

# MUNSTER CRICKET UNION



## ANNUAL REPORT

### 2020 SEASON

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## 1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2020 ( from 28 feb 2020 )

President	Kuros Mohammadi
Chairperson	David Griffin
Secretary	Michael Hickey
Treasurer	Bryan O'Donnell
Director	Jack Filan
Director	Joe O Mahony - Chair of Operations Committee
Director	Ben Huskinson - Chair of P&P Committee
Independent Director	Christine Moloney
Independent Director	Catherina Lane
From 1 Jan to 24 Feb 2020 the	Robert Duggan
following served as Directors	Veena O Sullivan
	Ted Williamson
	Matt Reed
	Jack Russell

## **2. COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS**

### **Cricket Committee**

Joe O'Mahony	Chairperson/Fixtures Secretary
Kevin O'Sullivan	
Gerard O'Sullivan	
Richard Rutland	
Stephen Hackett	

### **Participation and Pathways Committee (P&P)**

Ben Huskinson	Chairperson
John Buss	Youth Coordinator
Pat Donnelly	
Chris Hickey	
Safraz Ramay	
Brenda Kennedy	
Tom O Regan	

### **Commercial Committee**

Bryan O Donnell	Chairperson
Chris Thomas	
Mark Hunter	
Joseph Moynihan	

### **Nominations Committee**

David Griffin	Chairperson
Kuros Mohammadi	
Joseph O Mahony	
Joseph Moynihan	

### **Child Welfare Officer**

John Ketch

### **Disciplinary Convenor**

Ger O'Sullivan

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## **Nominees to Cricket Ireland Board & Committees**

Board	David Griffin
Cricket Committee	Michael Hickey
Finance Committee	Bryan O'Donnell

## **Interprovincial/Munster Reds**

Head Coach	Ted Williamson
Assistant Coach	Eddie Richardson
Manager and Administrator	Joseph Moynihan

Munster Reds Squad Selectors	Ted Williamson - Head Coach Jack Tector (C) Eddie Richardson - Asst. Coach
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Munster Heat Squad Selectors	Matt Reed David Ramsay Chris Thomas Richard Brewster
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## **MCU Staff**

General Manager	Joseph Moynihan
Youth Administrator	John Buss

### **3. Chairperson's Report 2020**

Despite all the disruption to our lives and the day to day cricket operations and activity, 2020 still managed to be a year of progress for Munster Cricket. Before looking at more strategic issues, I would like to place on record my thanks to Joe Moynihan and the Operations Committee, the Club Covid Officers, Club officials and their members for all that they did to get the T20 Blast and League competitions played so successfully. The requirements were onerous and the restrictions could be frustrating but it was well worth it to get the amount of cricket played that we did. Many other sports have not been so fortunate in 2020.

It has been the first year in which we operated as a Company Limited by Guarantee. I feel that we have put down some strong governance roots on which we can build. There are further areas that we need to develop such as effective Commercial and Clubs Committees, which are only now getting up and running. We are very aware of the need to involve a wider range of people in running the Union and this will be a focus for the next couple of years. The enforced move to online meetings should assist this process by eliminating the travel barrier to participation in Board and committee meetings and I would expect that the majority of meetings will remain online in future. I would like to thank all those who served as directors on the new Company Board in 2020 and, in particular, I wish to welcome and thank our new independent directors, Catherina Lane and Christine Moloney, who have brought very useful new insights into our discussions. I would also note my thanks to Michael Hickey and Jack Filen who retire as directors today after many years of service to Munster Cricket.

Aside from the disruption to the playing of cricket, the pandemic also impacted on many other facets of our activities. Planned development work in schools was halted and the recruitment of development officers put on hold. I am glad to note that the recruitment process is now back on track. In the meantime, our General Manager has worked hard on building up contacts with the Local Sports Partnerships and I am pleased to report that the LSPs in each county will be working with us in 2021 as soon as the pandemic restrictions are lifted sufficiently to enable work in schools go ahead.

