

Middlesex Colts Association (charity number 291966)

Trustees' Annual Report - for the year ended 30th September 2019

Reference and administration details

Trustees:

Clifford Pile

Simon Mollett

Executive committee:

Peter Lowrey (President)

Clifford Pile (Chairman)

Simon Mollett (Treasurer)

John Ventham (Chair, cricket committee)

Area Chairmen:

- Martin Issitt (Girls, to November 2019)
- Sharon Evers (Girls, from November 2019)
- Hillary Jackson (North)
- Clifford Pile (Central)
- Robert Tripp (East)
- John Ventham (South, to November 2019)
- Ralph Meyer (South, from November 2019)
- Tony Wright (West)

Co-opted members:

- Katie Berry (Middlesex Cricket)
- Vinoj Srinivasan

The Middlesex Colts Association (“the charity” or “MCA”) 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 MCA summer competitions. These in turn can lead to participation in national competitions run by the ECB. Some 2,000 matches each summer are organised under the MCA umbrella.

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.

Proposed name change

Recognising that the charity provides services to both boys and girls, the executive committee and the Trustees will propose the charity's name be changed to "Middlesex Junior Cricket Association" at the 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 £200 to reimburse him for a cost in connection with the web-site; and
- One other member of the executive committee, three payments totalling £463.49 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 MCA 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 MCA 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.

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 MCA constitution.

Achievements and performance

The Charity successfully provided the cricket competitions in winter 2018/19 and in summer 2019, as set out in the web-site. The summer programme was extended to include leagues for U9s. However, the winter cricket programme was again on a much reduced scale owing to a shortage of suitable venues.

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, 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.

A surplus of **£2,806** was made in the year to 30 September 2019 (2017/18: deficit £-2,451).

Winter cricket was, unfortunately, again on a significantly reduced scale in 2018/19, which reduced both costs and income. In view of the reduced scale, the MCA did not ask for financial support from the Seaxe Club in 2019 – their interest in the competition continued with representation at the Finals, which is much appreciated.

Summer cricket expenses for trophies rose, but otherwise were well controlled. Income from entry fees rose.

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 3rd February 2020

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Middlesex Colts Association on the accounts for the year ended 30th September 2019

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report.

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement.

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

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

I 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
3rd February 2020

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Accounts for the year ended 30th September 2019

Income and expenditure (note: all funds are unrestricted)

Income	2019	2018
Clubs		
- subscriptions	3,890	4,065
- summer entries	5,101	4,471
- winter entries	1,296	3,754
Associate members		
- subscriptions	124	131
- gift aid donations	273	144
- gift aid tax recoverable	68	36
Other donations – Seaxe Club and MCB	0	1,200
Other income		
- bank interest	32	25
Total income	10,784	13,826
Expenses		
Cricket		
- summer	1,962	2,855
- winter	2,145	4,345
- trophies	3,104	2,694
Admin		
- insurance	435	435
- other	0	90
- web-sites	332	5,858
Total expenses	7,978	16,277
Net surplus / (deficit) for the year	2,806	(2,451)

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

	2019	2018
Cash		
- Current account	(564)	25
- Reserve account	15,562	12,530
Sundry debtors	1,267	991
Sundry creditors	(595)	(682)
Net assets	15,670	12,864
Represented by:		
Accumulated funds brought forward	12,864	15,315
<i>Plus Surplus / less Deficit for the year</i>	2,806	(2,451)
Accumulated funds at 30th September	15,670	12,864

Approved by the Trustees on 3rd February 2020

Simon Mollett

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Treasurer

Clifford Pile

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Chairman