

CHESHIRE CRICKET BOARD LIMITED
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT CHESHIRE FA OFFICES, MOSS FARM
ON FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2022 – 10.45am

1. Attendance: Peter Davies (Chair), Mike Tyerman (Vice Chair), Mike Guest (Treasurer, and for Karl Bamford CYC), David Sharp (Secretary), Scott Elliott (Management Group Chair), David Humpage (Clubs), David Bailey (County Club), Di Totty (Independent Non-Executive Director), Neeruj Luthra (Independent Non-Executive Director), Julie Rafferty (County Safeguarding Officer), Richard Newton (Director of Cricket). **Apology:** Karl Bamford (CYC). **By invitation:** Nigel Muirhead

The Chair led a period of silence in recognition of the death of Queen Elizabeth II who had died the previous day.

The Chair welcomed Scott Elliott to his first meeting as Management Group Chair. The Chair also welcomed Nigel Muirhead who had been invited to the meeting as an observer (see item 3.1.2. below)

2. Minutes of the Meeting 20 May 2022. The dates of the remaining 2022 meetings should have read 9 September and 2 December. The minutes were amended and then signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising from Minutes of the Meeting 20 May 2022

3.1 Governance - Appointments Process- (item 3.1 of 20 May Meeting).

3.1.1. Management Group Chair. At the May meeting it was agreed to offer the role to Scott Elliott, and if he accepted to formally appoint Scott as MG Chair. Scott was offered the role on 21 May and he accepted on 22 May. Since then we have completed the formalities with Companies House to register Scott as a Director of CCB. Scott chaired his first meeting of the MG on 22 July. It was agreed that the two-year tenure of office cycle defined in the rules begins formally at the Feb 2023 AGM

At the May meeting we recorded that in view of the quality of the two applicants not appointed it was suggested that consideration be given to finding another role within the organisation. The suggestion would be kept under review

3.1.2. Chair. Following the May Board Meeting it was agreed that Peter, Mike T and Mike G should meet with Nigel Muirhead to progress an appointment. That meeting took place on 17 June and a report supportive of Nigel was circulated to everyone. At that meeting Nigel expressed a wish to meet with Di and Scott. That meeting took place on 25 July after which Nigel confirmed his wish to be considered for the role. This wish was conveyed to Board members on 26 July following which members confirmed their agreement to Nigel's nomination to the 2023 AGM (Feb 2023) for the appointment as Chair for a period of two years. Until that time it was agreed that Nigel would work alongside Peter until the AGM when Peter formally steps down.

3.1.3. Vice Chair. In May it was agreed that Di Totty be nominated to the 2023 AGM for appointment as Vice Chair for a period of two years following the retirement of the existing Vice Chair at that AGM. For the record Di started with the Board in 2020 and the two-year tenure of office cycle defined in the rules began formally at the Feb 2021 AGM.

3.1.4. Safeguarding Lead. Following our May meeting the role of Safeguarding Lead was advertised. One expression of interest was received, from Nick Brooks. Julie, Peter and Richard met with Nick Brooks last week and advised that he is passionate/knowledgeable about safeguarding, especially at Club level and they feel confident that Julie and Nick will develop a strong partnership. Their recommendation that Nick Brooks be offered the role of Board Lead for Safeguarding from today's date was accepted. The two-year tenure of office cycle defined in the rules will begin formally at the Feb 2023 AGM. *Since the Board Meeting Nick has accepted the role and is liaising with Julie. He will be invited to the December Board Meeting.*

3.1.5 EDI Lead. For confirmation and as recorded in the September Meeting minutes, Neeruj Luthra, was appointed at the AGM in February 2022 for a period of two years.

3.1.6 Women & Girls Lead. The nomination of Di Totty to the 2023 AGM for appointment as Vice Chair leaves a vacancy on the Board of Women & Girls Lead. A Nominations Committee comprising Peter, Mike T, Di and Julie was agreed. Once a role description was prepared and agreed the role would be advertised.

3.2 Members Rules/Constitutions (item 3.1.3 of 18 Feb Meeting). the three Board Members (County Club, Clubs, and Youth) continue to consider their constitutions/rules in line with the ECB CPA Governance requirements.

