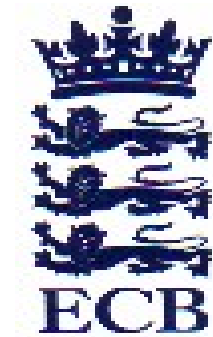




ISLE OF WIGHT CRICKET BOARD Ltd



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Monday 7th December 2020 via Zoom, 7.00pm

- **Apologies:** Ian Hailes (Brading), Phil Rudd (IW Clubs Committee Sec)
- **Attendance:-**
 - **(Voting Members):** Graham Cooper (IW ACO), Dave Reynolds (IW CA), Tina Cooper (Arreton), Ian Heal (CHSOB), Andy Mcquilian (East Cowes), Glenn Bailey (Freshwater), Tony Cook (Island Bakeries), Mike Watson (Newport), David Pratt (Porchfield & IWCB Director), Simon Bligh (Ryde Cavs), Simon Wratten (Ryde), Andy Woodward (Ryde School), Guy de Belder (Shanklin & Godshill), Ron Cook (Ventnor), Simon Rhodes (Newclose), Martyn Richards (Northwood & IWCB Director).
 - **Observers (Non Voting):** Kate Barton (IWCB Director), Roy Cooper (IW ACO), Duncan Mills (IWCB Director), Claire Everard (Observer & Standing Director), Hugh Griffith (Observer & Standing Director), Ben White (Observer & Standing Director), Steven Holbrooke (Observer), Ross Whyte (Observer & Standing Director), Hugh Wells (Observer & Standing Director), Phil Mew (IWCB Chair) & Richard Webb (IWCB Treasurer)
- **Welcome:** Phil Mew welcomed everyone to the IWCB 2020 AGM
- **Minutes of the 2019 AGM:** These had been circulated before the meeting and the chair asked for any questions relating to the minutes. No questions were put forward. The 2019 minutes were approved by the Membership.
- **Matters Arising from the previous minutes:** No Matters Arising
- **Annual Management Report:** This was summarised by the Chair (Report attached at bottom of minutes) Approved by the Membership
- **IWCB Annual Accounts for the year ending 30th September 2019:** The accounts were presented by Richard Webb to the meeting. These were approved by the membership.

The Board's financial position improved considerably in the year to 30 Sept 2020. After posting a small deficit in 18/19 the Profit & Loss Account for 19/20 details a significant operating surplus of £27k.

Also, the balance at bank on 30 Sept was £77k which is significantly higher than the previous year (£31k). This was mainly due to receiving all expected ECB grants which made sure income for the year was broadly the same as in the previous year. In contrast, expenditure was £25k less which was mainly due to less county games being played during the season and the furlough scheme being used to ensure staff were paid in full during the period when cricket coaching and games were not allowed.

Although no sponsorship income was received, the Board was able to claim a £10k business support grant from the IW Council of which £5k has been deferred to 20/21 in recognition of the ongoing difficulty of obtaining sponsors for cricket activities in the current financial climate.

A detailed budget has been developed for next year and, whilst it is difficult to predict how much cricket will be played and coaching is able to be provided, finance reports will continue to be presented to the Board each month detailing both forecasted and actual income and expenditure.

This will hopefully ensure the Board remains in a good financial position as it seeks to meet its new strategy against continued uncertainty of how much grant funding will be available from the ECB.

- **Appointment of Auditor:** A.H & Cross & Son were proposed by Richard Webb. This proposal was approved by the membership
- **Election of Directors 20/21:** Each director was voted on separately by the membership. The following directors were elected: - Kate Barton, Dave Cox, Claire Everard, Hugh Griffiths, Phil Mew, Duncan Mills, David Pratt, Martyn Richards and Hugh Wells. Ross Whyte was not elected.

	Nominee	Proposed by	Seconded by
Director	Kate Barton	Ryde Cavs	Ryde School
Director	Dave Cox	Ryde School	Brading
Director	Claire Everard	Ryde	Ryde School
Director	Hugh Griffiths	Newclose	IW ACO
Director	Phil Mew	IW ACO	Arreton
Director	Duncan Mills	Ryde School	Porchfield
Director	David Pratt	Porchfield	Island Bakeries
Director	Martyn Richards	Northwood	Porchfield
Director	Hugh Wells	Porchfield	Brading
Director	Ben White	Shanklin & Godshill	Freshwater
Director	Ross Whyte	Ventnor	Freshwater

- **Date of the next AGM:** Monday 13th December 2021
- **Meeting Closed:** 8pm

Chairman's AGM Report

Before I start, I would like us to remember those that we have lost from our close cricketing community this year.

