



Western Junior Cricket Union

THE WESTERN DISTRICT JUNIOR CRICKET UNION ("WDJCU")

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ("AGM") OF THE WDJCU

held at

TITWOOD on 28 OCTOBER 2013 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Dougie Johnstone – Chairman
 Richard Rutnagur – Vice-Chairman
 Keith Young – Secretary
 Colin Dawson – Treasurer
 George Watson – Committee member
 John Blair – Committee member
 Tim Hart – Cricket Scotland West Development Manager

CLUB REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Dougie Johnstone (Ayr CC)
Stuart Jefferson (Ayr CC)
Jatinder Dhami (Clydesdale CC)
Steve Taylor (Clydesdale CC)
Nick Ralphs (East Kilbride CC)
Sam Scott (Ferguslie CC)
Tim Preston-Jones (Ferguslie CC)
Colin Dawson (Glasgow Accies CC)
Ian Chambers (Helensburgh CC)
Ian Holland (Hillhead CC)
John Blair (Inverclyde CC)
Martin Pollock (Kelburne CC)
Niall Lochrie (Kilmarnock CC)
Mark Colman (Kilmarnock)
Keith Young (Poloc CC)
George Watson (Prestwick CC)
Kevin Lawler (Prestwick CC)
Jon Taylor (Stirling County CC)
Colin Findlay (Stirling County CC)
Jon Barnes (Victoria CC)
Nathan Barnett (Weirs CC)
Bob Coats (West of Scotland CC)

CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED:

Drumpellier CC, GHK CC, Greenock CC, Irvine CC, Renfrew CC, Stenhousemuir CC and Uddingston CC.



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- CHAIR: WDJCU Chairman, Dougie Johnstone ("DJ") chaired the meeting.
1. APOLOGIES: Andrew Mackay (GHK CC), Kevin Flack (Greenock CC), Graham Owens (Irvine CC), Parvase Majeed (Renfrew CC), Jim Young (West of Scotland CC), Richard Young (Committee member).
2. NOTICE OF MEETING: Notice of the AGM was noted as having been correctly given.
3. MINUTES: The Minutes of the AGM held on 29 October 2012, circulated to all members in advance of the AGM, were approved after being proposed by Richard Rutnagur and seconded by Colin Dawson ("CD").
4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: DJ welcomed attendees to the WDJCU AGM and noted that the various AGM reports had been circulated in advance as was standard procedure and would simply be tabled at the meeting rather than read out verbatim. There would, however, be an opportunity for questions, and discussion, on any matters arising from reports.
- DJ's report was tabled, and questions thereon, and discussion thereof, invited. DJ noted that it was pleasing to see a lower number of concessions. It was noted from the floor that there had, however, been a number of instances of teams withdrawing from leagues. DJ noted that concessions had been most prevalent in Group B of the Under 11 League. Drumpellier CC pulling out of the Under 13 League Cup was also noted as being unfortunate. It was agreed that, in general, clubs entered leagues in good faith but then pulled out when numbers turned out to be lower than expected.
5. TREASURER'S REPORT: CD tabled the WDJCU accounts for the year ended 30 September 2013, and questions thereon, and discussion thereof, were invited. CD highlighted that the sole income had been donations and funds received in connection with the "Super 8s" Indoor Tournament. Expenditure was, similarly, in connection with this tournament, as well as a purchase of a trophy for the new Under 13 League Cup. In the balance sheet CD highlighted the return of the historic tour fund to the Western District Cricket Union where these moneys (totalling £6,000) have been reserved for junior cricket use, and the reclassification of the remaining balance of a historic "Awards for All" award to facilitate West District representative teams playing against touring sides as general reserves. A question was asked from the floor as to whether this reclassification was allowed. In reply it was noted that the moneys could, in fact, now be better used for the purposes for which they were granted given they could now be used to assist the *Western Warriors* representative teams host touring teams.
6. LEAGUE SECRETARY'S REPORT: Keith Young's ("KY") report was tabled, and questions thereon, and discussion thereof, invited.



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7. CUP COMPETITIONS REPORT: DJ noted there was no separate cup competitions report as cup competitions were covered in both the Chairman's and League Secretary's reports.
8. AREA REPORT: Tim Hart's ("TH") report was tabled, and questions thereon, and discussion thereof, invited. TH highlighted an error in the report, namely that it had been Clyde and not Ayrshire that had been bowled out for 49 in the Under 12 tournament. TH then asked for comments from attendees on the structure of the two inter-area tournaments in 2013. After discussion it was agreed the structure in place in 2013 should be retained. DJ noted it was disappointing that so few matches in the Under 12 tournament had taken place. TH noted that there had been problems getting Lanarkshire and Dumfries & Galloway to complete matches. KY asked where Stirling County CC and Stenhousemuir CC fitted in, in the inter-area tournaments. It was noted that they fell into a different Cricket Scotland Development Manager's territory and, as such, because the inter-area tournaments were Cricket Scotland competitions they were not in any of the six competing areas. It was noted from the floor that Stirling County CC would be keen on getting more cricket for their juniors and involving their players in the inter-area tournament would, therefore, be welcomed. After discussion it was agreed that the inter-area tournament could become a WDJCU competition, and Forth Valley representative teams could be invited to participate. It was also agreed that TH revert to Cricket Scotland on this matter.
9. CRICKET SCOTLAND
ACADEMY (WEST) |
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
CENTRE (WEST): KY's and TH's reports were tabled, and questions thereon, and discussion thereof, invited. A request that *Western Warriors* Under 18 matches not be scheduled for Mondays if possible was made from the floor. This was agreed. It was also noted, however, that a junior player who bowled on a Saturday and Sunday, and was scheduled to play in a representative match on, say, a Tuesday and/or Wednesday might be unable to bowl in a Monday night Under 18 League match. It was agreed, however, to try and avoid Mondays for Under 18 representative matches wherever practical.
10. ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2014
JUNIOR COMPETITIONS: CD's B Leagues report was tabled.
- DJ noted that the Committee would consider rule changes over the winter, as usual, but trailed an intention to start the Under 18 League a fortnight earlier given the bringing forward of a number of school examinations in 2014.
- A question was asked from the floor about whether there would again, in 2014, be two "national" cup competitions at Under 13 and Under 15 age-