4. Director of Cricket inc Board Management Group (BMG).

The BMG met on 28 July and the minutes circulated to the Directors and Member Representatives.

On behalf of the BMG and combined with his own report RCN summarised activity since the May Board Meeting as follows:

- 4.1 Children's Development Courses.** The Children's Summer and Autumn course numbers have been very encouraging. Richard presented a statistical analysis showing course attendance over the past few years which stimulated a healthy discussion around how to provide cricketing opportunities in non-traditional areas.
- 4.2 Junior Leagues.** Richard presented a summary demonstrating an increase in the number of teams in each League.
- 4.3 All Stars and Dynamos.** Girls' attendees is 3.4% of National market share with just over 900 participants (8th numerically in the country). Boys and Girls participants combined is 3.6% of the market share and occupies 7th place nationally.
- 4.4 Community** taster sessions have taken place and our first Chance to Shine Street programme has commenced in Stockport.
- 4.5 Clubmark.** 85 Clubs were successfully accredited in 2022 including two new Clubs (Maritime and High Lane)
- 4.6 County Grant Fund** still proves popular with c£40000 left in the pot for this year (to 31 October).
- 4.7 Coach Development.** 52 Core Coach and 72 Foundation 1 candidates have qualified over the last 12 months. Plans are in place for a full complement of courses for 2022/23. The Board agreed 50% refund to Clubs on above courses for any of their members who successfully completed the course and assisted with coaching during the season. Coaching bursaries are available for females, people with a disability and ethnically diverse communities.
- 4.8 Schools Coaching.** Just under 6000 hours was delivered in Primary Schools and over 500 hours to girls in Secondary Schools over the last 12 months.
- 4.9 EDI Training.** Online EDI Training for Staff and the wider cricketing network remains a focus for the Board.
- 4.10 CPA Meeting.** The Board will be given an opportunity to present progress to ECB via the County Cricket Partnership (CPA) meeting in December.

5. Secretary

- 5.1 Grassroots Cricket Awards.** The 2nd Awards evening shared with Lancashire to reward volunteers across the network takes place 7 October 2022 at Old Trafford. There were over 70 nominations. The Board panel (Mike T, David and Gareth Moorhouse) met on 5 Sept to select the following winners in the 11 categories:

Connecting Communities - **Mahmudur Rubel (Hyde All Stars project)**
 Inspired to Play – **Ray Bell (Stockport Georgians)**
 Rising Star – **Archie Riley (Chester BH)**
 Game Changer – **James Warburton (Christleton)**
 Unsung Hero – **Jo Page (Warrington)**
 Lifetime Achiever – **Les Pickford (Haslington)**
 Growing the Game – **Andy Bennion (Alvanley) and Sarah McCann**
 Cricket Innovators – **Bernard Thorne (Neston)**
 Safe Hands – **Pratham Shetty (Maritime) and Sarah Baker (Runcorn)**
 Tackling Climate Change – **Romiley CC**
 Grounds Management – **Northwich CC**

The awards will be announced at the combined event with Lancashire at The Point OT on 7 Oct to which our nominees have been invited. The Lancashire Board is organising the event and we have been allocated 160 tickets. Invites have been sent to other volunteers across our network.

- 5.2 Nantwich CC.** The Board congratulated Nantwich CC on reaching the Royal London National Club Final at Lord's on 17 Sept. A tremendous achievement and a credit to Cheshire cricket. A contribution from the Board of £1000 towards the club's costs in reaching the Final was agreed, with a request that the club gives formal recognition to the Board's contribution, and advises on what the money will be spent.

- 5.3 FA Offices Meeting Rooms.** Whilst as owners the FA has priority use of the meeting rooms, the rooms are available for use by the main Committees of the three Board Members (County Club, Clubs Committee, and Youth).

- 6. Treasurer.** There is nothing specific to report from a financial perspective. The activity levels continue to perform in line with expectations.

- 6.1 RBS Bank Account(s).** The balance in our RBS account remains satisfactory to maintain our operation at the current level.

- 6.2 Investment.** A lump sum investment remains in the Nationwide 95 Day Saver Account.