We are also working closely with a number of the City and County Councils to get access to grounds for new clubs and to establish additional facilities for Munster Cricket itself which can be used to support increased activity at both adult and youth levels. Having a Munster HQ is a long-term project but progress is being made on laying the foundation stones for this. This also ties into a focus on improving club facilities and playing conditions which is also a medium to long term project. This connects very firmly into our Strategic Planning for, firstly 2021-23, and thereafter up to 2030. It is the intention of Cricket Ireland to focus more support on grassroots cricket in these time periods and our own strategic planning work will look to mirror the key focus areas of Cricket Ireland and the other Provincial Unions with appropriate adjustments to reflect our current state of development and where we want to get to. Feedback from information questionnaires and the recent club information meeting has been very useful in

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identifying what our key focus areas should be and we expect to complete and launch our Strategic Plan for 2021-23 by the end of March 2021.

The pandemic has made the generation of commercial income more difficult but this has to be a focus area for us. We need to generate more income ourselves to enable us to unlock additional income from such as the LSPs and to enable us to contribute the share we have to make as part of Sports Capital Grant funding etc. Cricket Ireland funding will be constrained at least up to 2024 when the next ICC funding round commences, so we need to reduce our dependence on that source of our overall funding. The work of the newly established Commercial Committee will be vital in the next three years and we would be very appreciative if more people from our clubs could get involved with this.

The pandemic restrictions meant that I , and other Board members, were unable to get around to clubs to meet people in person and I apologise for the inevitable impact this had on communication regarding what has been going on at Board and committee level. Hopefully, by the time we reach the start of the 2021 season, conditions will have improved so as to enable face to face contacts to resume, but we also plan to make use of our website and social media generally more effective as communications tools. I expected that I would now be thanking all those who helped me carry out my role as Chairperson over the past six years but, with due respect to the outcome of the EGM being held today, it looks like I will be deferring that until the 2021 AGM. We will be working hard in the coming months to ensure that the next Chairperson has been identified in good time for that meeting and as I move on to take up the role of Cricket Ireland President in April 2022 if all goes to plan. In the meantime, thank you to everyone who helped me carry out this role in 2020.

David Griffin  
Chairperson

## 4. SECRETARY'S REPORT 2020 - Incorporating Operations Report

To call the 2020 season a strange one would be a gross understatement, it would be far more appropriate to call it an unprecedented cricket season. It started off in a pretty normal manner, working on finalising the process of the changeover of the Munster Cricket Union, to the Munster Cricket Union CLG. The recruitment of new directors, including for the first time independent directors from outside the cricketing fold, as well as within, went smoothly.

The final meeting of the Executive Board of the MCU on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020 formally passed the motion proposed by the Chairperson David Griffin and seconded by the Secretary, Michael Hickey, that the present Union be wound up with effect from the conclusion of that meeting. That meeting then concluded and was followed immediately by the first meeting of the Board of Directors of the MCU CLG. At this meeting the nominations of the new members of the Board of Directors, as proposed by the Nominations Committee as follows:-

President – **Kuros Mohammadi** – elected at the AGM in December 2019 for a 2-year term

Chair of the Board – **David Griffin** – until the AGM at end of 2020

Hon. Secretary – **Michael Hickey** – *pro tempore*

Treasurer – **Bryan O'Donnell**

Director (representing Operations) **Joseph O'Mahony**

Director (representing P&P) **Ben Huskinson**

Director – **Jack Filen**

Independent Directors – **Christine Moloney**

– **Catherina Lane**

The motion for the acceptance of the nominations of the three new named Directors (Christine Moloney, Catherina Lane and Ben Huskinson) was proposed by the Chairperson David Griffin and seconded by the Secretary Michael Hickey and was adopted unanimously.

