



Western Junior Cricket Union

THE WESTERN DISTRICT JUNIOR CRICKET UNION ("WDJCU")

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

held at

TITWOOD on 20 NOVEMBER 2017 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Dougie Johnstone – Chairman
 Keith Young – Secretary
 Colin Dawson – Treasurer
 Ammar Ashraf – Committee member and Cricket Scotland Community Engagement
 Coordinator
 John Blair – Committee member
 Ann Hargie – Committee member
 Tim Hart – Committee member and Cricket Scotland West Regional Participation
 Manager
 Parvase Majeed – Committee member
 George Watson – Committee member

IN ATTENDANCE:

CLUB REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Dougie Johnstone (Ayr CC)
David Hart (Clydesdale CC)
Tim Hart (Clydesdale CC)
Stephen Allison (Drumpellier CC)
Steve Newman (East Kilbride CC)
Derek Wright (East Kilbride CC)
Ammar Ashraf (East Renfrewshire CC)
Stuart Cameron (Ferguslie CC)
Sam Scott (Ferguslie CC)
Colin Dawson (Glasgow Accies CC)
Colin McDougall (Greenock CC)
Barri Gilani (Hillhead CC)
Ian Holland (Hillhead CC)
John Blair (Inverclyde CC)
Derek Neil (Irvine CC)
Neil MacLean (Kelburne CC)
Martin Pollock (Kelburne CC)
Mark Colman (Kilmarnock CC)
Keith Young (Poloc CC)
Parvase Majeed (Renfrew CC)
George Watson (Prestwick CC)



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Michael Bang (Stenhousemuir CC)
Gavin Anderson (Stirling County CC)
Ian Shaw (Stirling County CC)
Ann Hargie (Uddingston CC)
John Hargie (Uddingston CC)
John McCrossan (Weirs CC)
Mike Ashworth (West of Scotland CC)
Jon Barnes (Victoria CC)

CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED:

GHK CC
Helensburgh CC
Vale of Leven CC

- CHAIR: WDJCU Chairman, Dougie Johnstone ("DJ") chaired the meeting.
1. APOLOGIES: Stuart Jefferson (Ayr CC), Emma Norris (Greenock CC), Ian Chambers (Helensburgh CC), Alan Thayne (Prestwick CC) and Colin Mair (West of Scotland 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 7 November 2016, circulated to all members in advance of the AGM, were approved after being proposed by Kilmarnock CC and seconded by Renfrew CC. Keith Young ("KY") asked whether there were any comments on the Minutes and/or corrections thereto. None were raised.
4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: DJ formally welcomed attendees to the WDJCU AGM and noted the recent passing of Bobby Hill of Kilmarnock CC, requesting that the condolences of the WDJCU be passed on to Bobby Hill's family.
- DJ then 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. No questions were raised.
5. TREASURER'S REPORT: Colin Dawson's ("CD") report and the WDJCU accounts for the year ended 30 September 2017 were tabled. CD commented that the accounts again reflected the small number of financial transactions during the financial year, the Indoor Super 8s tournament being the main source of income and expenditure, with the non-recurring costs of the website upgrade also



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being incurred during the year. Questions thereon, and discussion thereof, were invited. No questions were raised.

6. LEAGUE SECRETARY'S REPORT:

KY's report was tabled, and questions thereon, and discussion thereof, invited. Renfrew CC asked what percentage of matches the 78 cancellations represented. KY said he would calculate this and circulate it to clubs. No further 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.

8. INDOOR SUPER 8s REPORT:

TH's report was tabled, and questions thereon, and discussion thereof, invited. No questions were raised.

TH noted that the 2017 tournament would take place over the usual four days between Christmas and New Year.

9. CRICKET SCOTLAND REGIONAL ACADEMY:

KY's report was tabled, and questions thereon, and discussion thereof, invited. No questions were raised.

10. REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE:

TH's report was tabled, and questions thereon, and discussion thereof, invited. No questions were raised.