- 6.3 2020/2021 Accounts.** The draft Accounts for the year to 30 September 2022 will be circulated prior to the December Board meeting.

- 7. Cheshire County Cricket Club.** David Bailey's report was circulated prior to the meeting (Appendix 1). This was David's last Board meeting as he retires as the County Club's Board Representative at its AGM in November. A successor will be elected at the County Club AGM. Those present at the Board Meeting thanked David for his involvement with the Board over the years and wished him well for the future.

- 8. Clubs Committee.** David Humpage's report was circulated prior to the meeting (Appendix 2).

- 9. Youth Cricket.** The minutes of the Youth Committee Meeting dated 9 May reflecting recent activities were circulated prior to the meeting (Appendix 3)

10. Women & Girls. In her role as Independent non-executive Director with specific interest in Women & Girls cricket and its development, Di Totty's report was circulated prior to the meeting (Appendix 4).

11. County Safeguarding Officer. Julie Rafferty's report was circulated to Directors and Member Representatives (Appendix 5). Julie circulated a draft CCB Safeguarding Policy Statement based on a template recommended by the ECB Safeguarding Team. for approval. The Board approved this statement which will now be posted on the Board's website and made available across the Cheshire cricket network.

12. AOB - none

13. Date of remaining 2022 Meeting. Friday 2 December 10.30am – Cheshire FA Offices, Moss Farm, Northwich.

Signed

Appendix 1

Cheshire County Cricket Club – David Bailey

Another season over - feels rather flat in many ways - probably because we have played so little over recent years due to Covid. The sun still continues to shine as it has done for most of the summer. This has meant that we have travelled many a mile but played cricket under very pleasant conditions to compensate.

Our season can be described as successful although not without some moments of concern as we strove to avoid the threat of relegation. This was achieved in fine and dramatic style by taking maximum points off Berkshire with one game to go! So we live to fight another year in the top division, and deservedly so, to face fresh challenges next year with the return of Devon to the top division.

The T20 season started us off with some good cricket and a place on finals day where we threw away an easy chance to beat Oxfordshire the eventual winners. All we needed was to play a normal 1/2 game but we tried to get it done in 10 overs and failed as a consequence wasting a good bowling and fielding effort.

The 50 over Knock Out Trophy produced some great cricket but we seemed more to be on the end of it rather than leading the way. Consequently, we failed to move into the KO stages. We did some travelling here as well!

There were many very good and consistent performances in the various styles of the game. A relatively young side is developing with further new faces which gives hope and anticipation for a bright future. We do however seem to be "the suppliers of opening bowlers to First Class Counties" as yet another of our players, Mike Finan, has joined Leicestershire and is already amongst the wickets. Whilst upsetting our rhythm, in the short term, this is what NCCA Cricket is all about. Enabling a player with a dream to fulfill his dream is one of our prime objectives and long may it be so.

Despite all the comings and goings with regard to the ECB requirements for Governance and Equality the County is about to adopt its new constitution as an independent body within the umbrella of the Cheshire Cricket Board. We are delighted with the contributions from the Board and the individual members of their staff who have encouraged and assisted us in this journey some of whom have joined us on this new venture. We look forward to the further promise of increasing co-operation with the Cheshire Cricket Board.

The scene is now set in all directions, and we can only go forward with strength and confidence in this co-operation producing the results that we both, in our own ways, are aiming for. This is likely to be my own last meeting with the Board as I will be standing down at the AGM in November. I have thoroughly enjoyed the company, humour and help I have received from the Board and Staff and know that my successor will equally receive and benefit from the same support. Meanwhile I will be pursuing the creation of "A Former Player's Association" over the next year with this winter spent planning and finalising its development.

Appendix 2

Cheshire Clubs Cricket Committee – David Humpage

Casting aside the prophets of doom regarding imminent droughts, the summer has been an excellent one for cricket in the area, with virtually no games cancelled due to the elements. Pitches have been hard, outfield fast and runs have flowed in abundance.

The County League Premiership looks to be a three-horse race with Didsbury currently leading the way. Hyde and Alderley Edge are close on their heels. Grappenhall and Cheadle are leading Division 1, Stockport Georgians Division 2 and NE Cheshire Division 3.