The three new directors were to be invited to the next Board of Directors, was held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and their formal appointment as new Board members, together with the resignations of the members who were stepping down was noted, these were **Robert Duggan, Veena O'Sullivan, Jack Russell, Matt Reed, and Ted Williamson**. At this meeting an Induction for the new board members was made, which encompassed the key developments for 2019/2020, our new structure as a CLG, our Strategic planning for 2021-2023, our General Manager's goals and priorities, budgeting and commercial development, and corporate governance, followed by a discussion and Q&A. I wish to repeat and endorse the thanks and appreciation already given by our Chairperson in his report, to our two new Independent Directors, Christine and Catherina for the very useful new insights their presence brought into our discussions, both at Board Meetings and in otherwise. Their presence on our Board has provided a new and very valuable asset to our deliberations and work.

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Though we did not know it at the time, this was to be the last physical meeting of the Board of Directors for the season, though it certainly was not the last meeting, as 7 further meetings were held during the season as follows:-

23<sup>rd</sup> April

2<sup>nd</sup> June

29<sup>th</sup> June

10<sup>th</sup> August

5<sup>th</sup> October

2<sup>nd</sup> November

7 December

There were also many video and telephone calls among ourselves, involving Cricket Ireland and the other Provincial Unions. While virtual meetings lacked the social contacts between us, they certainly were both effective and efficient, and together with saving on time spent travelling to meetings, shall be used even after the pandemic ends, though at least some physical meetings will be required also.

Before the mid-March shutdown, the draws for the MCU Cup Competitions had taken place after the AGM in December 2019, and the full fixtures had been circulated. Our General Manager and Operations Committee had developed short and medium term plans for 2020 and many new initiatives, including those outlined at the 2019 AGM and at the Club Information evening in October 2019, and a very busy season was predicted. However, to quote the Scottish Poet Robbie Burns *“The best laid schemes o’ Mice an’ Men, gang aft agley, an’ lea’e us nought but grief an’ pain, for promis’d joy!”* Everything came to a halt. The normal pre-season activities at Union and club level ceased, and for over two months many of us doubted that the 2020 cricket season would start at all. The gloom was probably enhanced by the normal early season weather in April, May and into June being atypically ideal for cricket – warm sunny and dry – you could almost hear the distant sighs of “Oh if only we could play cricket now!”. Ironically such weather was far from ideal for groundsmen, when they could get working on pitches again.

Then in late June hopes began to rise. As cricket was (probably) a non-contact sport, could it begin when things started to open up? This led to a frenzy of activity, with the drafting, revision, revision again and circulation of guidelines, training protocols and playing protocols for resuming play in mid-July. Club Covid Committees had to be formed, Covid Safety Officers had to be appointed and trained and safety checks, participant records and much more put into place. The Club Covid Safety Officers and the MCU Covid Safety Officer, our General Manager, Joe Moynihan emerged as the heroes and saviours of 2020 – they really merited being given the MCU President’s Award for 2020. While we had 2 instances of suspected Covid-19 cases that caused matches to be postponed on two weekends, we were all relieved that they tested negative and matches could resume.

Undoubtedly some were disappointed that only T20 matches were the only format of the game allowed by the guidelines, while others enjoyed playing more of the shorter format. I think however that there was great relief all round that we did actually manage to get at least half a season of matches, albeit all T20 format, played. Of course the

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glorious weather of April, May and early June didn't last, but we did not lose many MCU Competition matches due to weather, in the adult game anyway.

I am standing down as Secretary and a Member of the Board of the MCU at the conclusion of this AGM, after being involved as a member of the Executive Board/Committee of the MCU for the last 14 years. I initially represented umpires on the Executive Committee. Then I was surprised and greatly honoured to be elected President for 2016 and 2017 and I remained on as Secretary until today,

I would like to thank all those I worked with over that time. I made many new friends both throughout Munster Cricket and indeed across the wider Cricket Ireland family. I suppose there were times when some agreements arose with individuals, but I think I can say that none became enemies, and all, or at least the vast majority, remained as friends and cherished colleagues.

