

CHESHIRE CRICKET BOARD LIMITED
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 6 DECEMBER 2019 – 10.45am AT MOSS FARM

1. **Attendance:** P.Davies (Chairman), M.Tyerman (Vice Chairman), M.D.Roff (Treasurer), D.W.Sharp (Secretary), S.Davies (Management Group Chairman), D.Bailey (County Club), D.T.Humpage (Clubs), D.Batty (Youth Cricket), J.Rafferty (County Welfare Officer), R.C.Newton (Director of Cricket). Apology C.A.Forshaw
2. **Minutes of the Meeting 13 Sept 2019.** Agreed and signed as a true record.
3. **Matters Arising from Minutes of the Meeting**
 - 3.1 **Board Composition (item 3.1 of 13 Sept Meeting).**
 - 3.1.1 **Catherine Forshaw.** Catherine has joined the Board as an independent non-executive director.
 - 3.1.2 **Governance.** Details of Governance Reform, one of the 26 priority areas of Inspiring Generations and the County Partnership Agreement Standards 2020-2024, had been forwarded to members. Board and County Club representatives had since attended an informal in-house meeting to discuss the requirements, and Peter Davies and David Bailey had attended an ECB North Meeting at Headingley on 5 Nov. Governance Reform includes Gold, Silver and Bronze requirements. Boards are expected to be compliant to 'Silver' standard, and County Clubs (non-first class) to 'Bronze' standard. The Chairman said that we should be working towards these standards and looking at the Rules (Constitutions) of the Board and its three constituent members. ECB is to provide templates for use in preparing Rules which conform with its requirements. Once these templates are made available we can assess the need for any independent support (see also item 12).
 - 3.2 **Seniors (item 3.3 of 13 Sept Meeting).** Cheshire Seniors are now aligned with Cheshire CCC within the Cheshire cricket family reporting to the Board via Cheshire CCC, seeking financial support as and when direct from the Board (as previously).
4. **Board Management Group.** The MG Chairman referred members to the minutes of the MG Meeting on 19 November which had been circulated to the Directors.
 - 4.1 **CPA 1920-24 Funding.** Payments to Boards for the various CPA funding pots (Core Funding, Talent/Performance, 'Over Index', and Facilities) will be paid monthly from ECB.
 - 4.2 **Chance to Shine Funding.** Funding is available for Primary and Secondary Schools for 2019/2020
 - 4.3 **County Age Group.** In addition to the ECB funding for Boys U14, U15 & U18, and Girls U13, U15 & U17 teams, additional funding will be provided from ECB for Girls and Boys in general across all teams. Note – additionally hitherto CYC and the Board has provided all £funding support for Boys U10, U11, U12. U13, U16/17, Girls U11, and seven District Teams.
 - 4.4 **Board employee changes.** With the addition of Stewart Garnett and Joanne Herbertson from January, the Board will then employ a total of 20 full time staff to help support, promote and develop the recreational game.
 - 4.5 **Website Upgrade.** The website upgrade will be completed early in 2020. A modern, professional, fully functioning and maintained website is an essential part of our business operation.
 - 4.6 **Cheshire Cricket Trust.** The Trustees met on 22 November 2019
 - 4.6.1 **Defibrillators.** The Trust continues to provide £500 for Clubs with no defibrillator. *(Note – through the Board's awareness initiative 63 Clubs are now recorded as having access to a defibrillator – all listed on the Board's website - there may be more)*
 - 4.6.2 **Sophie Staniforth.** Sophie has agreed to become a Trustee, and joins Karl Bamford, Mike Guest, John Petch, David Sharp and Sarah McCann.
 - 4.6.3 **W&G Coaching Officer.** The Trustees agreed to pay £3000 towards the continued employment of Kerry Hartnett as a W&G Coaching Officer with the Board.
 - 4.6.4 **Umpires & Scorers Courses.** The Trustees agreed to offer to fund the attendance of young people at appropriate training courses which may be planned by the Cheshire Umpires & Scorers Association.
5. **Secretary**
 - 5.1 **OSCAs.** Our nominees attended the OSCAs event at Lord's in October. Benjamin Whalley (Davenham CC) was runner up in the Young Volunteer Category (age 14-18).
 - 5.2 **Board Officials 2020-21.** The office of Management Group Chairman would be advertised during December following which the Nominations Committee would consider the appointments before the AGM in Feb 2020 (date tba). The existing office holder (Mr.S.Davies) is eligible for re-election and willing to stand.
 - 5.3 **County Board Bulletin.** DWS referred members to the ECB County Board Bulletin which is circulated periodically by email on request to those interested within cricket – a short and easy read, with topical items of general interest. DWS was asked to circulate the most recent bulletin with a note for those members not on the mailing list to join should they so wish.
6. **Treasurer**
 - 6.1 **RBS Bank Account.** The balance in our RBS account remains satisfactory.
 - 6.2 **Board Accounts 2018/2019.** The Accounts showing a small deficit were circulated to Board Members prior to the meeting and approved at the meeting. Proposed by D.T.Humpage. Seconded by M.Tyerman. The accounts will be formally adopted at the AGM in February. It was agreed that the year end should continue to be 30 September.
 - 6.3 **Investment.** The investment with the Nationwide was rolled over at the anniversary date.
 - 6.4 **CYC Accounts.** As most CYC transactions are made using the Board's Cvent system involving monies moving to and from the Board and CYC, the Board agreed to the Treasurer's recommendation, already