In the Cheshire League Heaton Mersey have dominated Division 1 all season and have already clinched promotion back to the County League, with Northwich to accompany them.

Away from the leagues I must make reference to the achievements of Nantwich in reaching the final of the ECB National Club Knock Out for the second time. They have also reached the final of the Cheshire Cup and are coping admirably with serious fixture congestion. This has not been helped by ECB scheduling the final of the National KO Competition for the final Saturday of our season, forcing us to reschedule the important league between Nantwich and Didsbury to last Sunday.

Alvanley reached the last 8 of the Village Cup, not being quite able to match last year when they reached the final. The reshuffling of the Divisions between the CCCL and the CCL has proved to be a great success, and has resulted in much smoother administration, particularly in the CCL.

The Cheshire Cup Final, scheduled for next Sunday is between Birkenhead Park and Nantwich.

Away from the Cheshire Pyramid, Wallasey are currently leading the Liverpool Competition, whilst Elworth are 6th in the North Staffs and South Cheshire League.

I make an apology for returning to the theme I raised in my last report concerning grounds. There is no doubt that ground availability will become a major issue in the years ahead and it is a subject that we need to tackle. It is all well and good promoting more and more cricket, but we need to be aware that the supply of grounds is more or less finite. I have already had a meeting with Gareth and Duncan Anderson (Chairman of Didsbury for those who do not know), and Gareth is arranging a survey of clubs to ascertain where spare grounds are and under what terms could they be made available for ground sharing. We need to make contact with schools to see if they are willing to allow clubs to utilize their facilities. Kings Chester already allow Saughall to play at the school, and there is the possibility of another club using their excellent facilities in 2023. It is an area well worth exploring - in fact we must explore every possible avenue.

We must never lose sight of the fact that club cricket is the bedrock of the game in the county (and indeed the country) and must be given top priority at all times. It is encouraging that the new Chairman of ECB makes this point in his early comments. Let us hope that his admirable aims are not lost in the morass of bureaucracy at the ECB !

I will leave Di to give the details regarding the Women's game, but from my point of view I am delighted to hear that Alan Rogers has accepted the role of Secretary in the league, and I am sure that he will give Caroline Sheridan the support she deserves and indeed needs with Sarah McCann currently taking a sabbatical. We need to revive and progress the issue of the organizational structure of the league as it expands. Discussions on this theme were progressing well until Ray Bell decided to step down from his role, but with Alan's help we can move forward again shortly.

As I reported last time Ian Greensmith is performing heroics to ensure that all games in the CCCL have two umpires. Sadly, this is not the case in the CCL but efforts are ongoing to recruit more umpires to the two panels. It seems to me inevitable that the two Umpiring Associations will have to merge to ensure smooth operations going forward but as often in cases like this there is minority parochial opposition to overcome! Hopefully this matter will be resolved during the close season.

The Groundsman's Association continues to lay on courses and is now active in many ways in assisting clubs with any problems. Specifics can be found on their web site and Facebook pages.

Following the departure of Catherine Forshaw, the revised constitution is now in the hands of myself and John Petch. I am confident that we can produce a rather more simple version than the one Catherine proposed, and one which will be perfectly adequate for what is in reality a simple organization.

Finally, the now customary thanks to Gareth and Jess. Customary it may be but sincerely well deserved.

Appendix 3 – Mike Guest for Karl Bamford

Cheshire Youth Cricket – Minutes of Meeting 6.9.22

Attendees: Mike Guest (Acting Chair), Tim Mullins, Peter Davies, Jess Lewis, Gavin Colebourn, Richard Newton, Mike Tyerman, Neeruj Luthra, Julie Rafferty. **Apologies:** Karl Bamford, Gareth Moorhouse

Chairman's welcome: Mike welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes 9th May 2022: The minutes of the Meeting of 9th May 2022 were approved

Matters arising from last meeting

Constitution update: Karl is currently working on the Constitution previously received via the CCB, and will update the Committee on progress made at the next meeting.

