

Shropshire Cricket Ltd

Minutes of a meeting of the Board held on 21st March 22

Held by Zoom

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

In Attendance: Steve Reese (SCB)

Apologies: None

Matters arising: Minutes for January and February were accepted as correct records.

Declarations of Interest:

Policy Document: Board Directors were asked to declare any outside interest that they may have that could affect the Boards work or interests. (Forms can be obtained from the Chairman (asap)

Safeguarding: (Sasha Lee).

Reporting considerable advances in the on-going and expanding work of Safe Guarding, with ever growing opportunities; lots of conversations and very rewarding outcomes; including very happy parents of the younger groups, and the many other participants; achieved by a Team that works very well together.

Expansion continues in most, if not all sections such as obtaining a growth in the number of First Aiders, and with Clubs openly showing growing support is reflected in the League giving more involvement as a result of the work of the Board Team.

Finance: (DB)

The Financial Year was completed on the 31st January 22; the dating chosen to fall in line with the ECB accounting Year.

DB & SR have monitored closely the financial work through the trying difficulties due to the COVID situation, and the new finance staff which are working well. It is anticipated that the ECB financial support will remain the same for the coming Financial Year.

DB who was scheduled to retire from the Board at the forthcoming AGM in April has generously offered to oversee the Board finances until a suitable new Treasurer can be found.

Performance Cricket & County Club (JF)

County Club fixtures for the coming season have been arranged.

The Boy's Winter groups have been well attended despite difficulties of the COVID situation, but the County Training sessions have been poorly attended and there has been no further progress in the Club becoming a limited Company or on a merger with the County Board.

The programme for the coming season for the Junior Sections are well in hand and financial support is being sort. The programme includes 4 Festivals. The Senior Age Group Teams are preparing for the coming season with fixtures arranged.

Schools: (SL)

The good work of the Coaches and the Team members is producing excellent results for Engagement Days - 25 Schools are already booked and with more to come. Mid Term reviews indicates very pleasing results, with the ongoing programme lots of different Schools are being visited.

For the summer programmes Social Media is being used and the ability to supply Kit is a great encouragement to a number of the schools. It is also a learning process that not all will join Clubs for many different reasons e.g. the cost of Kit, Parental opposition.

The Board Team is working excellently together are determined to keep raising the standard.

Recreational Cricket (DW)

Problems with some Clubs are being investigated and dealt with where possible. In the League a number of Clubs who have received guidance and coaching are returning to the League structure.

In the junior section the number of Clubs is growing with games being arranged and coaching developed.

Women & Girls (TB)

The Board Teams are working well together and considerable progress is being made in the development and encouragement of Teams; individuals, umpires, Schools and Clubs.

Such is the interest now that the Board Team can look forward to a busy summer and with possible financial support from the ECB.

Sales & Marketing (RT)

Website working well, along with Facebook and Play Cricket sites. Possibility of some sponsorship is being investigated with Furrows. Good contact with the Worcs County Club continues.

Update (SR)

Merger with the County Club needs to make progress if possible, and the continuation of progress with Schools. Staff working really well.

Chairman: Summed up the need to continue the cooperation with the ECB and with our partners, and customers; and thanked all the Staff for their effort and co-operation.

NEXT MEETING - AGM: 7pm on Tuesday 26th April 22 by Zoom