

Middlesex Junior Cricket Association (charity number 291966)

Trustees' Annual Report - for the year ended 30th September 2020

Reference and administration details

Trustees:

Clifford Pile

Simon Mollett

Executive committee (from March 2020):

Peter Lowrey (President)

Clifford Pile (Chairman, and Chair of Central Area)

Simon Mollett (Treasurer)

John Ventham (Chair of cricket committee)

Robert Tripp (web-site, and Chair of East Area)

Katie Berry (co-opted member, Middlesex Cricket, secretary)

Until **February 2020**, the following also served on the executive committee but subsequently have served solely on the cricket committee:

Area Chairmen:

- Martin Issitt (Girls, to November 2019)
- Sharon Evers (Girls, from November 2019)
- Hillary Jackson (North)
- Ralph Meyer (South, from November 2019, succeeding John Ventham)
- Tony Wright (West)

Co-opted members:

- Vinoj Srinivasan (to February 2020)

The Middlesex Junior Cricket Association (“the charity” or “MJCA”) has no principal address, nor staff. Contact details are given in its web-site www.mcacricket.org .

Structure and governance; objectives and activities

Members of the executive committee are appointed either through its constituent Area committees or by the Annual General Meeting, which all member clubs can attend. The trustees are appointed from the executive committee and are generally the Chairman and the Treasurer.

The charity is governed by its Constitution. Its object is the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure-time occupation in the interests of social welfare for young people up to the age of 18. It aims to meet this object by organising cricket matches and competitions, primarily through member clubs in or affiliated to the former County of Middlesex. In doing so, it cooperates with Middlesex Cricket and the English Cricket Board (“ECB”). At a more local level, its activities are organised in five geographical Areas plus a separate county-wide Girls section.

Each Area and the Girls section organises, on an age-group basis, summer cricket in the form of both league matches and a cup competition for its constituent member clubs. Successful teams from these Area competitions then take part in county-level MJCA summer competitions. These in turn can lead to participation in national competitions run by the ECB. In a normal year, some 2,000 matches each summer are organised under the MJCA umbrella. 2020 was not a normal year.

The charity also organises indoor cricket in the winter for those of its member clubs that wish to participate.

In order to support these competitions, the charity introduced an improved web-site in 2018 to replace the handbook published in previous years.

The trustees consider that these activities satisfy the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

The charity makes no grants (other than in the form of medals and trophies for successful teams), has no investments other than bank accounts and relies entirely on the hard work of volunteers, both directly running the charity and indirectly within its member clubs.

Name change

Recognising that the charity provides services to both boys and girls, the charity's name was changed to "Middlesex Junior Cricket Association" at the February 2020 AGM.

Remuneration and reimbursement of expenses

No Trustees, nor any member of the executive committee, receive any remuneration from the charity.

In the course of the year, expenses were paid to:

- A Trustee, one payment of £22.79 to reimburse him for postage costs in connection with the AGM; and
- One other member of the executive committee, two payments totalling £219.01 to reimburse him for costs in connection with the web-site.

Management of major risks

The trustees of the charity have considered the major risks confronting the charity and have set policies and control systems to manage these risks as follows:

Major risks:

- Safeguarding of the junior members – this is primarily in the hands of the member clubs and, under paragraph 3(i) of the MJCA constitution, all member clubs must have ECB Clubmark accreditation, which includes controls on safeguarding. The cricket committee oversees rules for matches, taking into account safety considerations and ECB guidance (for example, on pitch lengths, on permissible fielding positions and on the use of helmets).
- Financial risks, of losses on activities or losses through fraud or theft – these are countered by the requirements for accounting, banking, cheque signing and independent examination of the annual accounts, as set out in the MJCA constitution paragraph 18.
- Inability to finance cricket activities – this is safeguarded by the charity's policy of keeping reserves sufficient to meet the expected costs of the coming season, having regard to related income from clubs.

- Loss of member clubs or the charity's role in organising junior cricket in Middlesex – this is monitored by the executive committee.
- Whilst the Covid-19 pandemic has had a severe impact on the charity's activities during the year, it did not pose a risk to the charity itself,

In addition, trustees and volunteer members of the executive committee are required to declare any conflicts of interest they might have on any matter of business. Any complaints will be considered by either the cricket committee (if involving cricket matters) or the executive committee and, if appropriate, referred to the disciplinary process set out in paragraph 8 of the MJCA constitution.