approved by CYC, that it is more practical for the Board to take full control of these transactions, and CYC transfers its account to the Board. The CYC Treasurer will still oversee CYC financial affairs.

7. Director of Cricket. In addition to his input elsewhere at the meeting RCN reported as follows:

7.1 Clothing Supply Agreement. The four-year contract for the supply of clothing between Cheshire Cricket Board Ltd and SurrIDGE SDL Group Ltd expires on 30 Sept 2020. It was agreed that the arrangement had been successful. It was further agreed that the Board wished to enter into discussions with SurrIDGE for a probable renewal of the arrangement without the need to consider alternative suppliers. RCN to initiate a sub-group to consider the Board's requirements for subsequent discussion with the supplier.

7.2 CPA 2020-2024. The Board led by Gareth Moorhouse continues to prepare the necessary 'plan' to support its applications for funding outlined in 4.1 above.

7.3 Small Grants. As reported at the Sept Meeting, following bids from the Clubs, the Prioritisation Panel awarded 25 Clubs a total of £45338 (total bid was £56000). The balance of £15338 was to have been paid by the Board but was eventually paid by ECB.

7.4 Coaching Courses. The Children's Development Scheme Courses continue to be well attended. Record numbers have enrolled on the Children's Advanced Courses.

The Coach Ed Courses are well subscribed especially the new L1 Foundation Courses. ECB has set a price of £150 for this new L1 course for starter coaches, and the Board will refund £75 of this cost to the coach's club on request at the end of the season with evidence that the coach has coached at that club during the season. The Board continues to subsidise the UKCC2 Courses.

7.5 ECB Staff Changes. The ECB Regional Team has been 'streamlined'.

7.6 King's School Macclesfield. The King's School is re-locating to a £60m development on Alderley Road in the summer of 2020. RCN reported on his meeting with School representatives regarding their plans for sport which include a 3 lane purpose built cricket facility.

8. Cheshire County Cricket Club. David Bailey referred members to the minutes of the AGM 18 November and General Committee Meeting 7 October which had been circulated prior to the Meeting. The minutes of the General Committee Meeting dated 18 November would be forwarded when available.

8.1 NCCA Showcase Matches. Each non first class County Club will play a first class county in 2020. Cheshire will play Warwickshire at Chester BHCC on Fri 17 July.

8.2 Away Matches v Cambridgeshire and Suffolk. The County Club has two one day matches v Cambridgeshire at March Town CC on Sun 7 June, and v Suffolk at Bury St Edmonds on Sun 28 June necessitating long cross country journeys for the players on Saturday evenings after the conclusion of the Saturday league programme. DB sought a lead from the Board regarding amendment to the match programmes for those weekends. The Board was keen to respect the wishes of all Clubs and therefore reluctant to support postponement of the league programme on those Saturdays or impose universal earlier starts. It was agreed that DTH would consult with his colleagues within the League structure to see what support could be offered, all with the agreement of the Clubs likely to be involved on those Saturdays.

