

Middlesex Junior Cricket Association (charity number 291966)

Trustees' Annual Report - for the year ended 30th September 2021

Reference and administration details

Trustees:

Clifford Pile

Simon Mollett

Executive committee:

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)

Cricket committee:

John Ventham (Chair)

Area Chairmen:

- Clifford Pile (Central)
- James Grigg (Central)
- Robert Tripp (East)
- Sharon Eyers (Girls)
- Hillary Jackson (North)
- Ralph Meyer (South)
- Tony Wright (West)

Ian Moore (Middlesex Cricket)

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. Unlike 2020, 2021 was a partly normal year.

The charity also organises indoor cricket in the winter for those of its member clubs that wish to participate – this was heavily disrupted by the resumed Covid-19 lock-downs of November 2020 and January 2021, such that about half the matches could only be played in the following autumn, October 2021.

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.

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 £38.94 to reimburse him for postage costs in connection with the AGM; and
- One other member of the executive committee, three payments totalling £245.07 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 again had an impact on the charity’s activities during the year, primarily in respect of winter cricket, 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 2020/21 had to be truncated in December 2020 owing to the resumed impact of Covid-19 – the later matches were played the following autumn, in October 2021. The summer 2021 programme was less disrupted, and then more by frequent rain than by the need to observe Covid-19 precautions.

The lessons learnt from summer 2020 encouraged some Areas to put on additional local 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.

The 2021 AGM had to be held by Zoom, as did subsequent committee meetings (and Area meetings) until autumn 2021.

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.

Club subscriptions returned to their constitution-mandated level of £50 per club. The other significant changes reflected in the financial results were (i) a significant increase in the costs of medals and trophies for the competitions (with also new trophies for Girls’ competitions); and (ii) the deferral of £1,040 of winter cricket costs as a “prepayment” to recognise that many matches (and the associated match fees) were delayed to October 2021.

As a result of these activities, a surplus of **£314** was made in the year to 30 September 2021 (2019/20: surplus £2,765).

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 7th February 2022

Independent Examiner’s Report to the Trustees of the Middlesex Junior Cricket Association on the accounts for the year ended 30th September 2021

(charity number 291966)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 30th September 2021.

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

7th February 2022

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Accounts for the year ended 30th September 2021

Income and expenditure (note: all funds are unrestricted)

| Income | 2021 | 2020 |
|---|---------------|--------------|
| Clubs | | |
| - subscriptions (2020: at reduced £40 per club) | 3,910 | 3,200 |
| - summer entries received | 5,306 | 5,367 |
| - less 2020 refunds due to Covid-19 | - | -5,204 |
| - net summer entries (2020: late 2019 entries) | 5,306 | 163 |
| - winter entries | 1,616 | 2,208 |
| Associate members | | |
| - subscriptions | 252 | 173 |
| - gift aid donations | 183 | 144 |
| - gift aid tax recoverable | 47 | 36 |
| Other income | | |
| - bank interest and reward for switching bank | - | 1,271 |
| - other donations | 5 | - |
| Total income | 11,319 | 7,195 |
| Expenses | | |
| Cricket | | |
| - summer pitches, balls and umpires | 2,174 | 228 |
| - winter pitches, balls and umpires (Note) | 2,050 | 2,686 |
| - trophies | 6,012 | 234 |
| Admin | | |
| - insurance | 485 | 431 |
| - web-sites | 245 | 801 |
| - other | 39 | 50 |
| Total expenses | 11,005 | 4,430 |
| Net surplus for the year | 314 | 2,765 |

Note: the winter season was disrupted by the Covid-19 lockdowns, with over half of matches being played and invoiced in October 2021, after the financial year-end. As a result, part of the cost of pitches paid earlier in the year to September 2021 has been deferred to the year 2021/22 and is represented in the balance sheet as a “prepayment”. This deferred cost is covered by the match fees received after these October 2021 matches.

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

| | 2021 | <i>2020</i> |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Cash at Bank | | |
| - current account (Metro Bank) | 20,263 | <i>18,400</i> |
| Sundry debtors and prepayment (see Note to income and expenditure statement) | 1,040 | <i>35</i> |
| Sundry creditors | | |
| - deposits held (winter cricket) | (1,500) | <i>-</i> |
| - accruals | (1,054) | <i>-</i> |
| Net assets | <u>18,749</u> | <u>18,435</u> |
| Represented by: | | |
| Accumulated funds brought forward | 18,435 | <i>15,670</i> |
| <i>Plus</i> Surplus for the year | 314 | <i>2,765</i> |
| Accumulated funds at 30th September | <u>18,749</u> | <u>18,435</u> |

Approved by the Trustees on 7th February 2022

Simon Mollett

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Treasurer

Chairman