

Shropshire Cricket Ltd

Minutes of a meeting of the Board held on 17th January 22 –

Held by Zoom

Participating: Adrian Collins (Chairman), John Foster (Vice-Chairman), Sacha Lee, David White, David Blofield, Trudie Bloor, Richard Twigg and Peter Mitchell.

In Attendance: Steve Reese (SCB)

Apologies: None

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.

Matters arising from previous meeting: None that are not dealt with in the Agenda.

Safeguarding: (SL)

The work of the Group continues to develop and expand with additional contacts with such groups as Scorers, Umpires and Coaches despite the confine imposed by the CO-Vid restrictions. These have been most beneficial.

Work with the clubs is proving very beneficial with safeguarding meetings making good progress.

Reviews of the staff qualifications is taking place with clear definition of groups with further consideration of age groups safeguarding. Ongoing work is meeting ECB standards and every effort is being made with the staff for further development.

Finance :(DB)

The board was reminded that we are approaching the financial year end and the treasurer was pleased to be able to report the predicted profit for the year of £6200 will be achieved.

The new staff are working well under the lockdown restrictions and considerable progress is being made with new initiatives and projects being implemented.

The budget for the year to come is well in hand with anticipated break even situation financially next year.

Performance Cricket and County Club (JF)

The winter programs are progressing well with some 230 boys being involved in training and development. The coaches therefore are being kept busy and considerable progress is being made with a new monitoring system being agreed between the county club and the board.

Plans for the coming season are in hand with two new captains being appointed for the county teams and the development of coaching being at the forefront.

Recreational Cricket (DW)

DW and PM had both attended the annual general meeting of the league and considerable progress has been made in both the work of the league and its appointment of officers with plans for summer coaching being developed and further development in the relationship with the board.

It was noted that Hinstock Cricket Club has withdrawn from the league and the board was therefore investigating what happened to the grants supplied to the club which have not been used. Coaching is ongoing for the new season.

It was noted that Market Drayton Cricket Club has amalgamated with Whitmore Cricket Club for the coming season.

Further help for clubs has been the appointment of four pitch advisers.

Safeguarding and Schools (SL)

Work in the schools is progressing but has been badly affected by the Co-Vid lockdown and the future work with the schools appears to be in a very good position.

Focus on key schools particularly in the Telford and Wrekin area is taking place and the set targets are appearing to be fully met.

The further development has been vouchers for kit sales and support for schools that have financial problems which the board is trying to help.

Women's and Girls (TB)

Ninety five people have been involved in the winter program with some development in officiating roles. The summer program has already been established and good progress is being made in general.

Sales and Marketing (RT)

Good progress is being made in the development of sponsorship and discussions are ongoing.

The appointment of a junior league ambassador is under consideration.

The links with Worcester County Cricket Club are developing well.

A newsletter is expected to be published within the next week.

Update (SR)

Meetings with the ECB and reflections with the county club have both been taking place in addition to the normal work with the leagues for the coming season including the new plans for development in Telford. There have the meeting with the ECB which have determined that the board is performing considerably above its previous status and is within the top six counties.

Governance (AC)

The board are continuously reviewing its standards which are continuing to improve.

Consideration is now being given to the restructuring of the board and the appointment of new directors as replacements for those who have served faithfully over the past decade. This will be discussed further at the next board meeting.

There being no further business the chairman closed the Zoom meeting thanking all those who had contributed.

Date of next Board Meeting 21st March 2022 at 5pm