



The Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

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MINUTES – LMC MEETING

Date: Tuesday 11th June 13
Time: 7pm
Venue: Worksop CC

Apologies:

Martin Cannon, Michael Carlisle, Malcolm Hall, John Leaning, Roger Heath.

Present:

Janet King (President), Gareth Jones (Chairman), Gary France, Tom Munro, Ian Batty, Malcolm Daniels, Jim Garton, Trevor Haywood, Bob Little, Richard Martin, Glenn Pym, Richard Swann, Jack Tarr, Graham Venables and Allan Vollans.

The Minutes of the previous meeting in May had been circulated and were passed as a true record, after Item 2.3 in relation to the League Welfare Fund had been discussed, amended and updated for accuracy in these June Minutes.

1 MATTERS ARISING:

1.1

The coverage of local Nottinghamshire cricket on the Mansfield Radio Station, primarily with the NCBPL, but including the SNL & BDCL was ongoing. There was a plan to incorporate a Monday night show to focus on the BDCL and various elements of it as to how it integrates with the NCBPL.

DECISION: For information only. The Chairman undertook to speak to Chris Reville about this plan.

1.2

CWO training, funded by the BDCL had been arranged by Janet King on Wednesday 19th June 13 at Worksop CC, with numbers and identity of attendee's to be confirmed in due course. (approx.-15 people).

DECISION: For information only.

1.3

It has already been agreed by the LMC that a £200 donation would be provided out of the League Welfare Fund to a member of Retford CC and a member of Bilsthorpe CC, both of whom had experienced 'exceptional personal' issues in recent months and were deserved of this contribution from the league as they are and have been an integral part of the BDCL cricket community.

DECISION: A cheque in this sum would be provided to their respective clubs for inclusion in the welfare fund raising sums of money for the future of those people.

1.4

The meeting confirmed the withdrawal from the BDCL of both Weston CC and also M&P 4th XI.

DECISION: Both Weston CC and M & P would be fined the sum of £55, which was consistent with the sum imposed upon Harthill CC in July 2011, when they withdrew their 3rd XI from Div 8.

1.5

In relation to the disciplinary matter involving a player from Woodsetts CC, the LMC were in receipt of a high volume of correspondence in relation to this matter, which originated from June 2012. Other developments had occurred in relation to County Welfare Officers dealing with other allegations and the request for the LMC to release league documents to the player concerned for his own use.

The meeting was appraised in details of all correspondence, requests and subsequent developments.

DECISION:

- Following a review of its disciplinary processes, the LMC were completely satisfied that it had followed all guidelines imposed within the League Rules as documented in the League Handbook.
- All relevant correspondence in relation to other allegations had been disclosed to the County Welfare Officers for their investigations.
- All documents, letters and reports received by the LMC in relation to disciplinary reports, are for the use of the LMC within that disciplinary procedure and will not be disclosed to individuals or third parties for their own personal objectives.
- The League Secretary was asked to provide this update to both club and player. The LMC would make no other communication or responses to these issues.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

2.1

A report had been received from the umpires in the game Clumber Park II v Anston III that a bowler from Anston III (only 17 years) had been required to stop bowling due to delivering three full pitched deliveries above waist high to a batsman in the same innings. This action was taken under the laws of the game.

DECISION: For information only.

2.2

A letter had had been received from Cuckney CC acknowledging the formal caution by letter to the club for playing a young player who was born after the 31 August 2000, therefore being ineligible play in adult cricket, as prescribed by the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board Ltd.

DECISION: The correct action had already been taken by the League Secretary and the letter from the club in response was appreciated.

2.3

Reports had been received from umpires regarding the indifference of certain club pitches during the current season. The relevant clubs had been contacted asking for a plan as how an improvement of those pitches throughout the remainder of the season could be made and the situation over the weeks ahead would be monitored.

DECISION: The umpires were thanked for their reports. The League Secretary had already notified the clubs concerned and actions for improvement were acknowledged, explained and underway. The LMC would consider other action if the situation remained unchecked, without improvement.

2.4

In recent weeks the LMC were in receipt of complimentary letters from a few clubs regarding the sporting approach to the game by their opponents when supplying substitute fielders for the opposition under circumstances when they were not obligated to do so.

DECISION: The relevant clubs had been notified by the League Secretary and the good intentions of those clubs within what the game is about were recognised by the LMC.

3. FINANCE

The League Treasurer presented a financial breakdown of the current league finances to the meeting concerning income and expenditure in relation to such things as the Annual Dinner, Handbook, Sponsorship, Website Advertising, Telephones, Cricket Balls, Insurance, Postage and Stationary.

The current League financial balance was £8,942

DECISION: For information. Tom Munro was thanked for the report and the healthy condition of the league financial situation.