It goes without saying this hasn't been a normal year for cricket. Everyone was looking forward to building of the back of the World Cup victory and Ashes series, but that momentum was finished before it got started. But like a Phoenix rising out of the ashes it turned out to be a season to remember and one of the best the Island has seen for probably 25 years!

It was great to see the All Island League get set up so quickly and clubs really supporting each other to get games played. With 13 teams using 221 players to complete 30 games there was plenty of action for everyone to get involved in whether playing or watching.

Once again the gods have proved to be a lover of our great game, giving us a glorious September. This allowed all 13 group games to be played in our new September cup competition. The conclusion of the season was a magnificent showpiece final with excess of 200 people watching an exciting tied game between Ventnor and Ryde (Ryde won the game in the super over).

There was plenty of youth cricket played over the last 12 months even with lockdown interrupting a large amount of the indoor and outdoor season. The U12 indoor league just got completed before lockdown with 8 teams involved, it was great to see new sides like Arreton taking part. But it was Ryde who took the honors. The U14 and competitive youth leagues were cancelled but once we got playing again 78 friendly fixtures and a cup competition were organised and played. Junior membership has taken a small hit this year and stands at 288 down from 327.

County cricket also got plenty of time on the pitch even with the travel restriction, with over 30 games being squeezed into August and September. Thanks to all the coaches and especially the parents who transported players to away games. I hope winter training is back under way by the time of the AGM.

I would like to thank Ryde School for their continued support of the performance programme. The successful winter training offer for boys and girls has seen an excellent turn out.

Cricketing activities such as Schools cricket, Chance to Shine, table cricket, All Stars and Dynamos delivery was all put on hold and we turned our focus on the survival of our clubs and organisation of cricket when we were allowed, in the dark times of the lockdown, Stuart helped the clubs to access grants totaling £150k that have helped ensure our clubs remained financially secure throughout lockdown and into 2021.

As Chairman for the past 3 years, I personally feel that 3 years is enough for any volunteer to hold such a position, and so at this AGM I will step down as Chair.

Island club cricket should always be at the heart of the Board's work, giving playing opportunities to as many people as possible, we are there to assist far more than any other Cricket board across the country, we have assumed responsibility for the organisation of all Island based competitive cricket whether at open age or junior levels.

With no sign of indoor cricket being played this winter yet, we can look fondly back on last winter's season, again splendidly organised by Martyn Richards. Ryde won the indoor league and cup double, add to this the summer league and cup double, certainly a season not to be forgotten by anyone involved with Ryde CC.

Girl's and Women's cricket is a priority area for island cricket, we will be working more with clubs to get them in a position to pick up the baton and build on the success of coaching happening at Ryde School and Arreton CC. There was the Big Cricket Month initiative in September where Newclose and Arreton hosted hard ball and soft ball games for girls and ladies.

With the promise of a vaccine on the horizon we are hopeful that next season will continue as planned, perhaps some of the positive cricket we had this season will spark an interest across the whole island, no doubt the teams playing league cricket across the water will continue, but this season has shown we can do it on our own, you don't need to travel every week to get competitive cricket.

Finally would like to thank all those who have supported Island cricket during my Chairmanship, particularly Martyn and Stuart for running the leagues, Andy for the tremendous training he does in the performance program and Stuart for all the behind the scenes stuff which for most they don't see.

I would like to say a final thank you to all of the clubs, IW ACO and cricket volunteers who make it all happen this year, it would not be possible without all of your support.

I wish success to the new incumbent chair, there is a strong strategy already written and approved by the ECB which gives them a great foundation to start from.

Many thanks

Phil

Roll of Honours

- All Island League
 - **Div A:** Ryde 1st XI
 - **Div B:** Ryde 2nd XI
- September Cup: **Winners:** Ryde **Runners Up:** Ventnor
- U12 Indoor: **Winners:** Ryde **Runners Up:** Ventnor A
- U13 September Cup **Winners:** Ryde Rattlers **Runners Up:** Ryde Raiders & Ventnor

Supporter: Wightlink

Partners: England & Wales Cricket Board, Chance to Shine and Lord Taverners and Ryde School