

NORTHERN CRICKET UNION OF IRELAND

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016

Minutes of the Union's Annual General Meeting held in the Shaw's Bridge Sports Association Clubhouse on 10 October 2016.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Ivan Anderson, Kailash Chada, Sandi Harrison, Wylie McKinty and Robin Walsh.

2. Minutes of the Previous AGM

The minutes of the 2015 AGM held on 13 October 2015 were agreed as a correct record on the proposal of R Bell and seconded by I McMinn.

3. Adoption of Annual Report and Statement of Accounts

The General Secretary Bryan Milford spoke on the 2016 Annual Report.

The Annual Report was adopted on the proposal of J Caldwell, seconded by P McMorran.

In the absence of the Hon Treasurer K Chada, R Johnson presented the Statement of Accounts.

The Accounts showed a surplus of £7311.

The Annual Report and Statement of Accounts were adopted on the proposal of N Matthews, seconded by J Quinn.

4. Election of Honorary Officers

Before declaring all offices vacant the Chairman, A Clement made a number of remarks.

He was grateful for the opportunity to have served as chairman for three years and had made many friends during his time in office.

He was pleased to have seen the growth in woman's cricket and thought good progress was being made with the Northern Knights. He expressed concern at the use of social media with anonymous posters criticising the Union.

A clement thanked the General Secretary B Milford for his support and welcomed A Waite as the incoming chairman.

He hoped that a full-time Development Officer for the Union would be appointed shortly.

It was noted that nominations to the Honorary Officers' position had been invited by 15 September 2016.

The General Secretary advised that the following nominations had been received:

		Nominated by
President:	P McMorran	Management Board
Vice President	R Johnson	Management Board
Chairman	A Waite	Management Board
Vice Chairman	S Beckett	Management Board
Hon Secretary	J Quinn	Management Board
Hon Treasurer	K Chada	Management Board
Director of Domestic Cricket	N Matthews	Management Board
Director of Representative Cricket	B Walsh	Management Board
Director of Finance and Sponsorship	R Johnson	Management Board

The nominees were declared elected.

5. Election of Assistant Directors

It was noted that nominations to the Assistant Director positions had been invited by 15 September 2016.

The General Secretary advised that the following nominations had been received:

		Nominated by
Domestic Cricket	RF Bell	Management Board
Representative Cricket	K McCallan	Management Board
Finance and Sponsorship	M Power	Management Board

The nominees were declared elected.

6. Election of Club Nominees to Management Board

It was noted that nominations from clubs to the Management Board had been invited by 15 September 2016.

The General Secretary advised that the following nominations had been received:

	Nominated by
Daniel McConkey	CIYMS CC
Wylie McKinty	Larne CC
David Skelton	Derriaghy CC

The nominees were declared elected.

7. Election of Club Nominees to Directorates

It was noted that nominations to Directorates had been invited by 15 September 2016.

The General Secretary advised that the following nominations had been received:

Domestic Cricket Directorate	Nominated by
Norman Graham	Armagh CC
Peter Grant	Cregagh CC
Andrew Rose	Instonians CC
David Skelton	Derriaghy CC
Representative Cricket Directorate	Nominated by
Andrew Rose	Instonians CC
Finance and Sponsorship Directorate	Nominated by
Wylie McKinty	Larne CC
Andrew McCullough	CIYMS CC
Darren Ross	Instonians CC
Peter Wood	Cooke Collegians CC

The nominees were declared elected.

8. Election of Auditors

Cleaver Black were elected as the Union's auditors on the proposal of R Johnson, seconded by N Matthews.

9. Proposed Alterations to General and Competition Rules

Serial 1. Proposed by Finance and Policy Directorate. To extend the lower schools' affiliation fee (£40) to grammar/secondary schools entering one or two competitions only. Carried.

Serial 2. Proposed by Finance and Policy Directorate. To give clubs a fortnight longer to pay their first fees bill without penalty but increase the penalty for late payments exceeding £200 from £10 to 5% of the outstanding sum. Carried.

Serial 3. Proposed by Management Board. To allow the Board to widen its expertise by co-opting up to three additional members. Carried.

