ticket release had been held up a little by the website switchover.

8 Any Other Business

- i SO mentioned that a pension scheme was now being offered to all qualifying employees.
- ii Overseas players: AJ wondered if we (and CCL) had put clubs off unnecessarily, as Devon CB had been more supportive. AG suggested that we were right to be cautious, with players currently in UK to be further reviewed in July.
- iii AJ was concerned with the drop in umpire numbers and the lack of new faces. The lack of conversion after courses was an issue and SM had been addressing this, but without much success, unfortunately.
- iv JS: Could we employ a photographer to compile a decent set of photographs of all parts of the game in Cornwall? Our library had become somewhat bare in some areas. Alternatively, perhaps we could run a competition, asking the public to send in their photos, in different categories. This latter was approved as a workable idea, with a cash prize to be offered.

Action: JS

Meeting closed 8.00pm.

Signed (CEO) Date