



**Wellington
Cricket Club**

Administrator's Report 2020

Introduction

2020 will go down as the toughest of seasons that our grand old Club has had to endure since its formation some 150 years ago.

The effects of the COVID 19 pandemic affected every aspect of the game that we love and cherish to such a degree that we were only able to enjoy two months of play and then only under strict conditions and protocols and these are set to continue sadly.

What season we could enjoy had only just been completed when we were rocked to our foundations by the sudden and untimely death of our President and former Chairman Duncan Short.

Duncan was a friend to us all and so much more besides and we will miss his presence, endeavours and tireless work for and on the Club's behalf.

I know that we will always remember Duncan and am sure that we will find a suitable and lasting way to perpetuate his memory for he was a major driving force in making us the Club we are today.

Operational Review

When we were able to start action it needed a quick turnaround to get ready on the part of Clubs, Leagues and Players.

Playing Bubbles of eight teams were created by both WEPL and the SCL and we opted to enter two Saturday teams and pick up the Sunday XI schedule from where it would have been in regular times, but without any competitive measure as the SCS SCL did not run. I still contend that WEPL could have come up with a fairer split of teams for the sixteen Somerset based sides who they had to consider than they actually did, but we put our best foot forward and wins over Wembdon and Bridgwater were definite highlights of the short campaign.

Unfortunately weather got in the way of games with Minehead and Taunton and results in the last three games were not in our favour.

The 2nd XI played in a more balanced bubble - an example of the County Leagues having more empathy with what this exercise was trying to achieve? - and won three of seven games with one draw, two losses and one cancellation.

I congratulate Arron Campbell and Alex Troake with their management of a season that was never going to be easy to plan and deliver on, but we were available from when we could play the game and all commitments were met even though the extended playing pool was not available due to extenuating circumstances.

The Sunday XI was organised by Arron Campbell and this saw all players who wished to play get game time and from eight games four were won, one was tied and three were lost. Junior cricket in the past season was in the form of Under 11 and Under 13 teams and these combined training and match play under Somerset Cricket Board mandated matrices for play.

This aspect of play was delivered by many and they are all thanked for their efforts in giving our younger players some action in this shortest of seasons.

Non-Operational Review

Effective work by Amanda Moysey and her team enabled us to open in a COVID compliant manner from the start of the short season and we were able to trade in a manner that still allowed players, supporters and opposition to enjoy their time at WCC.

No social events of a formal nature were able to be offered in 2020, but we look forward to being able to resume in the not too distant future.

In Conclusion

Despite 2020 being a dire year for life let alone our Club I think we have managed the back story well and got from it all that we could and my sincere thanks go to all who helped to deliver in the most testing of times.

We will continue to plan for 2021 in terms of it being a regular season and one just hopes that is what we get to enjoy.

David Derrick

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