Annual awards presentations: The Awards Presentation Day is taking place at Northwich CC on Sunday 18th September, combining individual presentations for each age group with mixed age group '100' matches to take place through the day. Gavin is currently coordinating with the age group managers and coaches the timings of the day, numbers attending and format. Northwich are providing, refreshments throughout the day for players as well as hosting an all-day BBQ and opening the bar for parents attending. It is expected 200 plus people will be attending. Nominations for the major trophies (i.e. team of the year, batter of the year etc) are currently being received and selections will be made once they're all in.

Innovations: The AI project looking at enhancing player performance is now with the ECB who are assessing the data collected by Cheshire to gauge whether there is merit in taking the project further

County Age Groups/District Cricket-Boys: Gavin had submitted a report prior to the meeting relating to the boy's district and county age group performances.

With a full programme taking place there have been notable team and individual performances.

Highlights have been the under 16's reaching the semi-final of the 50 over competition where they lost to Yorkshire, (Surrey and Middlesex being the other semi-finalists) and thus being the only 'National' County reaching this stage of the competition, and beating FC Counties on the way to reaching the semi-final.

The under 18's have reached the finals day of the 'National' Counties T20 competition which is taking place on Sunday 11th September.

With the new formats some issues have arisen relating to player availability and opposition counties conceding matches, which will be reviewed over the coming months as we look towards the 2023 programmes.

Cheshire had 3 players selected for U15 regional cricket and 1 player for the Super 4's at u17 level. In total Cheshire had 15 different players playing for FC Counties this year, either as dual registered players or appearing in EPP games.

District cricket was again a huge success with 14 teams across U11, U13 and U15 ages. District cricketer formed the basis of selection for the U10 and U11 squads and 9 players from the U13 and U15 district competitions went on to play at full county level, highlighting the importance of the District programme.

Girls Cricket: Jess (Lewis) tabled a report at the meeting.

Squads have played at U11, U13, U15 and U18 age groups as well as an U18s development team.

The younger age groups started off the season slowly as the lack of cricket over the last 2 years due to Covid compared to some of the FC Counties showed. However, as the season progressed the teams went from strength to strength, resulting with some noticeable performances.

At the higher age groups as with the boys the girls experienced some problems (mainly due to injury) with availability that detracted from performance and opposition cancelling matches due to their own availability problems, often at short notice.

The girls district programme ran through the summer and proved to be very popular with 45 girls playing at U11 and 60+ girls playing at U14

5 players have been selected for the regional Thunder academy.

1 Player played in the national schools games (40 best players in the country)

1 player played for Scotland U19s and Women

Club National Competitions: Mike T informed the group that both U13 and U 15 competitions had been completed on time.

Timperley won the U15 competition and went on to win two further matches in the North before losing to a Yorkshire side in the regional finals at York. A great effort.

Nantwich won the U13 competition and again went on to reach the regional finals at Neston winning the 3rd place play-off match.

Mike thanked Gareth and Michele for the help they had given him in recent years to administer the competition.

Over the coming months consideration must be given to how we administer these competitions in the coming years.

Club Junior Leagues: Gareth is still compiling returns from the various junior leagues so was not able to give a full end of season report.

However, from those reports he had received he tendered the following observations.

Team number appeared to be similar to previous seasons, and with the good weather there were few postponements and abandonments.

Some leagues reporting challenges because of concessions either due to a lack of players or clubs entering too many teams and then being unable to fulfil fixtures.

Some of the bigger clubs have used the Get the Game on WhatsApp group to good effect to source additional fixtures particularly in the summer holiday period.

However, for most leagues reverting to the tradition of April to July fixture window seems to be the best option for most clubs as volunteers and junior players go on holiday during the summer school holiday period.

Coaches Association: Graeme had sent a brief report detailing coach activity.

Coach ECB membership in Cheshire remains around 350.

Five Foundation 1 courses have been delivered with 5 planned for the Winter period.

Four Core courses (Level 2) were delivered (all sold out) with 4 planned for the Winter period.

Four ECB Support Courses delivered in 2022, Graeme plans to increase this number for the forthcoming year

Five members of staff have been given an opportunity to become coach developers.