8.3 Seniors. A report from Garry Hambleton had been circulated prior to the meeting (see Appendix 1)

9. Cheshire Clubs Cricket Committee. David Humpage referred members to his report which had been circulated prior to the meeting (see Appendix 2). No matters arose from the report.

10. Cheshire Youth Cricket. David Batty referred members to his report and a report from the Coaches Association which had been circulated prior to the meeting (see Appendix 3).

11. County Welfare Officer. Julie Rafferty referred members to her report which is attached to these minutes (see Appendix 4). No matters arose from the report.

12. AOB. Following a discussion at the recent Clubs Committee Meeting JR contacted Catherine Forshaw (CF) regarding advice on a review of the Clubs Committee Rules. CF had replied with estimated costs for a full review and preparation of a new constitution documentation adding that if more than one constitution is reviewed and rewritten there will be a lot of overlap in terms of content which would be reflected in the fee per constitution. As stated in 3.1.2 above the Board agreed to await availability of the ECB templates so we can assess the need for independent support.

13. Dates of 2020 Meeting. Fridays 21 Feb (inc AGM), 15 May, 18 Sept and 4 Dec at Moss Farm

Signed

Appendix 1 **CHESHIRE SENIORS COUNTY CRICKET CLUB**
Report to Cheshire CCC November 2019

A successful tour to South Africa took place in February, comprising predominantly O60/70's. The home season proved somewhat rainy and in consequence all teams experienced some cancellations. Despite this, enjoyment and good team spirit pervaded; the O70s reached the National final but lost to Essex.

CSCCC now has a Trophy Cabinet, thanks to Warrington CC, who regularly host our nets and some of our home matches. The cabinet was surplus to the needs of their Squash Club colleagues, and it now stands in their clubhouse displaying various accumulated trophies and memorabilia.

In October, Chairman Garry Hambleton was approached by David Bailey, Chairman of Cheshire County Cricket Club, with the proposal that Cheshire Seniors CCC be affiliated to the County Club. After due consultation this was approved by all members who welcomed the acquisition of this status. Formal confirmation from Cheshire CCC was expected soon at the time of writing.

Over 50s P7 W2 L4 NR1

New players appeared and there were notable performances in the later games, both with bat and ball, auguring well for 2020. Mel Dobson was a popular captain and Tim Jackson an excellent team manager and superb wicket keeper, already top of the list in O50s history.

Over 60s 1st XI P8 W3 L4 NR1 Vase Competition - P5 W2 L1 NR2

The team finished 3rd in their North group, qualifying for the Vase competition North where they were runners up. Paul Mitchell, well recovered from a heart attack, scored 2 fifties and one century (175 n.o.), Phil Thomas 2 centuries, and Steve Yates 2 fifties, stalwarts all. Bowling was shared around.

Over 60s 2nd XI P6 W2 L3 NR1 Plate Competition - P5 W2 L2 NR1

The team finished 3rd in their group, qualifying for the Plate competition, where they again finished 3rd. There was some reliance on O70 players, and there are hopes for more players in 2020.

Over 70s

The team enjoyed an excellent season and qualified for the National Knockout Final played at Cirencester against Essex. On the day, the latter proved a better team, and performed well to leave Cheshire runners up. During the season Nick Bell and Nick Sharp score centuries; the bowling was usually tight, which was important to the team's success. Stewart MacLeod took a hat trick against Leicestershire at Warrington. Thanks are due to popular captain Ken Crofton, instigator of O70s team, who, at the close of the season announced his retirement, ending over 20 years of participation in Seniors cricket.

CSCCC, as ever, is most grateful to Cheshire Cricket Board for their tremendous moral and financial support, and for their suggestion of affiliation to Cheshire CCC.

