

Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

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Minutes of the LMC meeting

Tuesday 13th April 2010 @ Worksop CC - 7.15pm

1. Apologies received from:

Ian Batty and Trevor Haywood

2. Present:

Jim Garton (Chairman), Gareth Jones (President), Gary France, Peter Neale, Keith Board, Martin Cannon, Malcolm Daniels, Matt Deaves, George Evans, Malcolm Hall, Roger Heath, John Heaman, John Leaning, Richard Martin, Bev Norris, Alan Vollans and Brian Wilson.

3. Minutes of the last meeting:

This was held on Tuesday 9th March 2010. The Minutes were passed and signed as a true record.

4. Matters Arising:

4.1

The meeting discussed the option of nominating any person on behalf of the BDCL for the 'Nat West OSCA's' 2010 in the various categories.

DECISION: As a league it was decided not to nominate anyone.

4.2

A further discussion occurred in relation to a request from the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board to the BDCL to make a one off £500 contribution to the services of John Leafe as the County Child Protection / Safeguarding Officer, with a letter being read from the NCB which outlined the reasons for the request.

DECISION: The BDCL would provide the NCB with the £500 contribution as requested, upon the understanding that this payment was for 2010 only and would not be a year on year request.

5. Correspondence

5.1

The game between Ollerton v Basford Mill on the 24th April 2010 at Ollerton, had been re-arranged to be played at Cuckney CC, due to the unavailability of the ground at Ollerton.

DECISION: For information only.

5.2

An update had been received from the Referral Management Group which dealt with child safeguarding issues, concerning a review of the continued participation in the game of a scorer and the conditions that had been employed.

DECISION: Noted and for information only.

5.3

The Secretary disclosed a 7 page letter from a player in the Nottingham area who held a view regarding the re-structure of recreational cricket throughout Nottinghamshire involving the potential of a Nottinghamshire County League and changes to the BDCL, the SNL and increases to the NCBPL.

DECISION: The content of the letter was noted and the meeting was informed that the issue would be addressed by other meetings at Trent Bridge.

5.4

Information from the President of the BDU A gave details of 6 bullet points which umpires would seek to address with captains throughout the 2010 season. They were:

- 1) *The fielding side should follow the umpires onto the field of play at the start of play and after every interval. i.e. no players to be on the field before the umpires.*
- 2) *Umpiring decisions to be accepted by players, viz. no dissent .*
- 3) *No excessive appealing*
- 4) *Bad language to be moderated – it is a public area with spectators likely to include ladies and children .*
- 5) *Adverse comments towards opposing players to be discouraged with particular reference to fielders remarks to batsmen.*
- 6) *Umpires will keep Captains aware of the over rate, normally after 1 hour, at half way and after 2 hours.*

DECISION: This was noted and the Secretary was asked to communicate this information to clubs via a League Newsletter.

6. Finance

Invoices from the printers for handbooks / league documents and the league dinner were still pending.

Fees for 2010 had been paid to the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board and League Cricket Conference.

The meeting also agreed a slight increase in advertiser's fees for the handbook to £30.

The annual invoices to all League clubs had been distributed.

The League financial balance was currently.....£8824.05

7. League Dinner Review

The meeting was in receipt of many messages of thanks from various people regarding the recent dinner/presentation night. The tombola had raised £363.20 towards league funds. The meeting discussed the format of the evening and any issues relating to improvement and planning for next year.

The Chairman thanked members of the Committee for planning the event.

8. BDUA issues and League Website

8.1 Martin Cannon summarised the points from a recent umpires meeting as follows:

- Discussions and plans relating to umpires clothing
- An upgrade of the BDUA website
- Nominations from the BDUA in relation to 'OSCA nominations'
- Pre-match briefing with team captains (as documented above)
- A discussion relating to the duration of the Saturday League fixtures in the lower Divisions of the BDCL. The suggestion being that 46 overs may be too long?.

DECISION: The issues were noted and the meeting discussed further the point raised about 46 overs in the lower Divisions. It was agreed that there should be a period of consultation with clubs regarding this and their response would be sought via a League Newsletter and the League Website.

8.2

Malcolm Daniels informed the meeting that he was in the process of updating the site in relation to club contacts and also including some matters from the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board.

DECISION: Noted and Malcolm was thanked for his work on the site which is an invaluable communication tool.

9. Reports of other meetings

9.1

John Leaning reported on a meeting to brief all team captains in the Championship and Div 1 about the process for completing electronic assessments of umpires after each game. This meeting had been made *MANDATORY* by the LMC for all clubs to send a representative to. The following clubs did not attend:

Mansfield & Pleasley, Ransome & Marles, West Indian Cavaliers, Anston and Kiveton.

DECISION: The above five clubs would be fined £10 each for non-attendance.

9.2

Richard Martin spoke of a recent LCC meeting involving the following matters:

- Feedback to the ECB regarding the timing of proposed important changes of Safeguarding matters to dovetail with league timetables.
- Discipline and punishment decisions issued by leagues to be honoured by the ECB regarding County players. Arrangements for communicating the outcome of league disciplinary meetings to County Boards and the LCC.
- Arrangements for the 2010 Rhoades Trophy, provision of cricket balls, arrangements for providing umpires and prize money available.

DECISION: Noted and for information only

9.3

Gareth Jones reported on a recent meeting at Trent Bridge involving all Nottinghamshire Leagues regarding disciplinary processes and the attempt to standardise practices and communication throughout the County.

DECISION: Noted and for information only.

10. Player registration process 2010

The Secretary updated the meeting on the progress of clubs registering their players in the various registration categories. The need for an independent member of the LMC to additionally store the information from the three registrars was discussed.

DECISION: The Secretary to make those arrangements

11. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 11th May 2010.

- *The meeting agreed for this meeting in May the start time would be 6.45pm prompt at the request of the League Secretary.*

12. AOB

11.1

The meeting discussed the appropriate sum of money as a maximum to be charged to away teams for teas in 2010. There were many views about the cost of providing food, considered against the overall escalating costs of travelling and playing cricket as a whole.

DECISION: The sum of £30 would be the maximum costs home clubs could charge the way team for the 2010 season. This figure would be kept under review.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 8.40pm

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