One member of staff is being interviewed to participate in the Advanced Coach programme (old level 3)

Schools Cricket: Due to moving jobs Graham Clinton is no longer involved in schools cricket. Mark Greaves through the Chance to Shine schools programme is liaising with the independent schools (through Steve Moores) re schools cricket

Safeguarding: Julie made the following points at the meeting.

Over the coming months she will compile a register of all CYC coaches/ managers and committee members to ensure they have the current DBS registration and have undertaken the appropriate EDI training.

There were 2 disciplinary matters reported during the season, both at level 1. It was confirmed Julie needs to be aware of such breaches, but they can be resolved internally by a disciplinary panel comprising of either the Chairman or Secretary and a Manager. Julie needs to be aware of more serious breaches at the outset and involved in their investigation and outcome.

Julie and Nee to head an initiative to look at a Youth Engagement strategy, involving the development/recruitment of our ambassadors, use of various communication channels to get feedback from junior players of all abilities across the County.

Marketing: There had been little activity during the playing season due to personnel being busy on the actual playing front. As we go into the Winter period revisiting/updating some of the informatics' and communication channels will take place, which will dovetail in with the initiative outlined above with Julie.

Treasurers/ Secretary update: There were no secretary matters to report on. On the Treasurer's side all expenses for the season should be received by the end of September. An analysis of the 2022 income/expenditure will be completed for the next meeting when we can compare/discuss income and expenditure to pre Covid years.

AOB: There was no AOB

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 22nd November 2022 at 10.30am Venue TBA

Appendix 4

Women and Girls – Di Totty

National Programmes. This summer 902 girls took part in National Programmes. 608 of these girls took part in All Stars Cricket and 294 in Dynamos. These numbers were slightly down on the year before. 2021 figures were 696 in All Stars and 314 in Dynamos.

Girl Guiding and Community. We have had significant demand for girl guiding cricket sessions this summer. Exact figures are still to be confirmed. Plans are being discussed for next season to make the programme more efficient and provide closer links between club and community.

Schools. We are still finalising figures and funding for the 2022 academic year.

Plans are in place for an even busier 2023 academic year. In 2022 we delivered in 12 secondary schools. In 2023 our target is to deliver in 24 secondary schools across 4 different programmes; Chance to Shine, Greater Manchester project, the Westminster fund and ECB proof of concept programme.

League cricket. CCB leagues still have a few weeks to finish up their fixtures. By all accounts it has been a successful season for the girls' leagues and women's soft ball cricket. Whilst we will continue to develop the whole game, there is still significant work to be done in West Cheshire to support girls' cricket.

Club development. With the welcome addition of Marianne (Lea) to our women and girls' team, we have redistributed the clubs for the 2023 season. This means each DCO will have less clubs and as such, more time can be spent on each club. Kerry (Hartnett) will be responsible for Mid Cheshire, Trafford, North and Chester. Jo (Herbertson) will be responsible for Wirral and South Cheshire and Marianne will take over Stockport, Macclesfield and East Cheshire.

Women's Softball Festivals. 18 women's soft ball cricket festivals have taken place this summer, with 2 more due to take place in coming weeks. 3 festivals have been cancelled for various reason. It has been a very successful summer and exact figures will be available in coming weeks.

Courses and Pathway. Our girls' Autumn courses have started. Whilst numbers are lower in some areas, registers highlight that there are a number of new players taking part which suggests good numbers for Advanced courses. We are running more girls' courses than ever before and hope to expand our courses to other areas of the county such as the Wirral and run girls district courses for the first time. This winter we will run 4 Autumn courses and 6 Advanced courses which is an increase on previous years.

District and County. See Appendix 3 CYC

Cheshire Women's Cricket League (CWCL). Pleased to report that Alan Rogers has accepted the League Secretary position. He is the former Senior Women's County Secretary, so brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the role. Ray Bell has stepped down from his committee role and from organising the NE Girls League. League season has been extended to 18 September to allow outstanding fixtures to be played. Leigh has secured Division 1 title, Northern Stars (Porthill Park) have won Division 3 West and Lindow 2s have taken the Division 4 title, the other Divisions remain in contention.

