



Secretary's Report 2016

Following the AGM held on 17 January 2016, the Executive met on eight occasions during the year to carry out its role managing and administering cricket in Munster. The cricket committee also met on a regular basis during the season in relation to the organisation of competitions and the development and application of the playing and registration regulations. The finance and sponsorship group met to commence the development of sponsorship packages for the Union for 2017, and beyond, and development work was coordinated by the Chairperson across a number of areas including liaison with the RDO in regard to his work in schools and clubs, the ongoing projects with the Cork Sports Partnership and the Women's Cricket Initiative, advancing table cricket for the disabled and the implementation of the Club Accreditation project.

Congratulations are extended to the winners of the 2016 competitions who were:

- Premier League, Senior T20 competition and Senior Shield – Cork County.
- Senior Cup – Co Galway.
- Division 1 League and Junior Cup – Cork Harlequins.
- Division 2 League and Minor Cup – Co Kerry.
- U14 League – Cork Harlequins.

Congratulations are also extended to Aaron Cawley who was a member of the Ireland U17 side in 2016 and Senan Jones who played for Ireland U15. The Union is delighted to see four Munster players included in Irish under-age squads for the 2017 season. Congratulations are also extended to the Munster U15 squad who finished as runners up in the Leinster U15a League and which recorded two wins out of three matches with Leinster U15.

The Munster Reds Senior side recorded five wins in five games with MCC and Northern Knights Development. Congratulations go to the squad and their management team and these performances have helped to bolster our case for inclusion in the T20 Interprovincial competition in 2017.

Munster Cricket has played a full part in Cricket Ireland activity during 2016 with Peter Dineen acting as our board representative, David Griffin on the cricket committee and Chris Thomas, part of the youth coordination group. It is essential that we play our full part at Cricket Ireland level to ensure that the Munster case is properly advocated in all relevant committees. The Executive met with Warren Deutron in March 2016 to receive his presentation of the Cricket Ireland strategic plan and the Cricket Ireland board met in Cork on 26 October. The Munster Chairperson, David Griffin, made a presentation to the board on progress in regard to the Munster Cricket strategic plan which was well received.



I would like to thank all those involved in Munster Cricket for their assistance during my period as Secretary and, as work commitments do not allow me continue in this role, I wish my successor well in this role in 2017.

John Ketch

Secretary

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