It would be remiss of me however, not to say a special word of thanks and appreciation regarding David Griffin, whom I have known for quite a few years, but especially in the last 6 or 7 years. All of us in Munster Cricket owe him a great debt of gratitude for the service he has given to us for a long time, but more than most, from working so closely with him during his Chairmanship, or should that be "Chairpersonship", I recognise the enormous amount of time, effort and hard work he has put in to get us in Munster Cricket to where we are today, and subject to endorsement by this AGM, he is not finished yet! I also wish him well, and an enjoyable time, when he takes on the Presidency of Cricket Ireland in 2022.

Like so many others, I also welcome the appointment of Joe Moynihan as our General Manager and thank him for all he has done already in the 18 months he has been with us.

I welcome Chris Hickey as the new Secretary, subject to your endorsement later, and I wish him well in this role. I know as an experienced and very efficient secretary of a member club, he will do a great job for all. If required I hope to be available for some time to provide any help and support that I may be able if requested to do so.

Finally a timely reminder and a request to all of us, that we maintain and follow the Spirit of Cricket by showing respect for our own side, our opponents, the officials (umpires and scorers) and the laws and tradition of the game we all love. I hope I have provided some service to Munster Cricket. The best of luck to you all and my best wishes to you all for the 2021 season - whatever it may hold for us all.

Further details of the on field and off field activities of the 2020 season will be given in the other reports to follow.

Michael Hickey, Secretary

## **5. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT 2020**

The 2020 season was a challenging one for all clubs and officials. Covid-19 affected all our lives both on and off the field. Even before the first ball was bowled in July, the Operations committee had spent 9 months in preparation for the season. Despite the challenges, 2020 was a successful one.

### Fixtures

The committee compiled a total of 3 sets of fixture lists from March to June as information and Covid-19 guidance from the Government, Sports Ireland & Cricket Ireland changed frequently. The decision to limit the playing time to 3 hours per person left the committee no option but to go with a T20 competition, after much discussion. The final set of fixtures were set for new T20 Leagues and a continuation of the T20 Blasts as per previous years.

Of the 90 games organised, 84% were played, while the remainder were not played because of wet weather and Covid-19 game suspensions.

The committee also organised the inaugural President's XI vs Chairperson's XI for both Senior and Minor players, which was welcomed by all clubs and indeed all clubs were involved.

The Irish Senior and National Cup competitions were not played in 2020 but Cork County represented the Munster Cricket Union in the National T20 Finals week.

### Season review.

The committee was satisfied that the structure of the fixtures went off well. It was suggested and adopted that the points system for the T20 league will be brought in line with the limited overs system, should this league take place again in future seasons.

### Playing & Administrative Regulations

There were no major changes in 2020 beyond the inclusion of the Covid related appendix. The Operations Committee dealt effectively with several enquiries from clubs relating to the regulations.

The regulations will be reviewed on an ongoing basis as ICC and Cricket Ireland regulations change.

All Clubs are expected to play in Colour clothing for T20's and Cup competitions at all divisions from 2021 onwards.

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## Player Grading

The player grading sub-committee met 4 times during the season and used the same objective criteria as used in the 2019 season. There were mid-season reviews and 13 mid-season grading adjustments. Appeals were dealt with in a timely manner.

At the end of the season it was decided that there would be a review of the grading procedures and criteria for the 2021 season due to some complaints from various clubs, work on which has already commenced.

## Discipline

There were no disciplinary issues during the season.

## Umpiring & Scoring

Issues remain with volunteers for Umpiring duties in 2020. Without umpires, issues will continue both on and off the field. The MCU has begun to take steps regarding this for the 2021 season.

The Committee would like to thank the Clubs and their Committees, Covid Officers, the Executive and Joe Moynihan for their ongoing support of the Operations Committee during the 2020 season. As I have said at the start of the report, the year was a challenging one and without all of the support given then the season may have turned out quite differently. We also would like to acknowledge the work and passion of those outgoing members and to thank them. We also would like to wish the new members the best for the upcoming season.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of the Committee for their tireless efforts in making sure that the season was run successfully and smoothly, and I look forward to working with them again in the coming season.

