

The NCU Management Board met on 6th March 2017.

This report details some of the business discussed.

A welcome was extended to Robin Walsh who was attending his first meeting as a nominee of the Finance and Sponsorship Directorate.

The minutes of the meeting of 16th January 2017 were agreed as a correct record.

Business arising from minutes:

It was noted that Cooke Collegians would play at Fullerton Park in the 2017 season.

It was noted that the coaching conference would be held over the weekend of 7th and 8th April.

It was agreed that the regulation applying to young cricketers playing in adult cricket would apply to both boys and girls.

It was noted that Owen Lambert had been appointed as a second Safeguarding Officer.

Domestic Cricket

Emerging Accreditation Scheme It was noted that the Development Officers had now been in touch with the majority of clubs. Progress will be closely monitored with the objective of all clubs having achieved the merging level by the end of 2017.

2016 T20 Trophy Final It was agreed that 2016 registrations would apply to this match.

Ground Report Forms It was agreed that greater use would be made of umpire's ground report forms in 2017.

Overseas Players It was noted that the Directors had met and issued a statement on the Home Office regulations on Standard Visitor Visas. The Cricket Ireland cricket committee were due to discuss the issue and the Directorate would consider further. For future reference it was agreed to obtain information on the regulations pertaining to Scotland.

Girl Cricketers It was agreed that the age limits for the Quoile, Banogue and Graham Cups and the U11, U13 and U15 leagues would be extended by two years for girl cricketers.

DLS The General Secretary advised that he would be shortly issuing an updated version of DLS to clubs for use in the 2017 season.

Finance and Sponsorship Directorate

Arrears A report on arrears of payments by clubs, schools and sponsors was noted.

Sponsorship A report on sponsorship was noted including preparation on a presentation to potential sponsors.

Coaches It was noted that it had been agreed to pay Cricket Ireland Coaching Association membership fees for volunteer coaches.

A draft statement for coaches detailing their annual fees was agreed.

Accounts It was noted that draft accounts should be available for the next Board meeting.

Representative Cricket

Cricket Ireland Cricket Committee The Director gave a report on the recent meeting of the Cricket Ireland Cricket Committee.

Reports were given on the activities of the Knights, the Andrew White Academy and the youth development squads.

Governance

Development Plan The Chairman requested that Directorates meet before the next Board meeting to consider their key activities for 2017-18 including succession planning.

Incorporation It was noted that the Directors had met and considered the first draft of the Memorandum and Articles of Association. A second draft would be circulated to the Board with comments to be received by M Power by 25th March.

Information Technology A domain name for the Union had been purchased and over time officials and employees would be using the new NCU email address.

An accounts package had been purchased for use by the Hon Treasurer.

Policies Policies on Use of Video & Photography, Equality and a policy statement on Safeguarding were approved.

General Manager Post

The General Manager post which was being funded by ICC and Sport NI had been advertised. Eight candidates had been interviewed and a preferred candidate now identified for a job offer to be made.

Cricket Ireland

AGM It was noted that the CI AGM would be held on 23rd April.

It was agreed that A Waite and S Beckett would represent the Union on the CI Board for 2017-18.

It was agreed that W Boyd, R Johnson, B Milford and R Walsh would represent the Union at the AGM.

Munster It was noted that a decision on Munster's participation in the inter-provincial competition would be taken in April when the outcome regarding Full Member/Test status would be likely known.

Bye-laws

New bye-laws on Bowling of Fast Short-pitched Deliveries and Bowling High Full-Pitched Deliveries were agreed.

An amendment to the bye-law on wides was agreed.

It was agreed to circulate the amended bye-laws to clubs.

Other Business

The Chairman reported on a meeting with CricHQ to discuss on-line scoring. It was agreed to await developments with Cricket Ireland.

The Chairman reported that he represented Cricket Ireland at a meeting with the Sports Minister along with representatives from IFA, Ulster Rugby and GAA to discuss future funding arrangements.

The Chairman reported on arrangements being made for the hosting of the Ireland versus West Indies fixture in September 2017.