



Western Junior Cricket Union

THE WESTERN DISTRICT JUNIOR CRICKET UNION ("WDJCU")

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

held at

TITWOOD on 27 OCTOBER 2014 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Dougie Johnstone – Chairman
Keith Young – Secretary
Colin Dawson – Treasurer
John Blair – Committee member
Parvase Majeed – Committee member
Tim Hart – Cricket Scotland West Participation Manager
Andy Tennant – Cricket Scotland Director of Cricket
Frank Johnstone – Western District Cricket Union ("WDCU") Administrator

IN ATTENDANCE:

Cameron Munro
Alan Reed

CLUB REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Dougie Johnstone (Ayr CC)
Stuart Jefferson (Ayr CC)
Farhaj Siddiqui (Clydesdale CC)
David Hart (Clydesdale CC)
Ammar Ashraf (East Renfrewshire CC)
Sam Scott (Ferguslie CC)
Colin Dawson (Glasgow Accies CC)
Kevin Flack (Greenock CC)
Ian Chambers (Helensburgh CC)
Ian Holland (Hillhead CC)
Jim Murphy (Inverclyde CC)
John Blair (Inverclyde CC)
Graham Owens (Irvine CC)
Martin Pollock (Kelburne CC)
Niall Lochrie (Kilmarnock CC)
David James (Poloc CC)
Keith Young (Poloc CC)
Parvase Majeed (Renfrew CC)
Sajid Majeed (Renfrew CC)
Kevin Lawler (Prestwick CC)
Michael Bang (Stenhousemuir CC)
Alistair Drysdale (Stenhousemuir CC)
Jon Barnes (Victoria CC)



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Derek Wright (Weirs CC)
Jim Young (West of Scotland CC)

CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED:

None

CHAIR: WDJCU Chairman, Dougie Johnstone ("DJ") chaired the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES: Stephen Allison (Drumpellier CC), Bryan Clarke (Uddingston CC), Bob Coats (Committee member and West of Scotland CC), Colin Findlay (Stirling County CC), Michelle Kiely (East Kilbride CC), Andrew Mackay (GHK CC), Drew Pryde (Drumpellier CC) and George Watson (Committee member and Prestwick CC).

2. NOTICE OF MEETING: Notice of the AGM was noted as having been correctly given.

3. MINUTES: The Minutes of the AGM held on 28 October 2013, circulated to all members in advance of the AGM, were approved after being proposed by John Blair and seconded by David Hart.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Dougie Johnstone ("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 highlighted the number of concessions that had taken place, and that the Committee had determined to take action to try and address this problem. In this regard he noted that restrictions had been imposed on a number of clubs to limit the number of age-group leagues they can enter teams in, in season 2015 in an attempt to reduce the pressure on them fulfilling matches.

Victoria CC asked DJ to summarise his report as he had not read the AGM papers. DJ summarised the main points for the meeting.

Helensburgh CC asked what the process had been to determine the restrictions on clubs entering teams. DJ explained that it had been a Committee decision, and had included discussion with Tim Hart ("TH"). Helensburgh CC noted that they would have liked to have had the opportunity to input to the decision. DJ noted this, and added that he would be happy to meet with the club, as he had done with Stirling County CC during the season. DJ also said that the Committee's notification to the clubs concerned had provided an opportunity for each club to respond.



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Helensburgh CC reiterated that they believed that meeting with clubs in such circumstances should be something that takes place before decisions are made.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Colin Dawson ("CD") tabled the WDJCU accounts for the year ended 30 September 2014, and questions thereon, and discussion thereof, were invited. CD highlighted that the sole income had again been donations, funds and grant income received in connection with the "Super 8s" Indoor Tournament. Expenditure was, similarly, in connection with this tournament. CD also noted that, as trailed at the 2013 AGM, the re-categorisation of reserves within the Balance Sheet had taken place, the reserves all now being unrestricted.

Victoria CC asked how much the reserves amounted to. CD said just over £13,000. Stenhousemuir CC asked what the plans for this level of reserves were. Keith Young ("KY") explained the historic build up of the reserves, the recent re-categorisation of these from being restricted to being unrestricted, and added that the preference was to retain the funds as capital for the benefit of clubs. KY said this was consistent with how the WDCU managed its reserves, and added that the WDCU had ear-marked funds available for use by area groups.

6. LEAGUE SECRETARY'S REPORT:

KY's report was tabled, and questions thereon, and discussion thereof, invited. Stenhousemuir CC asked whether matches that took place, but that included over-age players, were treated as concessions in the same way that matches conceded and that did not place were. This was confirmed by KY.

There was discussion on the merits of the B Leagues., with comments from Stenhousemuir CC, Ferguslie CC, KY, Parvase Majeed, Renfrew CC and DJ. Discussions centred on whether a more structured fixture schedule would be beneficial and result in more matches being played. It was concluded that the main issue was, however, clubs' willingness to organise and then fulfil fixtures. It was reiterated that clubs must only enter any competition, and not just the B League, if they are committed to fully participating therein.

7. CRICKET SCOTLAND REGIONAL PARTICIPATION MANAGER'S REPORT:

Tim Hart's ("TH") report was tabled, and questions thereon, and discussion thereof, invited. TH added that a new Cricket Scotland Strategy was due to be produced in early 2015. Ferguslie CC asked why the cost of attending the Autumn Under 15 talent "trawl" had been £10 per player. TH replied that it was to cover the costs of holding the "trawl", principally hall hire costs. Charging was also consistent with all *Western Warrior*-related events being self-financing. Ferguslie CC noted that, estimating the number of attendees, and knowing the number of hours the "trawl" took



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place over and the cost of hiring Hutchesons' Grammar School Sports Centre, it appeared that the "trawl" would likely have produced a financial surplus. Renfrew CC suggested that a partial refund could have been considered. Both clubs' points were noted by TH.