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groups, namely the cup competitions run by, respectively, Cricket Scotland and the ECB. After discussion it was agreed that the answer was not known, but also noted that clubs need not enter both.

KY asked attendees for an indication of which leagues they believed their clubs would be entering in 2014. It was noted that clubs would not have to confirm participation until early 2014, but giving an indication was helpful in regard to planning for the new season.

In the Under 18 League, all clubs who had played in 2013 and who were represented at the AGM confirmed they would, again, be playing in 2014. It was also noted that GHK CC and Hillhead CC would like to enter a joint team.

In the Under 15 League, all clubs who had played in 2013 and who were represented at the AGM confirmed they would, again, be playing in 2014, with one change: Ferguslie CC would be entering a team of its own and not a joint team with Kelburne CC. It was also noted that Helensburgh CC would like to enter a team.

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In the Under 11 Leagues, all clubs who had played in 2013 and who were represented at the AGM confirmed they would, again, be playing in 2014.

In the Under 15B League, all clubs, except Ayr CC, who had played in 2013 and who were represented at the AGM confirmed they would, again, be playing in 2014. It was also noted that Kilmarnock CC and Irvine CC would like to enter a joint team.

In the Under 13B Leagues, all clubs, except Ayr CC, Ferguslie CC and Prestwick CC, who had played in 2013 and who were represented at the AGM confirmed they would, again, be playing in 2014. It was also noted that Kelburne CC would like to enter a team, and that Kilmarnock CC and Irvine CC would like to enter a joint team.

11. AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION:

The amendments to the Constitution were approved.

12. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

The following were re-elected for a two-year term of office:

John Blair – Committee member; and
George Watson – Committee member.

The following were elected for a two-year term of office:



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Bob Coats – Committee member and Vice-Chairman; and
Parvase Majeed – Committee member.

No other nominations were made.

13. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:

CD noted the passing of Fred Haw who had been the appointed Auditor of the WDJCU for many years. Discussion took place on whether an Auditor need be appointed under the Constitution and it was agreed that KY approach Ron Irvine, Auditor of the Western District Cricket Union, to review the accounts of the WDJCU. In response to a question from the floor on whether finance was a standing agenda item at Committee meetings, it was noted that CD reported on financial matters as requested, there only being a very few transactions per annum.

AOCB:

Joint teams

Discussion took place on the pluses and minuses of allowing joint teams to compete in leagues. It was noted that the Committee intended looking at this issue over the winter with the intention of bringing in protocols to govern how they were used. It was also agreed that joint teams should *not* enter national cup competitions.

Participation

A question from the floor asked if Cricket Scotland had any plans to raise interest in the sport over the winter. TH said he was not aware of any specific initiatives.

Trophies

A question from the floor asked whether, in the light of the WDJCU's strong financial position, a new Under 18 League trophy could be purchased. DJ confirmed a decision to do this had been taken at the most recent Committee meeting.

Fixture setting

A request was made from the floor that cognisance be taken of how many away matches in a row a club has when scheduling fixtures. It was noted that too many scheduled in a row can result in logistical difficulties for clubs so affected.

Website

Attendees were reminded that articles and photographs can be submitted for publishing on the website, and that this was the easiest way for a club to get publicity for itself and/or its players. It was noted that there had been concerns raised about online match reporting and so, again, submission of match reports by clubs themselves was the best way to address whatever concerns any clubs had in this regard.



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Hamilton CC

It was noted that Hamilton CC had indicated it intended entering one or more teams in the WDJCU leagues in 2014. A final decision would be taken once the club had decided on a home ground.

Kwik Cricket

Clubs were reminded from the floor that they can bring any number of players along to Sunday morning Kwik Cricket "festivals". Not having eight players should not prevent a club participating. The request that host clubs report who attended using the online return was also reiterated.

Indoor tournament

TH noted that the indoor tournament would again take place in 2013, between 27 and 30 December. There would be events at Under 12, 15 and 19 again.

Coach education

It was noted from the floor that there was an ICC Intro' course scheduled for November, and an intention for some form of coach education to take place each month over the winter.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.