Colin McDougall ("CM"), Cricket Scotland's Child Protection Officer ("CPO") was invited to address the AGM. He made the following points:

- many WDJCU member clubs had attended the recent PVG update training;
- a number of WDJCU member clubs, however, were still to do so;
- the training was, CM said, useful, particularly for people new to CPO roles;
- there would be a "catch up" training day at Stirling County CC on 21 January 2018;
- Cricket Scotland had developed a generic "Child Wellbeing and Protection Policy";
- some clubs' existing policies were good, others' not;
- Cricket Scotland would like all clubs to have the same policy;
- *Children First* and *sportscotland* had had input to its new generic policy, as had CM;
- most clubs' policies were too "weighty" CM suggested;



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- specific "Safe in cricket" guidelines had been put in to the new generic policy, dealing with issues such as changing rooms and away match arrangements;
- there would be training for CPOs on the new generic policy in the New Year;
- "In safe hands", with a cricket slant, would be part of this training;
- it was likely that adopting the new generic policy would be made mandatory by Cricket Scotland for its member clubs, and clubs would have to confirm adoption thereof to it;
- if a club adopted Cricket Scotland's policy then it would be Cricket Scotland's responsibility to keep it up-to-date; and
- there was a "Safeguarding and protecting children" course taking place on Sunday the 26th of November in the west of Scotland, going through such a course being a mandatory requirement for anyone at a club carrying out what is referred to as "regulated work".

Questions on what CM had said were invited.

Renfrew CC suggested all WDJCU member clubs could attend the required training on the same date, thereby resulting in everyone requiring to attend refresher courses at the same time. CM noted that if training courses were put on then clubs had to be prepared to support these.

East Kilbride CC asked whether completing online courses in this area was worthwhile. CM said he knew that the *ECB* facilitated this as part of attendees' completion of some of its coaching modules. East Kilbride CC asked how often people should attend training courses. CM said that "every three years" was often cited, however this was not essential as legislation did not change as often as this. Three years would not, CM added, be noted in Cricket Scotland's new generic child protection documentation. There was also, CM added, the option of attending a "Safeguarding and protecting children 2" course.

DJ asked whether overseas players coming in to Scotland were required to attend child protection training. CM said that the PVG Scheme regime was the better process to follow, PVG Scheme membership for overseas players being something clubs should initiate immediately they arrive. At present, CM said, applications to join the scheme took about three weeks to process. CM also noted that clubs could request their overseas players to obtain equivalents of PVG Scheme memberships in their home countries before coming to Scotland. He said details of equivalent schemes could be found from links on the Cricket Scotland website.

TH reiterated the course that was taking place on 26 November 2017.

11. ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2018



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JUNIOR COMPETITIONS: KY outlined the discussions that the Committee had undertaken in arriving at draft proposals for junior competitions in 2018. KY circulated a one-page summary of the Committee's conclusions, highlighting where these both aligned with and deviated from Cricket Scotland's recently presented proposed junior pathways. KY noted that copies of Cricket Scotland's presentation documentation were available for attendees to collect if they did not already have these.

Questions and/or comments on the draft proposals for 2018 junior competitions were invited.

Uddingston CC noted that use of an "incrediball" had been suggested at Under 12.

Stenhousemuir CC noted that batters retiring after facing a specific number of balls, and not having scored a particular number of runs, had also been suggested.

East Renfrewshire CC asked how many attendees had discussed Cricket Scotland's presentation with coaches at their clubs.

Drumpellier CC asked whether the proposed pitch lengths should be shorter still, given Cricket Scotland's presentation.

Victoria CC asked what was proposed as regards determining what was a wide, if reducing the number of wides was at least one of the component parts of the thinking behind Cricket Scotland's presentation.

Ferguslie CC noted that shortening the pitch lengths was to help smaller and/or younger bowlers.

Renfrew CC noted that another part of the thinking behind Cricket Scotland's presentation had been adopting match formats that reduced player inactivity during matches.

Stirling County CC noted that the better and/or stronger junior players should not be playing at their own age-group if they were too strong for this, noting that players playing at appropriate "ages and stages" should be the determining factor.

Ayr CC noted that some clubs might not have teams at all age-groups and, as such, say, an Under 11 could only play at this age-group if there was no older age-group team for them to play in.

Kilmarnock CC suggested that the Committee invite member clubs to submit comments on the draft proposals before a set future date, say four



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weeks from the AGM, in order to avoid discussion of *minutiae* at the meeting. This was agreed by the meeting.