8. AREA TOURNAMENTS REPORT:

TH's report was tabled, and questions thereon, and discussion thereof, invited. TH highlighted that the Under 14 tournament did not work in 2014 and was being restructured for 2015. The west Regional Development Centre was going to organise and run the Under 14 area event. It would see three squads selected who would, it was hoped, play each three times. The Under 12 tournament would remain unchanged. Renfrew CC asked TH why he felt the Under 14 tournament had failed in 2014. TH thought it was for a number of reasons. DJ reiterated this was why the change in structure was being made. Renfrew CC also suggested that more indoor winter coaching and practice was needed, and that clubs should collaborate in this regard, and area group should also organise this. DJ agreed, but highlighted the shortage of suitable facilities. Renfrew CC noted that the Clyde Area Group had already organised a winter programme. Stenhousemuir CC suggested that using astro-turf football pitches, even in winter, could be considered.

9. CRICKET SCOTLAND ACADEMY (WEST) | REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (WEST):

KY's and TH's reports were tabled, and questions thereon, and discussion thereof, invited.

10. ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2015 JUNIOR COMPETITIONS:

CD's B Leagues report was tabled. DJ noted that the Under 15 B League would become an Under 16 B League in 2015, and that both B Leagues would be eight-a-side, and allow two over-age players, aged one year older, to play.

Helensburgh CC asked why the proposed new Under 16 B League was intended to be an eight-a-side "pairs" league. The Committee's thinking that this would make it easier for clubs to enter and fulfil fixtures was outlined. Stenhousemuir CC also noted that it fitted with what they believed was the more developmental nature of the B Leagues.

DJ noted that clubs would not have to confirm participation in the various competitions until early 2015.

DJ noted that the Frank Smith Trophy Finals Day would be discontinued to increase the chances of this competition being completed each year. He added that there were no other planned structural changes to the other leagues and competitions pending finding out how many clubs and teams were going to enter each.



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TH noted that, in conjunction with the WDCU, there were early stage discussions ongoing about establishing a division of the WDCU Sunday League for Development XI's, likely with a limit to the number of senior players that each competing team could field. This might, TH suggested, add to the availability of matches that clubs could see as being provided for their junior players. Greenock CC noted that this sounded like a good idea.

KY outlined the change in sanctions that was going to be put in place in season 2015, whereby a club that conceded more than two matches across all leagues that they entered, would suffer points deductions from all their teams, in all age-group leagues. Victoria CC noted that it did not think that the suggestion that clubs conceded matches casually was fair, and suggested the planned new sanction was too harsh. KY responded that there was no suggestion clubs were conceding casually, but a number were doing so regularly. Victoria CC requested that the meeting vote on the planned new sanctions, and proposed that the existing sanctions be retained. DJ asked for a seconder for this proposal, however none was forthcoming.

Kelburne CC asked why there had been fewer Kwik Cricket "festivals" in 2014. TH referred the meeting to summaries of festival occurrence and attendance statistics in both 2013 and 2014 that he had prepared. There had, in fact, been almost the same number in both years. DJ highlighted that most of the festivals that had taken place seemed to be in school term time. A late-season festival hosted by Uddingston CC was noted by Renfrew CC as not being on the 2014 summary. TH reminded clubs that if they hosted a festival it was their responsibility to report attendance at it to the WDJCU, through the webform.

11. ELECTION OF

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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

Dougie Johnstone – Committee member and Chairman;
Keith Young – Committee member and Secretary;
Colin Dawson – Committee member and Treasurer;
Tim Hart – Committee member; and
Richard Young – Committee member.

No other nominations were made.

12. APPOINTMENT OF

AUDITOR:

It was agreed that KY again approach Ron Irvine, Auditor of the WDCU, to review the accounts of the WDJCU.

13. AOCB:

Trophies

DJ presented the Under 13 League winners trophy to Clydesdale CC. It was noted that the Under 18 League winners trophy remains lost, and DJ



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committed to purchasing a replacement trophy to be awarded to the Hillhead|Renfrew combined team that had won the Under 18 League in 2014.

Talent Max

Andy Tennant thanked clubs for their ongoing work with juniors. He also congratulated the meeting on the level of debate that had taken place. He then outlined the *Talent Max* programme which he said had four components: (i) technical development update; (ii) athletic development; (iii) mindset; and (iv) talent environment. He said the programme would be piloted in the west region, over the three-month period November 2014 to January 2015. The first component of the programme would be an introductory evening for coaches. This would be followed by an event for area group coaches and players. The final component would be for clubs to access the programme's coaches, John Blain and Con de Lange individually.

Indoor tournament

TH noted that the indoor tournament would again see competitions at Under 12, 15 and 19 age-groups, and would take place between the 27th and 30th of December 2014. After discussion it was agreed the tournament would be open, in the first instance, to single club teams, with combined teams being allowed entry should spaces remain thereafter.

Coach education

TH noted that a UKCC2 course would hopefully be held in the west region over the winter.

First Aid and Child Protection courses

TH noted that the First Aid course on 9 November 2014 was fully booked, but that the Child Protection course being held on the same day still had spaces available.

West Regional Development Centre open session

TH noted that an open west Regional Development Centre session for club coaches was being planned that would allow coaches to better understand what is taken into account as regards player ID.

ICC Introductory course

TH noted that it was hoped that an ICC Introductory course would be held in the Greenock area before Christmas 2014.

Certificates

TH handed out certificates to clubs in connection with both TOPClub accreditation and success on recent coaching courses.

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