



## MJCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

### MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024 via ZOOM, 7.00pm

#### PRESENT:-

**Clifford Pile** (Chairman, Chairman of Central Area, Actonians CC); **Peter Lowrey** (President, Brondesbury CC); **John Ventham** (Vice-Chairman, Chairman of Cricket Committee); **Hillary Jackson** (Vice President & North Area Chairman); **Simon Mollett** (Treasurer, Kew CC); **Ralph Meyer** (South Area Chairman, Teddington Town CC); **Robert Tripp** (East Area Chairman, North London CC); **Tony Wright** (West Area Chairman, Harrow St Mary's CC); **James Grigg** (Central Area Vice-Chairman, Ealing CC); **Ken Palmer** (Safeguarding Officer, Middlesex Participation Team); **Raj Nath** (Middlesex Participation Team, Chiswick CC); **Laura De Silva** (Chair of Girls Committee, Highgate CC); **Colin Bentall** (Sunbury CC); **Marie Holt** (Vice President, Ealing CC); **Vrushank Dalal** (Wembley CC); **Mitul Patel** (Ealing CC); **Steve Michelen** (Old Elizabethans CC); **Glyn Rees** (Richmond CC); **Gerald Clark** (North Middlesex CC); **Tim Howard** (Shepherds Bush CC); and 3 others - **Ian M (North Middlesex)**; **Big Book Live**; **Macca**

#### 1. Apologies for absence

**Kari Carswell** (Middlesex Participation team); **Johan De Silva** (Highgate CC); **David Holland** (Vice President & Teddington CC); **John Walker** (Vice President & Actonians CC); **Peter Smyth** (Vice President); **Ian Clothier** (Teddington CC)

#### 2. AGM 2023

The minutes of the 2023 meeting were accepted as a true record.

Proposed by James Grigg and seconded by Hillary Jackson. Accepted.

#### 3. Chairman's Report

CP welcomed the attendees and explained that following last year's poor attendance at the AGM we are trialling the 'zoom AGM' for this year to see if we have a better attendance and said that we would welcome feedback. The report is posted on the MJCA website (Membership Section) and the meeting was drawn to the following points: increase in the number of MJCA run games in 2023; a worrying small increase in poor behaviour by adults at the games; rules not being followed or 'local rules' being introduced by managers/coaches; further development of the Girls Committee and an increase in the number of girls matches being arranged; thanks were expressed to John Ventham and Hillary Jackson for their service to MJCA and to Peter Lowrey, Simon Mollett and Robert Trip for their contributions and support during the year.

Proposed by James Grigg and seconded by Marie Holt. Accepted.



#### **4. Chair of Cricket Committee Report**

JV gave a verbal report – highlights included; 2023 season saw a growth of teams entering competitions although there was a decline at the Under 17 age group; congratulations to Ealing for winning 8 boys competitions and for becoming National Champions at the Under 13 age group. Thanks to Laura da Silva for her development and work with the Girls Committee; thanks to those clubs who hosted county finals and to Callum Miller for organising the umpires; Indoor cricket has seen an increase in participation as well with the finals at Lord's on the 24<sup>th</sup> March; indoor cricket remains on budget and thanks to Peter Hollman for doing such tremendous work into indoor cricket.

Proposed by Marie Holt and seconded by Raj Nath. Accepted.

#### **5. To receive, and if thought fit, to approve the Financial Statement for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

SM presented the Trustee's Annual Report and the Accounts for the year - the accounts are posted on the MJCA website. SM reported that the accounts are showing that we are financially sound with our reserves being sufficient to fund the commitments required to arrange the cricket programme for the coming year. This past year's accounts show income exceeding £25,000, so we shall have to file the full set of Reports and Accounts for public display (like in 2018). SM also confirmed his intention to step down at the 2025 AGM and would be happy to talk through what the role entails with anyone interested in taking on the role.

Proposed by Laura Da Silva and seconded by Peter Lowrey. Accepted

#### **6. To elect the President and Vice-Presidents of the Association**

The Executive Committee nominated Peter Lowrey as President, proposed by John Ventham and seconded Hillary Jackson, with no other nominations this was approved by the meeting.

The meeting was informed that Fred Bailey, Vice-President had passed away just before Christmas. Four new Vice-Presidents - Duncan Holden (Stoke Newington), Natalie Raja (Bushy Park Girls), John Ventham (Sunbury) and Becky Issitt (North London) Richard Nicoll (North Middlesex) were put forward by the Executive.

Proposed by Peter Lowrey and seconded by Clifford Pile. Accepted.

The Vice President's list, including the new Vice-Presidents, as read by Peter Lowrey, were proposed to be elected/re-elected.

Proposed by James Grigg and seconded by Simon Mollett. Accepted.



**7. To elect the officers of the Association as follows; Chairman, Vice-Chair, Treasurer & Safeguarding Officer**

Chairman - Clifford Pile, was nominated by the Executive Committee, proposed by Laura Da Silva, seconded by Marie Holt, with no other nominations this was approved by the meeting.

Vice-Chair (Chairman of the Cricket Committee) – James Grigg, was nominated by the Executive Committee, proposed by Marie Holt, seconded by John Ventham, with no other nominations this was approved by the meeting.

Treasurer – Simon Mollett, was nominated by the Executive Committee, proposed by Peter Lowrey, seconded by Raj Nath, with no other nominations this was approved by the meeting.

Safeguarding Officer – Ken Palmer (Middlesex Safeguarding Officer), was nominated by the Executive Committee, proposed by Clifford Pile, seconded by James Grigg, with no other nominations this was approved by the meeting.

**8. To appoint the Independent Examiner of the Association**

David Morgan has indicated that he will stand in this capacity and had been nominated by the Executive Committee, proposed by Hillary Jackson, seconded Peter Lowry, with no other nominations this was approved by the meeting.

**9. Any other business**

Gerald Clark (North Middlesex) raised concerns from his own club and the East Area regarding the introduction of a bonus point for those clubs who provide a separate scorer for MJCA games. CP explained that the rule, on having a separate umpire and scorer, had been in place for some considerable time and it was felt that this was not being observed so a small incentive was being introduced to support that rule. The meeting was informed that it had been discussed for some time in various MJCA committees. The process regarding rules and possible changes was explained and that 'the bonus point addition' would be looked at the next Cricket Committee meeting; although the rule itself would not change. MJCA always welcome discussion and feedback on this and other rules.

Meeting Closed.