Serial 4. Proposed by Management Board. To rename the Finance and Policy Directorate the Finance and Sponsorship Directorate, remove its policy functions and eliminate the second Assistant Director post. Carried.

Serial 5. Proposed by Management Board. To bring players eligible to play for Ireland within the scope of the Registrations Committee's power to refuse or withdraw the registration of a player considered to be of much too high a standard for the competitions for which registration is sought. Lost.

Serial 6. Proposed by Finance and Policy Directorate. To restrict the number of newly-recruited local players who may play for a Premier League club's 1st XI. Lost.

Serial 7. Proposed by Domestic Cricket Directorate. To extend the obligation to complete and submit an Umpires' report form to all matches involving 1st XIs (including Ulster and Irish cups). Carried.

Serial 8. Proposed by Domestic Cricket Directorate. To introduce cumulative fine increments for repeated failure to submit Umpires' report forms. Carried.

Serial 9. Proposed by Domestic Cricket Directorate. To update the requirements for the submission of result forms. Carried.

Serial 10. Proposed by Domestic Cricket Directorate. To require the switching of a cup match where the drawn home ground is unavailable but that of the visiting team is available. An amendment from CSNI CC that the rule would not be applied when an international fixture is imposed on a ground was carried. The amended serial was carried.

Serial 11. Proposed by Domestic Cricket Directorate. To standardise the latest starting times for matches in the Challenge and Junior Cups (up to and including semi-finals), the Premier League and Sections 1 and 2 of the Senior League at 1pm in April, May and June, 12 noon in July and August and 11.30am in September. Carried.

Serial 12. Proposed by Domestic Cricket Directorate. To introduce the use of the DLS method in the finals of the Intermediate, Minor (Lindsay) and Minor Qualifying Cups. Carried.

Serial 13. Proposed by Domestic Cricket Directorate. To formalise the emergency arrangement made by the Emergency Committee during the 2016 season, reflecting the fact that a contribution to net run rate is an integral part of the result of every 1st XI league match. Carried.

Serial 14. Proposed by Domestic Cricket Directorate. To remove the prohibition on playing two 20-over matches consecutively on the same day. Carried

Serial 15. Proposed by Domestic Cricket Directorate. To add the Twenty20 Cup and the National Cup to those whose finalists are permitted to postpone scheduled league matches. Carried.

Serial 16. Proposed by Templepatrick CC. To provide for a second attempt to play each rearranged fixture in the Premier League, Sections 1 and 2 of the Senior League and Section 1 of the Junior League where this does not already happen, with a further rearrangement if necessary as a Match 2. Lost.

Serial 17. Proposed by Domestic Cricket Directorate. To allow teams in Section 2 of the Senior League to agree in advance to reduce the maximum numbers of overs per innings in a match from 50 to 40. Carried.

Serial 18. Proposed by Domestic Cricket Directorate. To make 20 overs the minimum innings length on a 50-over Match 2. Carried.

Serial 19. Proposed by Templepatrick CC. To allow teams to agree in advance to increase or reduce the maximum innings length in Match 1 fixtures in Section 3 of the Senior League and Sections 2-9 of the Junior League by a maximum of 10 overs. Carried.

Serial 20. Proposed by Domestic Cricket Directorate. To raise the reduction in innings length that teams may agree in advance of Match 1 fixtures in Section 3 of the Senior League and Sections 2 – 9 of the Junior League from 5 to 10 overs. Withdrawn.

Serial 21. Proposed by Templepatrick CC. To increase the maximum innings length in Section 3 of the Senior League and Sections 2-9 of the Junior League from 20 overs to the Match 1 level for the relevant section.

An amendment from R Bell that the maximum duration of each innings shall be 20 overs unless the clubs agree to play a full-length match was carried. The amended serial was carried.

10. Presentation of McMorran Award

The President P McMorran presented J McCormick of Muckamore CC with the McMorran Award for voluntary service to cricket.

11. Any Other Business

The new Chairman A Waite addressed the meeting.

He thanked A Clement for his work over the past three years.

He thanked clubs who had made their ground available over the course of the season for cup finals and representative fixtures.

The Chairman referred to the winter coaching programme about to get underway with over 300 young people including girls involved.

The meeting concluded at 9.40pm.