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Joseph O'Mahony

Chairperson

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## 6. FINANCIAL REPORT 2020

### Treasurer's Report for the Period 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

#### Munster Cricket Union CLG.

This report is compiled with the backdrop of Covid-19 and a season that was Stop / Start for the duration of the summer. Under the circumstances the Union performed very well in the face of adversity.

These are the first year's accounts as a CLG, and you will note a lack of comparison figures for 2020 v 2019 that I'm afraid is not possible on a first-year basis.

Our sincere thanks to Cricket Ireland for the following support to the Munster Cricket Union CLG in the 2020 Season.

Cricket Operations Support	€ 1,920
Development Support	€15,000
Travel Expenses	€ 4,000
Office Rental Subsidy	€ 5,000
Regional Development Youths	€ 3,000
Targeted Participation Growth Youths	€ 3,000
Reds Interprovincial Expenses Grant	€ 4,960
Once off Payments due to Cancellations	€16,035
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Cricket Ireland Supports 2020	€ 52,915
Union Activities	€ 8,252
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Total Income	€ 61,167

It should be noted that Competition Fees €2,403 v €11,194 in 2019 and Player Registration Fees are absent in total with a potential of maybe €17,000 combined.

To their credit Cricket Ireland stayed with their funding programme despite the collapse of the season which means deferred expenditure will quickly diminish our current resources namely a Bank Balance of €45,873.

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Our 2021 year will commence with a wide-ranging Schools Programme, put together by Joe Moynihan and various Sports Partnerships in the Munster Region. The programme is designed around schools adjacent to existing cricket clubs and we appeal to these clubs to grab this opportunity with both hands. We will have 2 part-time School and Club Engagement Officers to look after this programme and help clubs when required. This is being funded through the Development Support Budget. The Sports Partnerships are very enthusiastic about the programme as it is outdoors.

During the year we distributed €6,800 in Covid-19 grants to clubs to enable them to partake in some form of Cricket in 2020 and to enable them to purchase supplies and utensils necessary for sanitation of areas in frequent use. Congratulations to all the Covid Officers who gave of their time and dedicated themselves to the safety of all team members.

Over the past 2 years we have invested in indoor equipment; a bowling machine, matting and pop up nets, all of which enabled us to organise a Winter Programme only for Covid to shut us down, requiring us to refund all participants. This coming season, should Covid permit, I would hope preseason net sessions might be possible in some form. It is envisaged that Munster would have 2 good quality indoor facilities which could pay for themselves over a period of years.

This year we invested in a scarifier to the tune of €3,000, this will be available to clubs wishing to commence construction of grass wickets or improve existing wickets, or outfielders. We are also on the lookout for a quality mower for use on wickets for all clubs.

**Bryan O'Donnell**

**Treasurer**

## **7. YOUTH CRICKET REPORT**

### **1. Summary & Headlines.**

Below is a brief summary of Munster Youth activity for 2020 and the Covid 19 affected season. It comprises details of the various threads of youth activity in the province, the level of success and raises issues looking forward to 2021. The headlines from the report are the unprecedented impact of the global pandemic and the resilience/commitment demonstrated by the Munster cricketing family.

### **2. Munster Youth Player Training and Development.**

September/October 2019 saw the planning and implementation of an innovative Winter Training Program for U15 and 17 players. This took place in a warehouse facility in Cork, comprising of 16 x 2 hour Saturday morning sessions, for each age group, of which 12 were completed before the Covid 19 shut down. In total 34 players and 6 coaches took part in the sessions from a range of 6 clubs. (CCCC, CHCC, Lismore, Limerick City, Limerick CC, Kerry CC.) The facilities were quite innovative, using relocatable batting cages and a bola machine to create varied testing challenges in a triple lane set up.

In addition to the above, 7 youth players attended a small number of training sessions with the Heat squad during winter and subsequent season.

