

AUTUMN GENERAL MEETING OF THE LEINSTER CRICKET UNION COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE HELD ON 26 NOVEMBER 2020

Held on Zoom Video Conference

Minutes

1. Notice of Meeting

The Chairman, John Heavey, called the meeting to order at 6:01p.m. He thanked everyone for attending on zoom, a list of whom can be found at Appendix 1.

He explained that this meeting was a limited agenda, namely the approval of the annual accounts for the year ended 31st December 2019, and approval of auditors.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Peter Searson (LCU&SA), Daragh Ryan (Mullingar), Robert Delaney & Mark Condell (Mullingar), Tony Cosgrave (Knockharley)

The meeting then observed a minutes silence in memory of all those from the cricket community who had passed away during the year including:

Andrew Kenny (Leinster), Brian Siggins (Dublin University), Brian Whelan (Clontarf), Carmel Fleming (Merrion), Conor ffrench-Davis (Knockharley), Cyril Stirrat (Railway Union), David Brown (Halverstown), Geraldine Asher (Merrion), Jean Scott-Hayward (North Kildare), Michael Hayes Auret (Slieve Bloom), Noel Purcell (Bagenalstown), Owen O'Neill (Terenure & Pembroke), Pam Pearce (Leinster), Sean Moore (Knockbrack), Sheila Kear (The Hills), Thomas McGrane (Knockbrack), William (Billy) Gray (Halverstown) and Ted Williamson Senior.

3. Adoption of 2019 Accounts

Barry Tucker (Chair of Finance) briefed the meeting on the 2019 year-end accounts.

Turnover had increased circa 20% in 2019 to €736K. In the context of our expansion over recent years, we have strengthened the capacity of our Finance team and now have an experienced Financial Officer onboard supported by an Accounts Clerk to handle the day-to-day processing. o

Barry explained that we recorded a trading loss for the year of €33K (circa 4% deficit) which was primarily driven by our extensive programme of Centenary events (net loss of circa €21K) and the disposal of our old website which resulted in a once-off charge of €15K.

It was explained that the Centenary included a Centenary Day event in Central Hotel, an exhibition of memorabilia, the commissioning of a 500-page hardback book, the commissioning of Centenary ties and scarves, various informal events including match teas, the awarding of Centenary medals and of course the Summer Smash event where we hosted Middlesex on mid-summer's day.

It was noted that we also acquired some assets during the year across all categories however our primary investment was of course the new, mobile-optimised website and this is reflected in our increased fixed assets for the period.

It was noted that total assets (or members funds) remained steady at circa €150K.

It was explained that wages & salaries were up on the prior year primarily resulting from Brian O'Rourke's move from the CI payroll to CL payroll and the recruitment of Isobel Joyce as Women's & Girls Development Officer.

In line with almost all trading companies, it was explained that 2020 has been a challenging year however we are still anticipating a modest surplus which should counter-balance the deficit in 2019 and leave the company in a robust trading position as we progress into 2021.

Barry explained that we have been managing all revenue and cost components very tightly whilst still delivering a decent cricket programme albeit via a curtailed season and he was pleased to confirm that we wrote-off the second-half club affiliation fees in an effort to assist our member clubs over this challenging period.

In questions on the Annual Accounts, Olag Sivanatham queried the detail of the "Senior Branch Costs", and it was clarified that this included costs relating to Leinster Lightning & Bolts, medals, advertising board costs, match programmes, live streaming and a number of other operational costs.

With no other questions arising, Barry asked for the Annual Accounts to be adopted. They were proposed by Mary Sharp, seconded by David Brennan, and agreed unanimously.

4. Reappointment of the Auditors

In light of the excellent work undertaken in respect of the 2019 accounts, Barry proposed the reappointment of Brophy & Sons as external auditors for 2020. This was seconded by the Chairman and carried unanimously.

5. Authorisation of the Directors to fix the remuneration of the auditors

The meeting was asked to authorise the Directors to fix the remuneration of the auditors. This was proposed by Alan Lewis, seconded by Neil Swaby, and carried unanimously.

6. Any Other Business

After three years in post, Barry explained that David Brennan was retiring as Honorary Treasurer. It was noted that David succeeded Pat Banahan in 2018 and has done a great job in supporting the company's transition into a limited company and in ensuring that a robust Finance function and associated governance processes have been established.

Barry explained that it has been agreed by the Board not to fill this vacancy until further work is completed on the future requirement for this role. As outlined earlier, the Company now has a full-time Finance team with two dedicated Finance staff and a well-established Finance Committee.

In other business, Neil Swaby asked about progress towards the employment of a Midlands Development Officer. PS advised that this was a priority item and that Cricket Leinster would be working with midlands clubs to secure funding from local sports partnerships for such a role. It was likely that the role would be shared across several counties, but it was agreed to discuss further with the clubs involved to progress this further.

There being no other business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting was closed at 6:35pm.

Appendix 1 - List of Clubs in attendances and their representatives.

Representative	Club
Olag Sivanatham	Adamstown
Stella Downes	Clontarf
Syam Mohan	Finglas
Stuart Conroy	Halverstown
Paul Reynolds	Leinster
John Heavey	Merrion
Michael Sludds	North County
Ronan Cruise	North Kildare
Barry Tucker	Pembroke
Simon Grehan	Railway Union
Siobhan McBennett	Chair of CL Women's Committee
Donal Vaughan	Terenure
Colm Faherty	Civil Service
Duncan Grehan	Knockharley
Eoin Sheehan	Rush
George Kitteringham	The Hills
Lorraine McKeane	Malahide
Alan Lewis	YMCA
Neil Swaby	Mullingar
Peter Lacy	Clontarf
Meena Baskasubramanian	Adamstown
Peter Thew	LCU&SA
Bill O'Connor	Cricket Leinster
David Brennan	Terenure
Ciaran Keohane	Malahide
Simon Dyke	Cricket Leinster
Philip Smith	Cricket Leinster
Mary Sharp	Pembroke
Eddie Lewis	Merrion
Adrian Harper	Balbriggan
Derek Maltby	YMCA
Martin Potts	Greystones