



Western Junior Cricket Union

THE WESTERN DISTRICT JUNIOR CRICKET UNION ("WDJCU")

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

held at

TITWOOD on 23 NOVEMBER 2015 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Dougie Johnstone – Chairman
Keith Young – Secretary
Colin Dawson – Treasurer
John Blair – Committee member
Parvase Majeed – Committee member
George Watson – Committee member
Tim Hart – Committee member and Cricket Scotland West Community Development Manager

IN ATTENDANCE:

CLUB REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Dougie Johnstone (Ayr CC)
Jatinder Dhani (Clydesdale CC)
David Hart (Clydesdale CC)
Matthew Kellett (East Kilbride 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)
Martin Pollock (Kelburne CC)
David James (Poloc CC)
Keith Young (Poloc CC)
Parvase Majeed (Renfrew CC)
Kevin Lawler (Prestwick CC)
George Watson (Prestwick CC)
Ann Hargie (Uddingston CC)
John Hargie (Uddingston CC)
Jim Young (West of Scotland CC)



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CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED:

Drumpellier CC
GHK CC
Irvine CC
Kilmarnock CC
Stenhousemuir CC
Stirling County CC
Victoria CC
Weirs CC

- CHAIR:** WDJCU Chairman, Dougie Johnstone ("DJ") chaired the meeting.
- 1. APOLOGIES:** Jon Barnes (Victoria CC), Mark Colman (Kilmarnock CC), Stuart Jefferson (Ayr CC) and Derek Wright (Weirs 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 27 October 2014, circulated to all members in advance of the AGM, were approved after being proposed by Sam Scott and seconded by Martin Pollock.
- 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 asked attendees to pass on his thanks to their Junior Convenors and other volunteers again, for the hard work they did. No questions were raised.
- 5. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Colin Dawson's ("CD") report and the WDJCU accounts for the year ended 30 September 2015 were tabled, and questions thereon, and discussion thereof, were invited. CD highlighted that the accounts had been independently reviewed by T Ron Irvine ("TRI"), as had been requested at the 2014 AGM. No questions were raised.
- 6. LEAGUE SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Keith Young's ("KY") report was tabled, and questions thereon, and discussion thereof, invited. No questions were raised.
- 7. CRICKET SCOTLAND WEST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S REPORT:** Tim Hart's ("TH") report was tabled, and questions thereon, and discussion thereof, invited. No questions were raised.



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8. CHALLENGE SERIES REPORT: TH's report was tabled, and questions thereon, and discussion thereof, invited. No questions were raised.
9. AREA TOURNAMENTS REPORT: TH's report was tabled, and questions thereon, and discussion thereof, invited. No questions were raised.
10. INDOOR SUPER 8s REPORT: TH's report was tabled, and questions thereon, and discussion thereof, invited. No questions were raised.
11. CRICKET SCOTLAND ACADEMY (WEST) | REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (WEST): KY's and TH's reports were tabled, and questions thereon, and discussion thereof, invited. No questions were raised.
12. ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2016 JUNIOR COMPETITIONS: KY summarised the results from the consultation exercise recently carried out, and circulated the attached summary thereof. DJ summarised the background to the consultation exercise, noting that its genesis had been a discussion between himself, KY and Andy Tennant, Cricket Scotland Performance Director. DJ noted that he had organised the meeting because of concerns over many clubs fielding very short-sided teams during the 2015 season, as well as the quality of junior cricket being played. DJ invited comments from attendees.
- Uddingston CC said it felt a gap of three years between Under 10s and Under 13s was too big. DJ replied that there appeared little support for a change to Under 10s from Under 11s. He added that he had raised the possible option of Under 12s, Under 14s and Under 16s.
- Helensburgh CC noted that it had played only one B League match in season 2015, against Hillhead CC. It asked whether it was believed that moving to fixed fixture weeks would improve this. KY noted that it was thought that it might, as it made it clearer when matches between teams were to be scheduled, whilst retaining an element of flexibility in this area, being one of the attractions of the B Leagues.
- CD said that a big problem with organising B League fixtures was clubs not replying to requests for fixtures. Clubs must, CD added, reply to such requests if they enter a league. DJ confirmed that one B League division had seen no fixtures played at all in season 2015.
- DJ asked for comments on the option to change Under 18 cricket to Under 19 cricket. Ferguslie CC commented that getting junior teams to play on Sundays would be difficult, because many players were already playing



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senior or representative cricket. It was also, the club noted, hard to see how a change to Under 19s would improve the quality of play.