### **3. Covid Impact & Disruption.**

2020 had been scheduled to see the considerable ramping up of youth activity across the province. It is worth noting that we had planned for 2 schools competitions, U11, U13, U15 and U17 competitions and a series of innovative 'Intrapro' events. In addition we were due to participate in the U15 and U17 Interpros, the CL U15/U17 series and support two teams in the LCU youth competitions. All together this would have consisted of approximately 90 games and events (2019 planned total of 40, therefore 125% increase for 2020). Despite Covid we were able to re-schedule 46 of these events (with a maximum duration of 20 overs). Of these only 18 took place due to a reduction of players, Covid scares, teams unable to travel and exceptionally bad weather in August. As disappointing as this was, a considerable amount of praise needs to be given to the players, parents, clubs and officials who, through extreme resilience, managed to achieve the activity we did.

### **4. Schools Competitions.**

Both the Senior T20 championship and Junior Hockey Pitch championships were cancelled.

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## 5 Munster Youth Competitions. (Covid Rescheduled Program).

U11: 4 Blitz events planned. 2 took place in Limerick and Harlequins.

U13: 7 Planned games in a T16 format. 3 games were played between Cork teams.

U15: 6 Planned games in T20 format. 2 games played between Harlequins and Limerick.

U17: 6 Planned games in T20 format. 1 game played between Harlequins and Cork County.

## 6. Representative Cricket.

The U15 and U17 Interpros series were cancelled.

The annual CL/MCU U15 and U17 series were modified to respective single home and away matches. Due to exceptional rain only the home U15 match was played, sadly an inexperienced MCU team lost heavily.

## 7. Semi-Representative.

2020 was to see the introduction of innovative Intrapro games at U15 and 17 level, which would have given extra matches to more youth players and supported our representative program. However only 1 of the planned 6 matches were played.

The youth development support from LCU continued with MCU being allowed to enter into their competitions. For 2020 we doubled our participation in the Colts, with a Cork County team and the Southern Stars (Limerick and Harlequins) team. The Munster teams were out classed in Dublin but the doubling of entries allowed two highly entertaining 'Local' derbies between the County and the Southern Stars.

The final thread of game activity was an invitation for a young Harlequins side to play 3 difficult U19 matches in the LCU T20 league.

## 8. Other Youth Activity.

Across the province, despite Covid, clubs managed to maintain good levels of youth participation, with several full training programs and a large amount of involvement in the truncated MCU adult competitions. Youth made up over 40% of the player participation in the adult competition and were represented in the top ten leader boards at all levels.

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### 7. Conclusion.

Overall this has been a difficult year/season in terms of growth and developing a base for the future, but as stated earlier, the resilience shown and activity maintained, has to be seen as a positive. This is supported by reported youth club participation numbers, which with Covid *et al*, are nothing short of remarkable.

Club	U11	U13	U15	U17
Lismore CC	-	2	2	-
Limerick CC	20	10	5	12
Cork County CC	30	20	15	15
Cork Harlequins CC	16	6	10	9
Galway CC	>20	>12	?	?
Kerry CC	-	-	2	-
<i>Approximate Totals</i>	<i>75-90</i>	<i>45-50</i>	<i>30+</i>	<i>35+</i>
<i>Approximate Munster Youth club participants in 2020 playing season = &gt;200</i>				

John Buss

Munster Youth Coordinator.

## 8. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

### GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Joseph Moynihan was appointed to the Cricket Manager position in June 2019 and promoted to General Manager in June 2020. During this time progress has been made in some key areas of business. The following report outlines the areas of responsibility the General Manager covers and highlights some of the achievements that have been delivered during the year. The report is divided into sections outlining areas of responsibility, delivery of activity and achievements.

