



The Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

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MINUTES of the LMC

Date: Tuesday 11th March 14
Time: 7pm
Location: Central Avenue, Worksop

People Present: Janet King (President), Malcolm Daniels (Chairman), Gary France, Tom Munro, Bob Little, Brian Rivington, John Leaning, Ervin Devney, Jack Tarr, Michael Carlisle, Allan Vollans, Graham Bullock, Jim Garton, Malcolm Hall, Trevor Haywood, Richard Martin, Glenn Pym, Richard Swann, Graham Venables, Allison Watts.

Apologies: Gareth Jones, Ian Batty, Roger Heath

The Minutes of the previous meeting had previously been circulated.

The meeting asked for the following inclusions from the February meeting to be recorded:

- LMC members may make voluntary contributions at their own discretion towards the costs of the League Dinner/Presentation Night and were also asked to provide at least one quality raffle prize.
- The decision of the LMC in relation to the proposal for Mansfield Hosiery Mills CC returning to the BDCL from the Premier League in season 2014 was that the club would be very welcome to return and that a place would be offered in Division 1.

It is now known that this offer was declined. A full communication and summary was provided in relation to this offer at the time of the decision.

The remainder of the Minutes from February 2014 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

1 MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

1.1

The meeting was informed that matters in the PL were still under discussion between the NCB Ltd, the Interim Committee of the PL and MHM CC regarding season 2014, with no decisions having yet been made.

DECISION: For information only.

1.2

Arrangements for the compulsory submission of umpire's assessments in the Championship and Division 1 were in place, with voluntary assessment processes having already been circulated to other clubs.

DECISION: A brief meeting has been arranged for clubs with teams in the Ch & Div 1 to attend Cuckney CC on Thursday 10th April 14 at 7.30pm, when a presentation will be given to ensure minimal problems with assessments, once the 2014 season begins.

1.3

The Final of the Mallen T.20 Trophy will be played at Clipstone CC on Sunday 29th June 14, starting at 2pm. The two semi-finals will be played prior to the finals day, with full arrangements to be circulated to all relevant clubs via Pre-Season Newsletter due to be published soon.

DECISION: For information only.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

2.1

The meeting heard a brief presentation of the facts regarding the registration of players and one in particular from a club outside of the BDCL to Retford CC.

DECISION: All registrations to play in the BDCL were occurring with few problems. The player concerned with Retford CC, would be registered with this league in the normal way.

2.2

A request had been made for umpires to make reports at the end of each BDCL game in 2014, regarding the quality of the pitch on which the game had been played. Whilst the LMC were concerned at the volume of reports to be produced, with very few predictably being directed towards 'pitch problems' there was a willingness to co-operate with this request, providing the BDUA could arrange and manage the process with its umpires. Additionally the simplicity of the form for completion was another concern.

DECISION: The League Secretary would liaise with the BDUA, and review the content of the pitch report once received. It was not certain this time where the reports would be sent.

2.3

A letter had been received from the NCB Ltd regarding the decision to offer Mansfield Hosiery Mills a place in the BDCL for season 2014 in Division 1 of the League.

DECISION: The League Secretary had already replied to this letter in full, explaining the thought process involved with the decision.

2.4

A request for a representative fixture had been received from the Yorkshire & Derbyshire League.

DECISION: Gareth Jones and Bob Little would be involved with any arrangements agreed with this League.

3. FINANCIAL MATTERS

3.1

The Treasurer provided both a written and verbal summary of the financial affairs of the League, identifying income versus expenditure. To date, approximately 62% of clubs had returned their annual subscriptions, (many now included the NCB affiliation fees). Additionally, the annual Insurance of the League had been paid (inclusive of legal cover), along with recent printing costs for documents concerning the new season. Previous pavilion frames had been collected as far as possible and a donation to a local charity had been made of these items.

The current League balance was.....£11,458.64

The costs relating to the League Dinner had not yet been paid, with further work on-going to download the financial benefits of League sponsorship to all clubs. The outcome of this work would be communicated to all clubs as soon as possible.

DECISION: For information at this time. Tom Munro agreed to enquire as to the costs of new umpire coats for all BDCL umpires, with the relevant logo displayed.

4. UMPIRE ISSUES & REPORTS OF OTHER MEEETINS

These issues had already been spoken about within the current meeting, apart from the new league handbook fixtures having the URN of each umpire shown at the side of each fixture throughout the

season, making it easy for both umpire and clubs to identify which umpire had been allocated to each game. Changes throughout the season would occur and be communicated to the umpires and clubs in the normal way.

DECISION: For information only and to be published in the forthcoming Pre-Season Newsletter. Michael Carlisle and John Leaning were thanked for the additional excellent work on this project.

5. LEAGUE DINNER

5.1

The meeting discussed the final arrangements which were now in place. All trophies were now returned, the guest speaker had been contacted recently, and all printing was completed, delivered and available for the night. A raffle with relevant prizes was arranged including donations from some of the League Sponsors.

DECISION: For information. Michael Carlisle was thanked again for his outstanding work on developing the handbook, along with other league documents for the dinner and the forthcoming season.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1

Electronic copies of the new League Handbook were now available for viewing via a variety of forums, which would increase its availability, convenience and circulation list.

DECISION: At this moment in time, the electronic copies were not intended as a replacement for the printed book, which was now discounted (based on previous levels) to clubs via sponsorship income.

6.2

Work was on-going to produce a new BDUA website by Jack Tarr.

DECISION: Jack was thanked for this work and it was hoped that the work could be completed soon.

6.3

The Fixture Secretary spoke of some late potential fixture changes involving MHM III & IV and ground availability due to certain community events, which once confirmed would be communicated to everyone along with the Umpires Appointments Secretary.

DECISION: Fixture Secretary to complete arrangements or amendments and publish.

6.4

Richard Martin would represent the BDCL at the forthcoming LCC meeting and AGM on Saturday 30th March 14 at Middleton.

DECISION: For information only.

6.5

This was Janet King’s last meeting in the President’s Chair, before handing over responsibilities at the League Dinner to Bob Little. Janet was thanked for her excellent work and representation of the league during the past 12 months and everyone acknowledged her very positive contributions whilst holding the Presidential Role.

DECISION: For information only

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 8pm.

Signed.....Date.....