



The Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

founded 1904

MINUTES of the LMC

Date: 11th October 16
Time: 7pm
Location: Central Avenue, Worksop

People Present: Michael Beard (President), Gareth Jones (Chairman), Gary France (Secretary), Tom Munro (Treasurer), Ian Batty, Malcolm Hall, Trevor Hayward, John Leaning, John Lyne, Richard Martin, David Parnham, Glen Pym, Stef Roberts, Andrew Rossington, Richard Swann, Graham Venables and Alan Vollans.

Apologies: Michael Carlisle, Gary Bardill, Malcolm Daniels, Brian Hicklin, Brian Rivington, and Jack Tarr.

The Minutes of the previous meeting had previously been circulated and were accepted as a true and accurate record.

1 MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

1.1
The BDCL still awaited a fine for Firbeck CC being paid concerning their withdrawal from the League.
DECISION: The League Secretary was asked to make contact with representatives of the former club.

1.2
The Treasurer confirmed that all pledged sponsorship money for season 2016 was now completed and would be reflected within the annual financial statement for the AGM.
DECISION: For information only

1.3
Arrangements and plans for the 2017 Mallen T20 competition were still in a state of flux and awaited further guidance from clubs, before any specific plans could be made.
DECISION: The LMC would discuss this in more detail at the November meeting.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

2.1
The League Secretary read out a few reports submitted by players or clubs, expressing their views on any potential changes to the league concerning costs, time and greater inclusivity for players.
DECISION: All opinions would be taken into consideration in future planning meetings.

2.2
Various changes to league rules had been received from some clubs for the 2016 AGM to consider for inclusion within the 2017 season.

DECISION: These proposals would be included within the AGM papers and circulated to clubs in good time before the meeting.

2.3

A request from Edwinstowe CC for Net Run Rate to be included for all teams in all Divisions within the league tables from season 2017 was noted:

DECISION: This suggestion would be passed to the League Statistician.

3. FINANCE & SPONSORSHIP

3.1

The Treasurer produced the annual accounts for the league, which were currently under examination for checking before submission to the AGM and identified income and expenditure of the financial year ending on the 30th Sept 16. The balance currently stood at £7,937.28

4. DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

4.1

Only one outstanding disciplinary matter was reported which related to the last game of the season involving a player from Clumber Park CC in Div 1, concerning words or actions or conduct after being given out.

DECISION: The League Disciplinary Team decided that the player from Clumber Park CC would receive a ban from playing for 2 weeks from the first Saturday of the new 2017 season, would also receive a further 2 weeks ban from playing, but suspended until the end of the 2017 season, along with 4 points being deducted from the total of Clumber Park CC in Div 1. Appropriate letters had already been received by the league from both the player and his club.

4.2

The meeting also discussed a variety of things concerning its disciplinary processes and confirmed that:

DECISION:

- The standard of proof required at all its disciplinary hearings was the 'Balance of Probability' and this standard would be printed within the Disciplinary Section of League Handbook.
- As in previous years, points deduction from disciplinary hearings would always be applied to the season in which the relevant players actions created the issue. Once again this would be stated within the Disciplinary Section of the League Handbook.
- Further guidance concerning the topics of postings by players and club officials on Social Media sites, along with any non-attendance issues at League Disciplinary meetings, would also be published in a similar fashion.

5. LEAGUE AGM & PRESENTATION NIGHT

5.1

The meeting spoke at length about the two events in November and planned the various arrangements that were required for each.

A long discussion evolved about potential rules changes the LMC may wish to propose in addition to those received by various clubs at the AGM. The meeting discussed the reasons behind them, the potential consequences and the general future plans for the actual 'brand of cricket' on offer by the BDCL, as well as the current format of competitive league cricket over 40 / 46 / 50 overs.

DECISION: Further discussions and agreements were needed, regarding the action plans for implementation over the coming months in relation to the potential for any changes and these issues should be included as a separate agenda item for the November meeting. At this stage the LMC were keen to make arrangements to consult with all clubs and listen to opinions. The matter was too important for quick or rushed decisions without any relevant changes being thought through very carefully.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.15pm