This consisted of ;

1. Strategic Plan - Referencing the Strategic Plan as a basis and working towards achieving these goals.
2. Engagement - Working with relevant partners and communicating and developing stakeholders.
3. Governance – the Union became incorporated this year and progress continues to be made to ensure good governance structures in the MCU , with regular reports provided to the Board and CI on this.
4. Staff – Recruitment of new development staff was put on hold for 2020 due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Current staff level was maintained in a period of uncertainty. With the office closed all staff were working from home.
5. Financial Management and Control - the Union's activities continued to expand and our financial transactions grew. An important function, in collaboration with the Treasurer, was to ensure the Union had a proper financial system in place. These include the use of Paypal, Jotform and Surf's financial package to manage money coming in and out of the Union and keep records of the same.
6. Budgets – the General Manager coordinated with the Board of Directors to prepare draft budgets for 2020, in line with the Union's strategic and operational priorities. These were all signed off in early 2020 but due to Covid a lot of developments were postponed or cancelled unfortunately.
7. Covid compliance and Covid Officers - Once protocols were agreed with CI and other Provincial Unions, I organised and held a range of Zoom/Google Hangout meetings with clubs to outline what would be required and provided ongoing support to clubs. All venues had a Covid inspection prior to returning and a trial training session. All clubs can be proud of the work and effort they put in to ensuring the sport we all love had a chance of returning during the summer in some format. Thank you to everyone who played their part in ensuring that cricket in the MCU returned and we could all enjoy our sport in a safe manner. Hopefully, everyone can look back on the positives that we can take away from what we all hope will be a season, the like of which we will never see again.

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8. Reporting – work continued to ensure effective planning and preparation of relevant reports . Negotiations are taking part in late 2020/early 2021 with CI to put a formal reporting structure in place for all Provincial Unions.
9. Sponsorship and future earnings - A Commercial Committee was formed at the end of 2020 who are in charge of forming strategies for attracting and securing new sponsorship opportunities for the MCU. Unfortunately, due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic the landscape was not positive to secure any such sponsorships as of yet. Hopefully more positive times are ahead.
10. Stakeholder / Partnership Management The GM role continues to lead on managing and developing key partnerships for the Union to collaborate with. Some of these partnerships required significant time and investment during this period.
  - Local Sports Partnerships - Increasing participation and volunteer programs with the aid of the local sport partnerships throughout Munster
  - Local Councils - Meetings on proposals for use of land going forward and helping local clubs develop.
  - C.I.T - Exploring possibilities to acquire access to facilities to increase opportunity for our players to develop going forward ( Gym and Sports Hall )
  - Douglas Community School - for access to their school hall and a possible venture going forward as a high performance area for MCU in the short - medium term.
  - Cricket Ireland - A large volume of on going work was required to ensure the Union was appropriately represented on a range of groups covering various topics. This included contributions to the following Cricket Ireland groups during this period:
    - Cricket Committee
    - Match Allocation Group (MAG)
    - Senior Management Team .
    - Interpro Working Group

The bulk of work during the lockdown period with Cricket Ireland was focused on developing an all-Ireland approach to the return to train and the return to play protocols.

In addition, participating in regular meetings and communications between General Managers / Operational staff and Development staff from all Provincial Unions took place to ensure similar approaches were taken, where possible, for our return to activity. The GM for Munster represented MCU in all these meetings and will continue to do so until further staff are recruited.

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Summary.

It's been a long year with steady progression on and off the field . A lot of the work that was planned was postponed until 2021 due to the Covid pandemic .

Priorities for next year are to strengthen our position and increase participation throughout the region and increase our own funding streams to be able to be more self sufficient in future years.

Thanks for your input , support, encouragement and assistance throughout the year

Stay safe , Stay healthy and hopefully see you all in 2021

Joseph Moynihan

General Manager

## **Representative Cricket 2020**

### **Munster Reds**

The Munster Reds only played in the IPT20 competition. In 2020, our squad was made up of 7 LCU, 1 NCU player and 5 MCU players . The squad was

Jack Tector (capt), Matthew Brewster, Jonathan Garth, Neil Rock, Tim Tector, Matthew Foster, Diarmuid Carey, Aaron Cawley, Senan Jones, Ruadhan Jones, Jeremy Lawlor, Jamie McNulty, Cormac McLoughlin-Gavin

The squad was selected in conjunction with the Irish selection committee.

Unfortunately all our planned training sessions were cancelled due to Covid 19.

