

# ISLE OF WIGHT CRICKET BOARD

Minutes for Board Meeting 184 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at the offices of AJ Wells & Co @ 6.30 p.m.

## **Members.**

Director & Chairman: Graham Cooper  
Director & Treasurer: Howard Downer  
Directors: Hugh Wells, Martyn Richards, Phil Mew, Richard Webb, Ray Winter, Roy Cooper  
Secretary Tina Cooper  
Clubs Committee Chairman: Glenn Bailey  
Media, Marketing and Events Officer: Vacant  
County Teams Committee Chairman: Simon Bligh  
OMG Chairman/ CDM: Stuart Chatfield

## **In attendance:-**

County Child Welfare Officer. Helen Stone  
Minute Secretary Helen Stone

## **1.0 Apologies.**

Helen Stone  
Simon Bligh

## **2.0 Minutes of the Last Approved**

## **3.0. Matters Arising** SC has contacted clubs re machinery bids

## **4.0 IWCB Ltd and IWCB Executive Committee**

**4.1 IWCB structure** A revised structure from that presented before the EGM was shared with the board & was, on the whole, well received. The focus of the January meeting would be finalising the structure & the board was asked to consider any amendments prior to that meeting.

There was also a proposal that once in place there could be a directors meeting one month and the "heads of pillars" the next. This will be finalised once the structure has been approved.

**4.2 Director roles & responsibilities** It was acknowledged that the directors have different time commitments e.g. work & as such there could not be a blanket approach to the level of involvement on a day to day basis. It was agreed that having a minimum of 1 Director working with each pillar would be a good idea & whilst there was an initial discussion on which pillar each director would like to work with this again will be finalised at the January meeting.

## **5.0 Diary/Events**

**5.1 Club visits** A reengagement plan was presented and discussed. It was noted that there were some social clubs that are associated to the IWCB that did not attend the EGM. It was wondered why this was the case. A Director is going to work with Stuart in contacting clubs by phone to see where the IWCB may be able to help them. The Chair of the clubs committee would then be invited around to clubs with them. An initial invitation has gone out to all clubs to invite Directors to their clubs AGM and as of yet only 2 clubs have taken up the invites. The board is keen to open up communication between the clubs and board meetings and therefore it has been agreed that the minutes of the meeting are going to be made public once approved. Ryde Cavs and Arreton have sent an invitation board member to attend their AGMs. The schools AGM is also going to be attended by a Director.

**5.2 Association meetings** In a similar way to the club visits the board would like to continue to work with the associations (a number of the directors are already involved. It was noted that contact should be made with the Coaches Association and Groundsmen to see what support can be provided

## **6.0 IWCB Finance**

The finances are as those presented at the AGM with a full review due before send a return to the ECB. The Chairman & Treasurer along with SC will meet on 9<sup>th</sup> January to finalise

**6.1 Minibus** The minibus has been inspected and is found to be largely sound with the exception of some general repairs to wear & tear expected with a vehicle of such age. A number of the headrests do need to replacing & following an initial quote of over £100 each alternative pricing is being sought. The minibus will be valeted early in 2017.

A number of quotes have been provided for a new or nearly new minibus that raised the question of VAT – at present the Limited Company was not VAT registered (as it didn't need to be) but this would be reviewed along with setting up a Finance Sub Committee.

## **7.0 CDM and OMG Report**

**7.1 All Stars** All Stars Cricket has been accepted by 11 clubs and the ECB has given the Island extra finance to run the program for 6 months. The information is as the meeting with the Regional ECB team & that presented at the AGM – more with come early in 2017

**7.2 Website review** It was agreed that the IWCB website need a revamp & SC will work with MR plus the local support to draw up alternatives.

## **8.0 County Teams Report.**

There was a discussion around County Teams on the back of a paper provided by Andy Woodward – the effort & support from Andy was acknowledged & appreciated by all. Players pathway for juniors was reviewed & and the winter training is being well attended. It was asked that managers & coaches of junior clubs across the Island would filter players through the winter training next year, keeping parents informed of how their child was progressing.

Juniors have a pathway to follow, club, district, county, EPP, and Senior County. Clubs development is imperative to attract and keep players enjoying playing for the clubs. SC is to provide the players pathway document to all Directors.

A suggestion for a sponsor for each County game was discussed.

County teams fixtures should be finished by the end of January, with district fixtures being played at u11&u13 level plus County. U15&u17 County cricket is going to be played with a white ball, coloured kit, and black sight screens. The ECB has given us 18 balls to practice and play with as each ball works out to be approx £40. In view of sightscreens 3 grounds have been chosen to host these games. Shanklin Sport Shop has been approached to source the pricing for the coloured kit.

It was also agreed to seek sponsorship for the new kit.

## **9.0 Clubs Committee**

Godshill has merged with Shanklin for the 2017 season.

Rob Snell provided a comprehensive suggestion for the future structure of Island cricket, this has been reviewed by the board and passed to the Clubs Committee to work with for the coming season. The board acknowledged his work and passed on their thanks.

The league structure was discussed on the back of the player's survey. Is the games going on to long? What format works for the majority of players? If the games are to long then why do players choose to play on the mainland starting their Saturday at 9am & finishing at 9/10 p.m.

The survey was happy with 40 overs, win/lose format, and start time of 1.30p.m.

A record of who has played any type of cricket for the clubs would help to see if participation is falling above or below the national average.

A formal Sunday League was also discussed.

A handicap system has been put together so that the weaker teams become more competitive with the stronger teams within a competition. A framework has been drawn up and this will go to the clubs committee for consideration. It was felt that something different was needed to energise competitive cricket & if the clubs choose not to progress with the idea then it would be appreciated if they could come back with a different solution to the problem league is facing.

The T20 evening league is not going to be played as only two teams entered the competition.

The beginning of season T20 is going ahead.

The Fred Winter competition would like to see a new format that more clubs would enter.

The chairman thanked everyone for their input and ideas.

Meeting finished at 8.30pm

Next meeting 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017