

OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT GROUP(OMG)

ANNUAL REPORT 2015

The Group once again met prior to each Board Meeting during the year with minutes forwarded to Board Committee members in time for use at the Meeting courtesy of Chloe Gibson.

There have again been changes in personnel within the C & D team during the year. Keith Tongue has retired from his post as Community and Development Officer, but will work part time (2days per week) as District Officer for Nottingham City based at the new pavilion on the Victoria Embankment. Josh Scully is to replace Keith with the title Community and Development Officer, Participation and Growth. At the end of the year Andy Marchant will be leaving to take up a role as a trainee teacher, a successor to be recruited.

The Field of Dreams project on the Victoria Embankment was launched the day before the Test Match with over 150 people attending. The old pavilion has been demolished and replaced with a new build adjoining the road, giving easy disabled access. The project involving partnerships between Nottingham City Council, the Board and 50 partners from local business has been nominated for three awards including Best Community Project. A new artificial wicket will be ready for use in the spring 2016.

The C & D team were again involved with volunteers working during the Ashes Test Match at Trent Bridge. Trent Bridge won the Best Domestic and International customer experience award with an outstanding score of 9.1. This is a reward for all the hard work and consistency shown by Tracey and her team. Another accolade came as Nottinghamshire was voted as the home of sport, beating London, Manchester and Yorkshire.

Following the results of last year's survey, the Premier League (for 2015) and the Bassetlaw League (for 2016) have brought in earlier start times. This year's survey had only 300 returns (830 in 2015) with resulted in limited data being available as 300 responses required in each area. The ECB "Get the Game on) helped clubs to obtain covers and equipment for use on bad weather days. This may have helped to show an improvement with less games cancelled due to weather.

The Chance to Shine programme progressed into secondary schools with a pilot for retention and transition part of the programme, a partnership between Retford Oaks and Outwood Valley schools and three primary feeder schools involved with each secondary school. These are linked to Ordsall Bridon and Worksop Cricket Clubs. The programme concluded with an Open Day at the end of August.

Courses for Umpires took place during the winter and in response to the previously mentioned Survey a "Coach support worker" course attracted 10 candidates.

Coach Education courses have recommenced at Trent Bridge with courses planned next year in January/February at Southwell and Cuckney. Following a review Alan Harrison and Chloe Gibson put forward a request with costings to recruit three extra coaches to deliver the workload and expand the Board's coaching during the winter.

The Groundsman's Association have had another busy year, holding courses before and after the season. A social event was a success with 35 attending a day at a game at Trent Bridge. Trailer hire has been the best ever, with 20 clubs making use of the facility.

Nottinghamshire Deaf competed in the South Nottinghamshire League for the first time.

The U12 Girls Development Programme again a success, 42 girls engaged in the summer. The introduction of a County U12 worked well, playing 5 fixtures

Senior Women's cricket is having a major overhaul. Jane Islip has resigned as manager and a new manager Zoe Calder has been appointed. A review conducted by Matt Wood and Jack Arnold recommended the appointment of a paid coach. This was approved by the Board and the process to recruit is underway. The season was disappointing with the Senior Women relegated to Division 2 in the Royal London One Day Competition, whilst maintaining their place in the Division 1 for the T20 Competition. The junior sides were also disappointing, winning only 7 games between them. The possible loss of Jenny Gunn and Dani Wyatt would challenge the new management to replace them with quality and develop from within.

The Chairman's Dinner in September was only a moderate success and a repeat event will take place again in September with better results. Dan Cragg (new Fundraising Officer for NCCC and the Trust) and Dan Robbins (new Marketing Assistant for NCCC and NCB) have a huge task to raise funds, funds very necessary for the future stability of the Board. The new Board website is now up and running thanks to Dan Robbins and Ian Smith

Simon Starr is retiring from his role within Sport Nottinghamshire which is currently going through a number of reviews including a new strategy. Support from Sport Nottinghamshire is important and we look forward to this continuing.

This year has seen a number of people leave positions within the NCB. Chris McGlenn has retired from Junior and Youth, Jane Islip has retired as Manager of Senior Women's Cricket, Andy Marchant and Keith Tongue are leaving the Community and Development department and Jayne Storey and Tony Palfreman are standing down from their roles as Directors of the Board. To all we say "thank you" for their efforts on our behalf.

My thanks to all on the Committee for their support during the year.

Mike Smedley, Chairman OMG