West of Scotland CC asked why the proposed Under 14 League was eleven-a-side.

Renfrew CC noted that eleven-a-side leagues had been in place at Under 13, 15 and 18 age-groups historically and that the Under 14 league was, in effect, a replacement for the Under 13 League and, therefore, was eleven-a-side. The recently-introduced leagues at Under 14 and Under 16 were, in contrast, eight-a-side.

TH asked why there was an Under 11 League still being proposed. KY noted that the Committee had wanted to retain four leagues so that the well-established Monday and Friday night "slots" were retained for junior cricket. With Kwik Cricket using Sunday mornings, and All Stars Cricket being accommodated by participating clubs on evenings of their choices, retaining an Under 11 League meant that there would still be two age-group leagues running on both Mondays and Fridays.

East Renfrewshire CC read out the statistics from Cricket Australia, included in the Cricket Scotland presentation, that had been collated from its trialling of the Junior 1, 2 and 3 formats outlined.

Clydesdale CC asked if it was correct that an Under 10 Kwik Cricket team could have a minimum of just one player. KY noted that this reflected the fact that a club could attend Kwik Cricket "festivals" with just one player knowing that he or she would be able to participate in a combined team.

Drumpellier CC noted that the statistics from Cricket Australia seemed to back up the presentation.

12. AOB:

TH noted that he had been asked to highlight "Cricket Coaching Mats" by David Cooper.

TH asked whether using an "incrediball" in the Under 12 Indoor Super 8s tournament could be agreed. There were no objections to this.

TH asked whether clubs entering teams in the Indoor Super 8s could be required to pay their entrance fees at the same time to prevent the WDJCU being left with unnecessary liabilities in the event of a team pulling out. There were no objections to this.

West of Scotland CC asked whether there was any thought to introduce some kind of development cricket league for older youngsters now that it was being proposed that the Under 18 League be discontinued. DJ noted that a number of clubs entered development teams in the WDCU Evening



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League. Renfrew CC noted that entering development teams in the WDCU Sunday League was also an option. West of Scotland CC noted that they did this but regularly found that their development teams came up against other clubs' 1st XI players. TH noted that Clydesdale CC's development team playing in the WDCU Sunday League had travelled to Dumfries CC and played against a team featuring both Dumfries CC's overseas players. Uddingston CC asked if this was, in fact, actually a matter for the WDCU.

13. ELECTION OF

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

The following, proposed by the Committee, were re-elected for a two-year term of office:

Parvase Majeed – Vice-Chairman;
Ammar Ashraf – Committee member;
John Blair – Committee member; and
George Watson – Committee member.

KY invited proposals for Chairman. East Renfrewshire CC proposed Parvase Majeed. This was seconded by Stenhousemuir CC. There were no other proposals. Parvase Majeed was, therefore, elected Chairman for a two-year term of office.

KY invited proposals for Secretary. Renfrew CC proposed Ann Hargie. This was seconded by East Renfrewshire CC. There were no other proposals. Ann Hargie was, therefore, elected Secretary for a two-year term of office.

KY noted that Parvase Majeed's election as Chairman therefore left the role of Vice-Chairman to be filled. KY invited proposals for Vice-Chairman. Renfrew CC proposed Ammar Ashraf. This was seconded by Stirling County CC. There were no other proposals. Ammar Ashraf was, therefore, elected Vice-Chairman for a two-year term of office.

KY noted that Ann Hargie's election as Secretary therefore left a role of Committee member to be filled. KY asked if there were any nominations for the remaining Committee position. Suet-Lin Teo was proposed by Uddingston CC and seconded by West of Scotland CC. It was noted that Suet-Lin Teo was not present at the meeting and, as such, her appointment for a two-year term of office would be subject to her agreement.

FerguslieCC asked whether the Constitution allowed the nomination of someone not present at the meeting. KY said he believed the Constitution was silent on the matter, adding that anyone so nominated could refuse after the meeting.

Kilmarnock CC asked whether there were any Constitutional issues raised by Ammar Ashraf becoming an office bearer given his employment by Cricket Scotland. KY said he did not believe there were any.



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There being no further business, the meeting closed.