APPENDIX 2 - Cheshire Clubs Cricket Committee

We are now into the "political" part of the year, when the emphasis moves from actually playing the game to matters of rule changes, and clubs deciding how many teams to field in 2020 or indeed whether they can carry on at all.

Two mergers have actually been announced, Nantwich taking over Weston, and Congleton merging with Mossley. Another merger is being actively discussed but not finalised at the time of this report. Offerton CC have decided to leave the Derbyshire and Cheshire League and move back to the Cheshire County Pyramid. With all this movement the production of the 2020 fixtures for the UKFast League will of course have to be delayed until early in 2020. County League fixtures for 1st. and 2nd.XIs are more stable, and are currently being processed. Again the Sunday fixtures for the County League will be produced early in the new year when the movement of teams into or out of the structure is known. It looks likely that the West division will be disbanded as not enough clubs in that area want regular Sunday league games.

On the umpiring front, John Williams has taken over as Chairman of the County League Umpires and Scorers Association – we wish him well in his new role. Ian Greensmith the previous incumbent has replaced Geoff Young as Appointments Secretary. Derek Barnett is proving an active Chairman for the Cheshire ACO with a number of new initiatives.

I am pleased to announce that David Gane has taken over the running of the Cheshire Cup and Shield competitions, and Jon Hacking will be running the County League 20/20. Both will need to use their negotiating skills to manage the potential clashes with the numerous fixtures for the County sides. The County League 20/20 finals day, and indeed the Area Finals take place in July when Cheshire have a fixture on every Sunday, so clashes are inevitable.

The Under 19 competition was once again a great success thanks to Gareth, whose interest in junior cricket is proving very valuable indeed.

All is currently quite on the Womens Cricket Scene, although watch this space ! I had the annual pleasure of attending the Presentation Evening and Dinner, and the enthusiasm of the participants was plain to see. This is a growing part of our game, and must be given the attention it deserves.

The Groundsmen have held their AGM, linked with a presentation from the head groundsman at Edgebaston. Unfortunately I was unable to attend but gather that the evening was a success. Like cricketers the grounds are taking a rest, but hopefully will come back to life in the spring.

Thanks again to Gareth and to Jess for her efforts on the women's side of the game. Where would we be without them !

APPENDIX 3 **Cheshire Youth Cricket inc Coaches Association**

Awards Dinner over 270 in attendance. George Balderson 19s England Captain in hot seat with Gareth. Well received discussion. Many thanks to Gareth for all his work behind the scenes collecting all relevant information.

Good contact with First Class Counties.

Rob Jones and George Balderson Pro Contracts with Lancs.
Ben Gibbon, Sam Perry and Ed Fluck played for Lancs seconds.
Sophie Ecclestone. England, Indian IPL., Lancs Thunder.
Tilly Kesteven. Lancs Regional Centre.

Boys 13s Won Taunton Festival. Boys 17s National Finalists.
District Performance Programme embracing 100 ball comp.

Facilities Upgrade.

Grange, Hartford. September 2019. King's Macclesfield 2020. Tytherington HS 2019.

Club 13s/15s Boys Comps.

13s Cheshire Group to be completed by Sunday 5th July

15s Bye in first round making national game on Sunday 19th July.

Many thanks as usual to Mike and Jane for running these on behalf of Cheshire.

Kit Contract for CYC Clothing expires 2021. Need to contact other teams to make sure they have input.
Suggest Sub Group is formed to deal with.

Cheshire ECB CA – Dec 2019

Membership is a healthy 400 with capacity to increase over the coming months with the introduction of the new Foundation 1 course.

Our ECB CA association was again successful in remaining compliant both in terms of administration and activities/events held for our members.

Feedback has been positive, we continue to work closely with the ECB to maximise our coaching support we give to clubs and coaches (old and new).

