

Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

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Minutes of the LMC meeting

Tuesday 8th June 2010 @ Worksop CC – 7.15pm

1. Apologies received from:

Brian Wilson and Roger Heath

2. Present:

Jim Garton (Chairman), Gary France, Gareth Jones (President), Peter Neale, Ian Batty, Keith Board, Martin Cannon, Malcolm Daniels, George Evans, Malc Hall, Trevor Haywood, John Heaman, John Leaning, Richard Martin, Bev Norris, Glenn Pym.

3. Minutes of the last meeting:

This was held on Tuesday 13th May 2010. The Minutes of this meeting were passed and signed as a true record.

The Chairman, gave an update regarding Brian Wilson and his recent ill health.

4. Matters arising:

4.1

The initial telephone call from the chairman of Shirebrook CC, regarding the potential of that club joining the BDCL had developed in terms of the full application pack in the form of a letter being sent to him for completion, along with various reminders about completion for the 2011 season. To date this written application to join the BDCL in 2011 had not been received. Additionally, the Treasurer supplied a report whereby certain monies were still owed by that club to the BDCL from 1998.

DECISION: No further action until a formal written application with supporting evidence is received.

4.2

A letter from Ransome and Marles CC regarding occurrences at their game between themselves and Mansfield & Pleasley CC in Div 1 on the 8th May 2010, had been resolved by the League Secretary who had spoken to various senior people at both clubs and the umpires.

Both clubs were provided with feedback on the advice and action taken.

DECISION: No further action was required.

4.3

Arrangements for the Tomlins game to be played between Whitwell CC and Thoresby Colliery CC were still ongoing to meet the deadline of the play by date. Various communications had been exchanged between the clubs

DECISION: If Thoresby Colliery could not meet the play by date in the handbook, they would have to forfeit the game, as previously decided in the May 2010 meeting.

5. Correspondence:

5.1

A telephone call had been received in relation to the recent death of Geoff Randall, an umpire and Chairman of Ransome & Marles CC.

DECISION: Further updates were awaited concerning the funeral arrangements.

5.2

A message had been received from Rockware CC that they wished to withdraw from the 2010 Tomlins Cup and therefore not play there arranged fixture against Caythorpe CC.

DECISION: The wishes of Rockware CC were noted and Caythorpe CC should be informed that they now go through to the next round. In addition Rockware CC should be fined the sum of £20 in accordance with League rules for non-fulfilment of the fixture.

5.3

An e mail from the Secretary of the Thoresby Colliery, requested that the LMC authorise the transfer of Brian Woods, a player this season for Retford CC to Thoresby Colliery CC. Various telephone calls and e mails to Retford CC had not produced any written agreement but a telephone call to Nigel Hall of that club had confirmed the transfer verbally. The player wished to play on Saturday 12th June 2010, with the request that the transfer not be unreasonably delayed.

DECISION: The transfer was authorised from the date of this meeting.

5.4

The Secretary summarised a cricket match at Cuckney recently which had been organised to support Steve Spencer a local cricketer and umpire, who had given a great deal to many people and all forms of cricket in the area, who was in need of help himself to assist with recent health related matters leading to his disability.

DECISION: The LMC would donate £100 to the benefit fund for Steve Spencer.

5.5

Following a request from the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board, an entry had been made on the League Website regarding the recent policy of the ECB to exclude children Under 12 years (School year 7) from participating in adult or senior cricket. Details were requested of specific instances where this had occurred.

DECISION: No further action was required, as a full explanatory article was in place on the website for all clubs to respond if they wish.

5.6

A report from Mike Smedley and Mervyn Griffiths, the two umpires in the game Thoresby Colliery v Retford in the Championship Division on the 22nd May 2010, informed the meeting that they had required a Retford bowler, to be withdrawn from the bowling attack, due to him bowling three, fast, high full tosses above waist height during the game.

DECISION: No further action, as the umpires had dealt with the matter under the laws of the game.

