

YAG Meeting

6.00pm Tuesday 18 September 2012

Present: Mike Johnston, Matt Parr, Peter Costello, Bruce Day, Mike Harvey (Metro), Paul O'Brien (Metro), Richard Hayward (Canterbury Cricket), Mike Fisher (Metro-Chair), Nigel Marsh (Canterbury Cricket)

Apologies: Warren Lidstone, Richard McCracken

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting: MJ/MP

2. Matters Arising

Reminder

3.1 1st XI coaches or designated team manager should umpire. This must be discussed between coaches prior to the start of the match.

No Year 10 player in this grade is to umpire.

4.1 Player eligibility -Players will have full playing rights upon returning from participating in Inter-school Athletics Day and academic examinations.

6.2 There will be a minimum of 110 overs in a day for 1st XI and Reserve Grades. Start times as per Handbook.

6.5 A hard-soft orange ball to be used in Year 9 T20 grade.

3. Metro

MH spoke on behalf of Metro. He explained about the new website and about the organization. The Body of Rules being established may have a vote for secondary schools and Mike would investigate this further as some concern was expressed about the importance of the Youth presence and its possible political disappearance.

Schools may wish to add their links to the Metro website.

4. Proposals

Nigel Marsh had submitted two proposals on behalf of Canterbury Cricket for the consideration of YAG.

4.1 An elite Year 10 grade

This was aimed at keeping this year group together and it would also change the elite pathway. He believed it would aid the retention of players. As well, there would be a criteria for selection for this grade with a dispensation able to be granted to the particularly gifted player. A number of the meeting were in favour of the principle of the proposal but some were uneasy about the practicality of it working. Before any recommendation to Metro, it was agreed that this would be revisited in the November

meeting. The following day NM withdrew his submission on the basis of a lack of uniformity in the playing strengths of many of the schools likely to be involved.

4.2 Year 9 grade and artificial pitches

Nigel submitted that while it was advantageous to play on quality grass pitches, this didn't always occur and the players suffered accordingly. Their personal skills would be enhanced by playing on the quicker, bouncer artificial surface. The Group agreed in principle but MF pointed out the impracticality of this with a lack of these surfaces available in the schools and around Christchurch in general.

4.3 While on his hind legs, Nigel asked about the loadings of the bowlers in their winter programmes. Matt, Peter and Mike gave positive feedback on this initiative.

5. Publications and CricHQ

5.1 Paul spoke of trialling CricHQ on the 1st Xi and Year 9A grades in January.

5.2 He will provide a funding template to schools for the purchase of iPads. These were also available from Metro.

5.3 Fliers and Newsletters would be distributed to all schools shortly.

5.4 It should be noted that the trials were early this year (17-18 October) to avoid a clash with examinations.

5.5 Survey Monkey would be used to review the various winter training programmes.

5.6 The YPL was to get underway shortly and funding was to sought for this and Year 9 camps.

5.7 It should be noted that 2 teams could be entered in the Gillette Cup for next year.

6. General

6.1 Rule summaries would be updated and available for the new term.

6.2 AGM - Mike J to represent YAG.

6.3 School leavers - Matt suggested that the adult grades might start in January to be able to better attract school leavers to their clubs. It was generally felt that this was too great an upheaval for clubs and that the needed to be more pro-active in their recruitment.

Meeting finished at 8.00pm