Squads were picked later than normal due to Covid restrictions and the Reds only had 1 training session as a team in the High Performance Centre in Dublin prior to playing in the competition. Thanks to CI for giving MCU access to such a great facility at no cost to the MCU

Unfortunately due to bad weather and covid disruptions, the Munster Reds only played two matches in 2020 both against Leinster who were the overall winners in 2020, and both resulted in heavy defeats.

Due to the various factors above . This stalled the progress that had been achieved in previous years

All scheduled fixtures for the Munster Heat were cancelled in 2020

Joseph Moynihan

Team Manager

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## 9. COMPETITIONS 2020

### T20 League Winners

Premier	Limerick 1
Division 1	Limerick 2
Division 2	Lismore 1
Division 3	Limerick 4

### Cup Winners

Senior Cup	not played
Junior Cup	not played
Minor Cup	not played

### T20 Blast Competitions

Premier	Cork County 1
Division 1	Limerick 2
Division 2	Limerick 3
Division 3	Cork Harlequins 4

## League Tables

### Premier Division T20 League

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drew	Tie	Abandoned	Byes	Points	Bonus points	Total points	Net run rate
 Limerick, 1st XI	5	4	0	0	0	1	0	13.0	0.0	13.0	+1852
 Cork County, 1st XI	5	2	1	0	0	2	0	8.0	0.0	8.0	+0.767
 Cork Harlequins, 1st XI	5	2	1	0	0	2	0	8.0	0.0	8.0	+0.273
 Midleton, 1st XI	5	1	2	0	0	2	0	5.0	0.0	5.0	-0.191
 Co. Kerry, 1st XI	5	1	2	0	0	2	0	5.0	0.0	5.0	-0.321
 Co. Galway, 1st XI	5	0	4	0	0	1	0	1.0	0.0	1.0	-2.149

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## Division 1 T20 League

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drew	Tie	Abandoned	Byes	Points	Bonus points	Total points	Net run rate
 Limerick, 2nd XI	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	12.0	0.0	12.0	+4.469
 Co. Kerry, 2nd XI	4	1	1	0	0	2	0	5.0	0.0	5.0	-3.050
 Cork Harlequins, 2nd XI	4	1	2	0	0	1	0	4.0	0.0	4.0	+0.167
 Cork County, Cork County 2nd XI	4	1	2	0	0	1	0	4.0	0.0	4.0	-1.758
 Midleton, 2nd XI	4	1	3	0	0	0	0	3.0	0.0	3.0	-1.747

## Division 2 T20 League

## Division 3 T20 League

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## AWARD WINNERS

### Premier Division

Batting	Swaroop Burra	Limerick 1
Bowling	Farman Yousafzai	Limerick 1

### Division 1

Batting	Matthew Brewster	Cork Harlequins 2
Bowling	John Daly	Limerick 2

### Division 2

Batting	Shivam Kislay	UCC 1
Bowling	Ajay Kumar Hari Narayanan	Limerick 3

### Division 3

Batting	Mosawar Sidiqi	Limerick 4
Bowling	Paddy Byrne	Lismore 2

### Munster Heat Awards

Batting	none in 2020	
Bowling	none in 2020	

### Munster Reds Award

Reds Player of the Year	none in 2020	
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### President's Award for Services to Munster Cricket

Club COVID-19 Safety Officers 2020

Pat Donnelly – Cork County  
Chris Hickey - Cork Harlequins  
Derval Dixit – Co Galway  
Brian Hehir – Co. Kerry  
Stephen Hackett – Limerick  
Praveen Poulouse – Limerick Blasters  
Ben Huskinson – Lismore  
Michael White – Midleton  
Anish Viswanathan – UCC

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## **Munster U17 Player of the Year**

none in 2020

## **Munster U15 Player of the Year**

none in 2020

## **Club of the Year**

Limerick

## **Spirit of Cricket Awards**

Godwin Jepadas - Co Kerry

## **Special Achievement Award**

none in 2020