



## **Merrion Cricket Club**

### **To All Members**

### **Letter from the President – proposed deferral of AGM**

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Dear Member

I hope you are keeping well post-season during these challenging times.

It was a very difficult season given the challenges faced by us all because of Covid-19. However, all things considered, it has been a very successful season in the circumstances. I would like to thank the members for their support during the year. There was a great collective effort to make the best of difficult times. A special thanks for the many volunteers who put in time on committees, helped manage youth teams and generally kept the Club going. Volunteering is an important part of Club life and will be even more important next season. I would encourage all members to get involved in the Club in any capacity that you can.

At the start of this season we weren't sure that we would have any cricket, but we managed to field 5 Men's teams, 2 Women's teams, 7 Youth teams, and the Taverners and the Cavaliers were able to play at least a few games. In all, over 50 games were completed, which has been a fantastic achievement. We even had some successes, winning two of the seven Cricket Leinster titles, and our Women's 1<sup>st</sup> XI were a very creditable runners up in Senior Women's competition. It was also great to see the rebirth of our Women's 2<sup>nd</sup> team, with the involvement of some of our up-and-coming juniors combined with the experience of some of the parents and others. On the Youth front, we had another strong season - over 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of our open competition players this season were from the Youth section, which bodes well for the future of the Club.

We now have to look to next season and, like everyone else, we are faced with a lot of uncertainty. The first consequence is that we are not able to hold the Annual General Meeting as we would normally do before the end of October. We have looked into the various options available but in light of the latest restrictions it is just not possible to arrange a meeting in person.

What we propose to do instead is to hold an online Zoom meeting in November to update members on what is happening, including an update on Club finances. There will be no elections or resolutions to vote on, as under the Club Rules these can only be done at a physical meeting. With a few changes in personnel, the present Management Committee will continue in place until such time as we can regularise matters by means of a retrospective resolution at the next AGM. Hopefully this will take place early in the New Year, Covid restrictions permitting. This will all be explained at the online meeting. Whilst not ideal, hopefully this is a reasonable approach in these unprecedented circumstances. If any member strongly objects to this approach please contact me or the Honorary Secretary with your concerns.

I look forward to seeing you virtually in November. In the meantime may I wish you all well and hope that you are keeping safe.

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