



President's Annual General Meeting Report - 2025

Good evening, esteemed members, club representatives, executive board members, staff, and friends of Bermuda Cricket. It is my honour to present the report on our collective efforts and achievements for the past year.

1. Senior League and Competition

The 2025 season saw fiercely contested battles across our senior leagues. We witnessed high-quality, competitive cricket, demonstrating the continued talent and dedication of our club players.

- **Premier and First Divisions:** Competition in the 50-Overs and T20 leagues was outstanding. We congratulate all of the champions for showcasing a dominant performance and the rising standard of play.
- **Cup Match & Counties:** The annual spectacle of Cup Match and the County Classics remains the pinnacle of our domestic calendar, successfully executed and bringing the island together in celebration of our rich cricketing history.
- Overall, the commitment shown by all clubs, players, and officials to complete a full and robust season is highly commendable.

2. Youth League Growth

Investing in our future remains the BCB's top priority, and we are pleased to report steady growth and increased participation across our developmental leagues.

- **Mini-Leagues:** The foundation is being strengthened through our **Under 7, Under 9, and Under 12 & U15 leagues**. The enthusiasm in the U7 program is particularly encouraging, as it fosters a love for the game at an early age. The U11 and U15 leagues continue to serve as vital transition points, preparing our young athletes for senior-level competition and national team pathways.
- This structured approach ensures a continuous pipeline of talent for Bermuda cricket.



3. School Cricket Initiatives

Our commitment to re-establishing cricket's presence in schools has yielded excellent results this year.

- **Senior School Competition:** We are proud to see the **Cedarbridge Academy and Saltus Grammar School Tea Cup competition** continue, providing a competitive platform for our senior student-athletes.
- **Primary School Outreach:** A dedicated **BCB Coach has successfully rotated through various Primary Schools**, introducing fundamental skills and creating early engagement with the sport.
- **New 6-A-Side Festival:** A major new initiative was the successful launch of the **school 6-A-Side Cricket Festival** for Primary, Middle, and Senior School boys and girls. This fast-paced, inclusive format successfully boosted participation numbers and fostered inter-school camaraderie.

4. International Cricket Review

The national teams faced a demanding international schedule this year, delivering strong performances that reaffirm Bermuda's place on the regional stage.

- **ICC T20 World Cup Americas Sub-Regional Qualifier (Argentina):** The Senior Men's National Team achieved a significant milestone by securing advancement from the Sub-Regional Qualifier held in Argentina last December. This success was a testament to the team's discipline and dedication.
- **North American Cup (Cayman Islands):** Our team demonstrated resilience and competitive spirit, notably reaching the **Semi-finals** of the North American Cup in the Cayman Islands. This tournament provided crucial high-level exposure against top regional competitors.
- **T20 World Cup Qualifiers (Canada):** Participation in the subsequent round of World Cup Qualifiers in Canada tested our squad against strong opposition. While qualification was challenging, the experience gained is invaluable as we prepare for future campaigns.
- **ICC U19 World Cup Qualifiers (Atlanta):** Our young U19 side competed admirably in the qualifiers held in Atlanta, gaining necessary exposure to high-pressure international tournament play, which is vital for their long-term development.



5. Assisting Umpires and Officials

We recognize that the quality of our game depends on the excellence of our officials. This year, the BCB actively supported our dedicated umpiring cohort.

- We successfully facilitated the participation of our Umpires in major regional events, including the **North American Cup** in the Cayman Islands.
- Crucially, we dedicated resources to provide **funding for travel and participation for our Umpires in Central American tournaments**, enhancing their experience, supporting regional cricketing ties, and ensuring our officials remain certified to the highest international standards.

6. Financial Overview

As is customary, an updated financial report will be presented by the Treasurer. However, on behalf of the Board, I must address the fiscal environment of the past year.

- **Financial State:** Our financial state has been challenging. We continue to operate with a limited amount of funding provided through core channels.
- **Resource Management:** Despite these constraints, the Executive Board and staff maintained rigorous fiscal control, allowing us to successfully execute all planned programs and international commitments.
- **Fundraising:** I must commend the hard work in raising **additional funds** to support crucial programs, especially in youth development and international team travel. This effort proved essential to supporting the high-performance needs of our teams.

7. Executive Board Performance

The dedication of the Executive Board this past year, under challenging circumstances, has been exemplary.

- **Operating with Limited Slate:** We operated without a full slate, specifically missing key personnel, including the **Second Vice President, Fund Development Officer, and one Club Representative**.
- **Team Effort:** Despite these gaps, every member of the executive—from the Vice Presidents to the Treasurer and Secretary—worked tirelessly and collaboratively to



ensure the Bermuda Cricket Board continued its mandate to move the sport forward. Their commitment to covering multiple roles deserves the highest commendation.

8. Office Staff

The success of the BCB's operations hinges on the effectiveness of our staff, and they have been nothing short of exceptional.

- **Executive Director Calvin Blankendal and Samantha Robinson** have once again performed an outstanding job. Their efficiency has been crucial in maintaining operational integrity.
- They ensured that all mandatory reports and submissions for the **Government, the International Cricket Council (ICC), and our valued sponsors** were completed accurately and on time, often under tight deadlines. Their professionalism is the backbone of the Board's administrative success.

In closing, the past year was defined by strong domestic competition and significant international advancement, all achieved through resilience and dedication. Thank you all for your contributions. Let's continue to work together to elevate Bermuda cricket.

Thank you.

President Lloyd Smith