

Minutes of a General Meeting of the Board of CCB Ltd
Monday 26th June 2017, Cornwall Cricket Centre, 6.00pm

Present: S Menneer (CEO), T Lee (Chair), R Fine (DoA), M Mitchell (Sec), S Oakley (DoF), C Leathley (DoC), J Molden (CACO), K O'Kelly (CACG), D Eggins (CCL), J Skinner (CDM), A Jones (DoD), G Furse (CCCC).

- 1. Apologies for absence:** A George, L Roberts (CWCA), T Marrion (CSCA), D Gladwell (NED), M Weeks (Media), D Moses (CYCL).
- 2. Minutes of last meeting on 20 March** Approved and signed as a true record.

Matters arising The approved Social Media Policy had now been distributed to clubs.

3. Finance & Sponsorship

SO supplied a separate, most comprehensive, report. He made a point that we should try to avoid non-budgeted expenditure for the remainder of this year, as some other costs had increased. The new MoU with the ECB would be in place in September 2018: this would have an impact upon funding, which was fixed until then. Investment in Cricket: £18175 had so far been paid out to clubs/associations. Regarding meeting the members associations, he had met once with CSCA, but would be seeking more detail from them. All other associations would follow, hopefully by September. TL thanked SO for providing such a detailed report.

4. Reports

CEO: SM reported on a "fantastic" effort by those concerned with 'All Stars'.

He also commended everyone on their efforts with the Treleavens Trophy, which had worked very well. GF echoed this, mentioning the hosts, Truro CC, especially. JS suggested that Somerset CCC had been very pleased with the day, too. MM also said that everything had worked well, with no real organisational issues, but that attendance could be better, due in some part to unavoidable clashes with fixtures already set. It was agreed that there should be a 'sweep up' meeting of the organising group, followed by further Board discussion on a potential repeat event.

Action: MM

CDM: Regarding Chance To Shine, ECB is working with C2S on 'All Stars' and we were on course to receive our c. £30k funding for the 'Key Stage 1' age-group in 2017-18.

CWCA: MM read out some notes from LR, mentioning good progress in the Women's League, a successful Charity T12 day at Grampound Road and an opportunity for children to be mascots at the World Cup.

CSCA: Very grateful for the Investment in Cricket award, which has now been received.

CCL: DE reported that there seemed to be no difficulties with overseas players at clubs.

CACG: KO had liaised with Andrew Kent on pitch marking by umpires. KO/RF were also involved in looking into the circumstances of the recent abandonment at Grampound Road.

CACO: DE was asked to remind clubs of their obligation to attach a report with any mark for an umpire below 5. There followed some discussion on the value of this, as many marks were inconsistent but, at Premier League level, this was mandatory from ECB.

5. Any Other Business

SM: update on the county kit supplier contract? JS replied that a date was to be found soon, to meet the two shortlisted suppliers, 'A-Game' and 'Gray-Nicolls'.

6. Strategic Discussion

Brief: To look at ways in which new ideas for league or social cricket (eg. 'Badger' League) could be introduced, possibly by fast-tracking through the CCL system. Some clubs are now keen on the idea of non-competitive fixtures, so may be more receptive than previously thought. Also: being innovative with the rules in some lower level competitions.

An excellent discussion took place, centring on possible alternative formats for lower level adult and mixed-age cricket. It was felt that we should be bold and change the menu of cricket available to these players. The current offer of traditional cricket, including in the evening competitions, was not working, with matches being conceded and teams playing short-handed. Whilst anything new should, ideally, still be part of the CCL, new formats could be offered and teams/clubs could choose whether they prefer to be part of them or remain in 'mainstream' cricket'.

It was resolved that JS and TL should prepare their suggestions, one of which involved a structure aimed at the sympathetic introduction of young players into adult cricket and the other with more radical changes to playing conditions. Then, once the CCL Development sub-committee had met, representatives of both the Board and CCL should meet to discuss how either or both would be introduced.

Action: JS / TL

Meeting Closed 7.23pm.

Signed (Chair)

Date