Achievements and performance

The charity's cricket competitions in winter 2019/20 had to be truncated in March 2020 owing to the increasing impact of Covid-19 – the Semi-finals and Finals could not be played. The summer 2020 programme was heavily disrupted – the scheduled Area competitions could not be played in April to July 2020 and the follow-on County competitions in July to September were abandoned.

However, once Government guidelines permitted junior cricket to be played under strict conditions, the charity's Areas organised fresh Area matches – some were able to arrange an almost full set of Area leagues; others focussed on facilitating friendlies between the member clubs. As a result, a welcome amount of junior cricket was in fact played in July to September and our thanks go to the many who worked so hard to enable this.

The lessons learnt from this past summer may well encourage Areas to put on additional junior cricket during the summer school holidays, a period that hitherto saw limited local junior cricket due to concerns over availability of both players and parent helpers.

Although we were able to hold the 2020 AGM in traditional physical form at Ealing CC, subsequent committee meetings (and Area meetings) have had to be conducted on Zoom or similar virtual platforms.

Financial review

The charity continues to be financially sound: in line with its reserves policy (above), the charity's reserves are sufficient to fund the commitments required to arrange the cricket programme for the coming year.

In view of the increase in reserves in 2018/19, the executive committee decided in September 2019 that the club subscription fee for 2020 could be reduced to £40 per club, below the level of £50 per club authorised in the MCA constitution. In view of the impact of covid-19, and recognising the charity's strong financial position, the executive committee resolved in May 2020 to return, through the Areas, to the member clubs all summer entry fees. The financial results for the year reflect both this return of 2020 entry fees (the small amount of net income shown relates to late receipts from summer 2019), and the much reduced costs following abandonment of the County competitions.

In addition, the charity moved its bank accounts from RBS to Metro Bank during spring 2020. Although this proved to be a protracted and frustrating process, the charity was rewarded with a "SWITCH incentive" of £1,250 after completion of the move.

As a result of these exceptional items, a surplus of **£2,765** was made in the year to 30 September 2020 (2018/19: surplus £2,806).

We also wish to thank David Morgan FCA for again acting on an honorary basis as Independent Examiner and for being willing to act as such again next year.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Clifford Pile

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Chairman and Trustee

Treasurer and Trustee

Signed 1st February 2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Middlesex Junior Cricket Association on the accounts for the year ended 30th September 2020

(charity number 291966)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 30th September 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act.

Independent examiner's statement.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act, or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

David Morgan

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Chartered Accountant
Independent Examiner

1st February 2021

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Accounts for the year ended 30th September 2020

Income and expenditure (note: all funds are unrestricted)

Income	2020	2019
Clubs		
- subscriptions (2020: at reduced £40 per club)	3,200	3,890
- summer entries received	5,367	5,101
- less refunds (due to Covid-19)	-5,204	-
- net summer entries (2020: late 2019 entries)	163	5,101
- winter entries	2,208	1,296
Associate members		
- subscriptions	173	124
- gift aid donations	144	273
- gift aid tax recoverable	36	68
Other income		
- bank interest and reward for switching bank	1,271	32
Total income	7,195	10,784
Expenses		
Cricket		
- summer	228	1,962
- winter	2,686	2,145
- trophies	234	3,104
Admin		
- insurance	431	435
- other	50	0
- web-sites	801	332
Total expenses	4,430	7,978
Net surplus / (deficit) for the year	2,765	2,806

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Balance sheet at 30th September (note: all funds are unrestricted)

	2020	2019
Cash at Bank		
- Current account 2020: Metro Bank, 2019: RBS	18,400	(564)
- Reserve account 2019: RBS	-	15,562
Sundry debtors	35	1,267
Sundry creditors	-	(595)
Net assets	18,435	15,670
Represented by:		
Accumulated funds brought forward	15,670	12,864
<i>Plus</i> Surplus / <i>less</i> Deficit for the year	2,765	2,806
Accumulated funds at 30th September	18,435	15,670

Approved by the Trustees on 1st February 2021

Simon Mollett

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Treasurer

Clifford Pile

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Chairman