The only automatic relegation is in Division 1, and after a very difficult season, Trinity is likely to be in Division 2 next year, if they survive as a club as playing members potentially dwindle. Two other clubs of concern are Ashton on Mersey and Woodley, both in Division 2, conceding 6 and 5 games respectively.

For the first time in a number of years, we are in danger of losing clubs, so once again, we may need to consider how the Divisions are structured.

A successful Finals Day was held at Christleton CC on 21 August – Nantwich beat Trinity to take the Senior KO Cup, Greenfield beat Hayfield in the Development KO Cup and Appleton beat Trinity in the T20 Divisional Final.

The overseas players at Leigh and Lindow have made an impact, particularly with the bat. Heidi Cheadle (Lindow), a batter/keeper has scored 538 runs, and hit 79* in the League fixture against the MCC and Jamie Lee Strang (Leigh) also a batter/keeper, has hit 354 runs to date. Batting this season across all Divisions has seen a real improvement, with 3 players hitting over 500 runs with games still to play.

The League Presentation night is Saturday 1 October at the Halton Stadium – the event format has become less formal and includes a buffet instead of a 3-course dinner. Take up to date has been very good, with over 150 expected. Looking for an MC for the evening and waiting to hear if we have a 'celebrity' to present the awards.

Jessica Lewis/Di Totty - September 2022

Appendix 5

County Safeguarding Officer – Julie Rafferty

Safe Hands Management System (SHMS). There are currently 98 clubs on the SHMS, of which 54 clubs are currently compliant and 44 clubs are in progress. Most of the "in progress" clubs, most are nearly compliant, with just 4 clubs who are yet to populate the system.

The aim is to extend SHMS access to the remaining 11 clubs and to encourage and support them to achieve compliance on the system, ensuring that all Cheshire cricket clubs are compliant on SHMS by the end of the 2023 season. This is seen as an important step to imbed better safeguarding culture in clubs.

Safe Hands Training. It is anticipated that about 100 CSO's will require training for the 2023 season, which equates to 5-6 3hr Safe Hands workshops which will be delivered face to face at different venues. The dates for the Safe Hands workshops will be released in October 2022 and published on the website and circulated to CSO's and club contacts, with courses due to be delivered in February, March and April 2023

End of Season CSO network meetings. Several "end of season" CSO network meetings are currently being organised for October and November 2022, which will be delivered via zoom to maximise attendance. This will be an opportunity for myself and the CSO's to highlight the main safeguarding themes for the 2022 season, as well as discussing any additional learning, good practice and forthcoming developments.

CPA Safeguarding Audit – January 2023. The ECB Safeguarding team are planning to visit Cheshire to conduct a CPA Safeguarding Audit 19 January 2023, with the hope of speaking to key people from the CCB, staff, volunteers, club safeguarding officers and parents/ carers.

Following a meeting with the County Safeguarding Advisor on 6 October 2022, a plan will be put in place and contact will be made with key people to participate in the audit process

In the meantime, all safeguarding governance will be reviewed internally to ensure that all relevant practice and procedure is either in place or is in progress.

CCB Safeguarding Policy Statement. See minutes of meeting

General Conduct Regulations (GCR)

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Summary	Panel
CCCL	15	9	3	20	7
CCL	10	7	0	17	0
Total	25	16	3	37	7

These are the GCR figures from the two main leagues, although information is currently being obtained from the other leagues that Cheshire clubs complete in to give an overall picture of discipline in all competitive leagues.

Safeguarding themes

Since the last board meeting the themes and issues dealt with by the CoSO relate to:

- DBS related issues
- Mental health concerns
- Child protection issues
- Cricket club medical emergency – advice to support for family
- Ongoing case management – racism & inappropriate coach conduct
- Report of discrimination & bullying
- Harassment
- Summer camp/ holiday club advice
- Allegation of racism (District)
- Inappropriate communication with juniors on WhatsApp
- Arrest of person on cricket club ground
- Inappropriate behaviour of male towards females

Other responsibilities:

- County Club
- Cheshire Youth Cricket
- The Hundred – Event Safeguarding Officer
- County Dynamos tournaments

End