DJ asked whether those who had responded in favour of changing to Under 19s would remain in favour only if such a change happened in parallel with a move to 40 overs-a-side matches played on Sundays.

KY commented that there were really two issues: firstly whether the WDJCU should organise matches at Under 18 or Under 19 age-group, and, secondly, whether each club wanted to enter any such league. It was therefore entirely feasible, and not inconsistent, for a club to be in favour of a move to Under 19 but determine not to enter a team in such a league.

Helensburgh CC noted it had not fielded an Under 18 team in the past, and asked what the quality of play at that level was. DJ said it depended on the teams involved. Some were strong, but only a few, and often players were unavailable because they were playing representative cricket. Ferguslie CC added that getting Under 18 teams out was often difficult. KY reminded attendees that there were very one-side and/or poor quality matches played at all age-groups.

DJ reiterated that clubs need not enter a team at every age-group that was available. Hillhead CC commented that its decision to stop fielding an Under 18 team a few years ago had been a big mistake, and had directly led to the loss of players, including their best junior player who had interpreted the decision as a lack of ambition by the club.

Uddingston CC suggested that Under 10 “Kwik Cricket” moving to Sunday afternoons might be a good thing as it might see more parents getting involved.

DJ noted there seemed little appetite for a move to Under 19s matches played on Sundays.

DJ thanked clubs for engaging with the consultation exercise and then asked whether attendees were content to allow the Committee to discuss matters further and make changes in the light of the responses to the consultation exercise and discussion at the AGM, as considered appropriate. This was agreed.

13. ELECTION OF

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

DJ noted that Richard Young had resigned his position on the Committee, and thanked him for his service. The following, proposed by the Committee, were re-elected for a two-year term of office:

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



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George Watson – Committee member.

DJ asked if there were any other nominations for remaining Committee positions. East Renfrewshire CC proposed Ammar Ashraf ("AA"). Renfrew CC seconded AA's nomination. There no further nominations. AA was duly elected for a two-year term of office.

14. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:

It was agreed that TRI be reappointed as independent reviewer of the accounts of the WDJCU. DJ asked CD to thank TRI for his work.

15. AOCB:

"Kwik Cricket"

TH noted that the attendance record from 2015's "Kwik Cricket" festivals were available to review by attendees.

Coach and club development opportunities

TH noted that a list of each club's uptake of coach and club development opportunities was also available to review by attendees.

Regional Development Centre (West) squad

TH said that the Regional Development Centre (West) squad for winter 2015-16 had been finalised and was available to review by attendees. He added that it would be publicised on the west junior website later in the week.

TOPClub

TH awarded Greenock CC its TOPClub certification. TH added that a review of clubs' TOPClub statuses would be carried out over the winter.

Skills Award

TH awarded bowling mats to both East Renfrewshire CC and Poloc CC.

Indoor "Supers 8s"

TH intimated that the indoor tournament would be held between 27 and 30 December 2015, with separate Under 12, Under 15 and Under 19 competitions.

PVG Scheme

TH requested the opportunity to speak to a number of west clubs about the PVG Scheme.

Trophies

DJ awarded Ayr CC the Under 18 league trophy, and noted that all other league trophies and cups had been awarded previously.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Committee by Helensburgh CC.

Question	"Yes" as a	"Yes" as a
	percentage	percentage
	ALL RESPONSES	CLUBS
Would you support the U18 League becoming an U19 League?	90%	90%
Would support an U19 League being played on Sunday afternoons?	52%	54%
Would you support an U19 Sunday League being a 40 overs-a-side league?	57%	51%
Would you support the U15 League becoming an U16 League?	71%	79%
Would you support the U11 League becoming an U10 non-hardball League?	48%	46%
Would you support discontinuing Sunday morning U10 Kwik Cricket festivals?	48%	46%
Would you support the U13B League becoming an 8-a-side U13 League?	90%	89%
Would you support an 8-a-side U13 league having set weeks for fixtures?	90%	89%
Would you support the U16B League becoming an 8-a-side U16 League?	95%	93%
Would you support an 8-a-side U16 league having set weeks for fixtures?	95%	93%
Would you support single-club teams only in all leagues?	43%	36%
Would you support only age-eligible players being able to play in all leagues?	71%	75%
Would you support a minimum of nine players being required in 11-a-side matches?	57%	48%
Would you support a minimum of six players being required in 8-a-side matches?	95%	96%