4. DISCIPLINARY ISSUES / UNFULFILLED FIXTURES

4.1

Unfulfilled fixtures:

- Mallen T20 – North Wheatley with Leverton v Ordsall Bridon
NWWL could not raise a team
DECISION: Game awarded to Ordsall Bridon and £10 fine to NWWL
- Mallen T20 – NWWL v Anston
NWWL could not raise a team
DECISION: Game awarded to Anston and £10 fine to NWWL
- Mallen T20 – Clumber Park v NWWL
NWWL could not raise a team
DECISION: Game awarded to Clumber Park and a £10 fine to NWWL
- Tomlins 40 over cup – M & P v Ordsall Bridon
M&P could not raise a team
DECISION: Game awarded to OB and a £10 fine to M&P
- Tomlins 40 over cup – Kiveton v Woodsetts
Woodsetts could not raise a team
DECISION: Game awarded to Kiveton and a £10 fine to Woodsetts
- Tomlins 40 over cup – Harthill v Clipstone
Harthill could not raise a team
DECISION: Game awarded to Clipstone and a £10 fine to Harthill.
- Tomlins 40 over cup – Thoresby Colliery v Firbeck
Firbeck could not raise a team
DECISION: Game awarded to Thoresby Colliery and a £10 fine to Firbeck
- BDCL Saturday 25th May – Div 5 – Todwick v M&P III
Todwick could not raise a team
DECISION: Game awarded to M&P III (20 points), Todwick 10 points reduced & £10 fine
- BDCL Monday 27th May – Div 8 – Firbeck II v MHM IV
MHM IV could not raise a team
DECISION: Game awarded to Firbeck II (20 points), MHM IV 10 points reduced & £10 fine.

4.2

Disciplinary Issues

The Disciplinary sub-committee informed the full meeting of a disciplinary report from the game Worksop II against Basford Mill on the 18th May 13 in Div 4, at Basford Mill. The disciplinary sub-committee had met and made a decision on the 5th June 13

DECISION OF THE FULL LMC: The League Secretary and Malcolm Daniels were asked to make additional enquiries into a further letter from Basford Mill CC and report back to forthcoming meetings.

5. UMPIRE ISSUES and CAPTAIN ASSESSMENTS

5.1

Jack Tarr updated the meeting on the success of the process so far and confirmed that Papplewick & Linby II (Div 1), Anston (Ch) and Worksop (Ch) had been deducted 1point from their Divisional total for failing to submit an assessment on one date each.

DECISION: For information and confirmation of the 1point deduction of each team mentioned.

6. RULE CHANGES / BH FIXTURES

6.1

The LMC are concerned about a change of feeling from many clubs about playing cricket on Bank Holidays. Additionally, there may be links to some teams in the lower Divisions being artificially inflated in terms of their team strength if a higher Divisional team at their club do not have a game on that BH. Therefore, lower Division team placings can then be distorted on those occasions.

Also, there were concerns about the future of the Tomlins Cup (only 8 teams taking part in 2013, the playing of Mallen T20 games in May (to accommodate other Leagues schedules), some clubs fielding a 1st XI with less than eleven players whilst their 2nd team play with a full eleven, the BDCL League Team and the President's Trophy and the current Player Registration sanctions.

DECISION: The LMC wished to authorise a sub-committee to make progress on these matters, which would be formulated in July 13 to debate, discuss, propose and make decisions about these issues for the future benefit of the league.

7. PLAYER REGISTRATION ISSUES

The League Secretary appraised the meeting regarding a number of issues on this topic which had occurred since the last meeting on behalf of the Player Registrar who was unavailable for this meeting. A degree of guidance and support had been placed on the League Website for all clubs to follow, to help them deal with how and when they registered players, with an emphasis on teenage players and Safeguarding Regulations which had to be followed.

DECISION: The LMC reserved the right to fine and reduce points where the evidence warranted such action against clubs. However, on those occasions where a genuine administrative error had happened the LMC would follow the policy of flexibility and support wherever possible. However, it would prioritise the requirements regarding Under 13 and Under 12 players, where either parental consent forms were required or where simply the date of birth of the young player prevented them from playing at all in the BDCL in the current season and would take positive clear action when or if this occurred.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8.1

Gareth Jones gave a report to the meeting on the BDCL Representative team game at Baslow in early June and the arrangements for their Presidents Trophy game at Tyneside on the 16th June 13. The meeting also asked the Treasurer to contact the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board to follow up their previous offer of financial support towards the costs of away fixtures in the President's Trophy, both in 2012 and also 2013.

DECISION: For information only.

8.2

Worksop Cricket Club raised the matter of a recent T.20 game being played beyond the 1 hour 15 minutes allocated to the fielding team to complete their 20 overs in that competition and produced a printout from their electronic scoring system to evidence their point of view.

DECISION: The outcome/result of the game would remain. However, the league Secretary was asked to contact the BDUA and the umpires in the game, so that they could reply in relation to the timings of the relevant parts of the game. The Secretary would report the findings to the July meeting.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 10pm!

The next LMC meeting in July is ONE WEEK EARLIER than originally planned on the 2nd July 13 at Worksop CC, due to the Mapperley Sports T.20 Final between the BDCL Mallen T20 winners and the South Notts League T20 winner to establish the 4th team to enter the Premier League T.20 finals at Hucknall CC on Tuesday 9th July 13.

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