5.7

Arrangements were in place for clubs and matches to start earlier if they so wished to do so on Saturday 12th June 2010, regarding the evening world cup games. Additional Saturday's of the 26th June and the 3rd July were also potentially affected in a similar manner, dependent upon the progress of the England football team.

DECISION: All arrangements had been communicated to Club Secretaries and an article, placed on the league website.

6. Finance

The treasurer reported that there were just two clubs yet to pay their annual subscriptions to the league. Details were provided of the expenses for the recent representative match at Glapwell CC. The Committee of that club were thanked for the high quality of their ground and catering facilities on the day.

Outstanding fines regarding three clubs were also discussed.

The current league balance was: £9435.54.

7. Discipline matters / unfulfilled fixtures

7.1

The game in Div 4 on Saturday 15th May 2010, between Teversal II v Thurcroft did not occur due to members of the travelling Thurcroft team being involved in a road accident requiring hospital treatment. It was decided that the game should be re-arranged and both club were discussing an alternative date.

DECISION: This had previously been agreed by the LMC and an update on the new date for the fixture was pending.

7.2

Sherwood CC had contacted Thoresby Colliery CC to withdraw from their Mallen T20 fixture, due to be played on Tuesday 1st June 2010.

DECISION: 2 points to Thoresby Colliery CC and Sherwood to be fined £20 for not fulfilling the fixture

7.3

The chairman gave a brief update on a league disciplinary hearing, recently held involving two Retford players and the penalties imposed.

This matter had now been referred to an appeal hearing and the chairman emphasised the need for impartiality, confidentiality and the total empowerment of the appeals committee to act independently to the original disciplinary committee and make their own decisions based upon the evidence presented to them. The Appeal hearing was planned for Friday 18th June 2010.

DECISION: For information only.

7.4

The meeting discussed the need for reviewing a number of issues regarding the discipline processes and guidance in the League Handbook.

DECISION: That a separate meeting would be arranged to discuss these issues in greater depth and if necessary, make recommendations to the next full LMC meeting.

8. Reports of other meetings:

8.1

Martin Cannon reported that the BDUA website had been updated and that the umpire in the game Basford Mill v Woodsetts on the first game of the season had been advised regarding a number of matters, following a complaint from the Woodsetts Captain.

DECISION: For information only.

9. Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 13th July 2010.

10. AOB

10.1

Following a number of conversations and phone calls from players regarding the late finishes and duration of games, the League Secretary submitted a discussion document, regarding the start time of matches, duration of overs in certain Divisions and time limits on matches affected by poor weather conditions. Various views were expressed at this initial stage.

DECISION: The next LMC meeting should develop these suggestions and in the meantime, the BDUA should be consulted and also asked for their views on the content of the discussion document.

10.2

Martin Cannon spoke of the suggestion to create an annual end of season meeting between the BDUA and the BDCL to discuss the previous season and agree the relevant matters for the year ahead.

DECISION: The LMC of the BDCL were in full support of this meeting and awaited the umpire's views.

10.3

George Evans described a reduction in coverage of BDCL games in the Nottingham Evening Post newspaper.

DECISION: The press officer was now completing additional umpiring appointments and therefore his availability to produce reports for newspapers was reduced.

10.4

Peter Neale talked about a recent game, whereby only 10 players had been nominated on the team cards before the match and yet later in the game, an 11th player was allowed to play as a substitute player in contravention of the laws of the game who had already played in another BDCL game that same day.

A second matter was presented, whereby the number and identity of 'young players' under 18 years of age was only provided to the umpires before the start of the game and not necessarily brought to the attention of the opposing team captain on every occasion..

DECISION: All events and examples of problems would be discussed with the BDUA at the end of season meeting to agree on a method to help umpires, players and the league make improvements.

10.5

The matter of last minute player registration by telephone, just prior to a game being played was discussed.

DECISION: Clubs were able to register a player in Cat. A (Recreational Player) immediately prior to any game and send the registration card to the registrar after the game.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 8.45pm

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