ECB CA Rebate of £1500 - £4 for each member

Areas of compliance Two annual masterclasses / Hold at Two committee meetings / Regular Communication with our members / CPD Opportunities

ECB Coaching Ambassador Scheme – Now Launched

Aims

- Recruit new coaches to satisfy the game's demand for players to be coached
- Being an advocate - Share information with coaches and represent their interests
- Unlocking potential to help coaches understand their opportunities within the ECB Coach Development pathways, take responsibility for their own development and therefore unlock their potential

Benefits and Support

- A valued member of the coaching family and integral part of the county team
- Frequent liaison with County Coach Development Manager
- Local county board and/or county cricket club support (e.g. tickets, discounted clothing, WhatsApp group etc...)
- Subsidised CPD opportunities supported by counties
- Reward and recognition in county and through a new category in ECB Coach Awards

Cheshire ECB CA Chair and DCO's now working with clubs to identify Coaching Ambassadors. Plan is to have at least one per focus club who we can communicate and work with.

Formal Coach Education

Level 2 Course Numbers – from Jan 2020 - Wilmslow Jan – Coaching Children - Full

New Foundation 1 Course (max no 18)

Grange School – Nov 2019 – Full

Wilmslow 1 – 1st Feb - Full

Wilmslow 2 - 8th Feb – Full

Wilmslow 3 (women only) – 29 Feb

Wilmslow 4 – 1 March

Wilmslow 5 – 7 March

Wilmslow 6 - 8 March
Birkenhead Park CC – 21 April
South Cheshire - tbc

Informal CPD

Cheshire Cricket Board Conference

Saturday 21st March at Wilmslow High School

An event held for all our ECB CA members and qualified coaches. At this time, we're looking at some guest speakers to come and deliver the event and have a programme in place early New Year. A save the date message has been sent to our ECB CA Members.

First Aid Courses - 10th March – Upton CC / 3rd March - Langley CC / 25 February – Grappenhall CC / 11 February Elworth CC / 6th February

APPENDIX 4 County Welfare Officer

Safe Hand Training

Initially 5 Safe Hands training workshops were planned:

11th November – Neston – Refresher

*18th November – CCB – New

*25th November – Hyde – Refresher

24th February 2020 – CCB – New

24th March 2020 – Bramhall – Refresher

The 1st refresher workshop took place with 9 attendees from Wirral clubs, but the response for the workshops on 18th and 25th November was poor so they were cancelled and will be rescheduled for 2020. Although they did come at a bad time for me personally and I wasn't able to pursue people and clubs to fill the workshops.

Although clubs were aware of the dates with plenty of notice, quite a few clubs have yet to have AGMs and key role holders have not been confirmed so we will have to think about whether we organise all the Safe Hands workshops in the 3-4 months prior to the start of the season

Staff training – November

This was a worthwhile session with the DCO's to discuss their concerns for the season and the current trends in relation to safeguarding incidents (previously mentioned in the September 2019 report). Over the last 12 months there has been a considerable improvement in communication and discussion between DCO's and me about safeguarding concerns/ issues.

County Welfare Officer Conference

Key information:

New Head of Safeguarding – Sara Niblock – previously in the police and more recently the FA

Announced 2 new roles – County Safeguarding Advisors, helping to support county boards

Statistics about clubs:

- 7000 clubs
- 5000 juniors sections
- 3166 junior sections recorded by ECB
- 1792 Clubmark clubs - may change 31/10/19
- 2500 CWO

New agreed training requirements:

Club Welfare Officer - Online SG course (almost ready for sign off) & Safe Hands Course (non-negotiable F2F attendance) - approved by Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU)

Board, Chair & committee members - online training "Safeguarding for Committees" (40 mins)

“Opening up Cricket”

During the County Welfare Officers Conference, mental health statistics were discussed relating to adults and children. In view of this, I have spoken to Mark Boyns who is the co-founder of “Opening Up Cricket” about delivering some sessions for clubs, county and board regarding mental health in sport, cricket in particular. The sessions are delivered free. I am proposing to organise at least 3 sessions across the county. The sessions will be about 2hrs long

Club Mark to Trust Mark

In view of Sport England no longer supporting and endorsing Club Mark after this year, it's now the responsibility of each NGB to consider their options. Initially, the ECB are applying “Trust Mark” in the initial stages (the name may change) which encourages all clubs to register and apply good safeguarding practices within their club. I will be supporting clubs and DCO's to ensure the processes are applied and understood in 2020.