

Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

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Minutes of the LMC meeting

Tuesday 13th July 2010 – Start 7-15pm

1. Apologies:

Glenn Pym, Brian Wilson and John Heaman

2. Present:

Jim Garton (Chairman), Gary France, Gareth Jones, Peter Neale, Ian Batty, Keith Board, Martin Cannon, Malcolm Daniels, Matt Deaves, George Evans, Malcolm Hall, Trevor Haywood, John Leaning, Richard Martin, Tom Munro, Bev Norris and Alan Vollans..

3. Minutes of the last meeting:

This was held on Tuesday 8th June 2010. The Minutes of this meeting were passed and signed as a true record.

The Chairman once again updated the meeting regarding the health of Brian Wilson.

4. Matters arising

4.1

Jim Garton and Gary France had recently visited Shirebrook Cricket Club, following their application to join the BDCL in season 2011 and reported to the meeting their findings regarding the club, the ground and its facilities. A summary was also provided of their internal club functionality, such as youth cricket, CWO, accounts, constitution and future plans. They wished to enter one team and confirmed that they would supply at least one new umpire.

DECISION: Shirebrook CC would be an additional club to the BDCL for season 2011 and would be placed in either Div 6 or 7.

4.2

The postponed game between Teversall II v Thurcroft on Saturday 15th May 2010 had now been re-arranged between the two clubs to take place on Sunday 15th August 2010.

DECISION: For information only.

4.3

It had been agreed that an annual meeting between the BDCL and the BDUA would occur at the end of each season. Four representatives from each seemed appropriate.

DECISION: The Secretary to make the arrangements.

5. Correspondence

5.1

Notification of a change to the laws of cricket in relation to Law 24.6 (Double bounce deliveries) being replaced by:

The umpire at the bowlers end shall call and signal no ball if a ball which he considers to have been delivered, without having previously touched the bat or person of the striker, either:

- Bounces more than once
- Rolls along the ground

Before it reaches the popping crease.

DECISION: For information only.

5.2

Retford CC have registered an overseas player in Cat C(iv), Tom Williams from Australia.

DECISION: For information only

5.3

A letter from the Captain of Killamarsh Juniors CC gave a summary of an occurrence in their game v Weston on the 12th June 2010, when their match ball was retrieved by children, which allegedly changed its condition, with a replacement ball apparently affecting their team's performance. The matter had been discussed with the umpire on the day, Mr. C R Martin, who had provided a detailed and accurate summary of the facts, which had also been sent to Killamarsh Juniors CC in reply.

DECISION: The LMC concurred with the umpire's letter and agreed that no further action was necessary on this occasion.

5.4

The BDCL were in receipt of an update from the ECB RMG regarding the suitability of a scorer Edwin Leatherland to participate in cricket regarding Safeguarding of Young Persons. The updated position reads:

'The RMG decided in accordance with reg 4.4.9 of the ECB Complaints and Disciplinary Procedure that Mr Edwin Leatherland's suspension from any and all cricketing activities is lifted, but Mr. Leatherland can only continue in the role of a scorer if he is supervised by an adult in the scoring area throughout. If Mr. Leatherland wishes to take on any other position of responsibility, his case must be referred back to the RMG for approval'.

DECISION: For information only

5.5

The Secretary updated the meeting on the current position regarding the ECB Vetting and barring Scheme and the guidance notes from the ECB dated the 17th June 2010, which affected planned training for this scheme. Levels of 're-modelling' had been instigated by the change of government. This matter will be under review until further notice.

Further updates were provided regarding CRB clearance, juniors in open age cricket, managed migration, photography of junior players and fast bowling directives.

DECISION: For information only.

5.6

The chairman summarised two letters received regarding the drinking of alcohol; during the game by Thurcroft players. Previous similar complaints had also been received.

DECISION: The LMC believed that the consumption of alcohol by players still participating in a game of cricket in the BDCL was unacceptable, had a potential detrimental affect on the game, was not conducive to the Spirit of the game or Health & Safety matters and reflected poorly of the club and the League. An appropriate letter should be sent by the League Secretary to Thurcroft CC, asking them to stop this recent activity.

5.7

A summary from the Secretary of the BDUA gave their views regarding the end of season meeting with the BDCL, potential rule changes and disciplinary matters. Additionally, a summary was provided whereby an umpire had reported a bowler in the league for allegedly throwing the ball whilst bowling which was being considered by a boundary assessment.

A suggestion was also provided regarding teams that fail to bowl 20 overs in the last hour of a time match. Either reducing the number of overs to 17 in the hour, or increasing the time allowed to bowl 20 overs to 1.25 hours. Either way, any overs not bowled in the specified time could be subjected to a points deduction of 1 point per over.

DECISION: The above was noted and the rule change to be considered at the next meeting and at the end of season meeting with the BDUA

5.8

Tom Munro expressed his concerns in relation to players registered to play with the BDCL and that some clubs were not following the prescribed processes.

DECISION: The League Secretary to remind all clubs of registration procedures.

5.9

An email from the Secretary of Teversall CC, talked about their club's difficulties this year in fulfilling BH fixtures when they had two club teams playing on each BH. Teversall CC asked the LMC to abandoning BH fixtures and finding other ways of formulating the fixtures.

DECISION: The meeting discussed the proposal and decided to maintain BH fixtures, with due consideration to the volume of fixtures on each BH and the number of teams from each club being asked to play on such days.

6. Finance

The treasurer reported that there were currently no fines outstanding. He was following up three advertising fees and recent expenses related to the purchase of new match balls, trophies for cup competitions and representative match expenses.

The current league balance was: £9087.54

7. Reports of meetings:

7.1

Martin Cannon reported:

- Umpires feedback on league disciplinary proposals and amendments to rules for 2011
- Upgrade to the BDUA website
- OSCA nomination for umpire G. Graney
- No problems with the umpire assessment process.

Richard Martin reported:

- Cockspur T20 finals day was at Trent Bridge on the 13th August 2010. The draw was Clifton v Cavaliers and Feeder League winners v Cuckney. The day was to be advertised on the BDCL website and support encouraged.
- ECB Nat West Fundraising weekend was to be the BH weekend in August
- Funding from the ECB was now far more restrictive for projects
- There were concerns over the processes involved in the devolution of power to County Boards and the implications therein.

Gareth Jones reported:

- A summary on the Cedric Rhoades game against the Merseyside League and detailed the arrangements for the next round tie on the 25th July 2010 at Cuckney.

DECISION: For information only

8. Disciplinary Matters and Unfulfilled fixtures

Disciplinary Matters

8.1

A summary was provided of the outcome of the Disciplinary and Appeals Committee hearing involving two players from Retford CC regarding a BDCL game on the 8th May 2010. The following penalties were imposed:

- *John Musgrove – 8 match suspension from playing (from 26/6/10 to 14/8/10 inclusive) + 8 match suspended suspension until the end of the 2011 season, for making physical contact deliberately with an opposing batsman.*
- *Alan Pattenden – 4 match suspension from playing (from 26/6/10 to 17/7/10 inclusive) + 4 match suspended suspension until the end of the 2010 season.*
- *Retford CC 1st XI – 15 points deducted.*

DECISION: For information only.

8.2

The meeting also heard a summary of a further Disciplinary hearing involving a player from Anston CC in relation to a BDCL game on the 25th June 2010. The following penalty was imposed:

- *Kevin Vollans – 2 match suspension from playing, suspended until the end of the 2010 season, for making disparaging remarks about an umpire.*

DECISION: For information only.

8.3

The meeting reviewed two further disciplinary issues involving players from two further league games on the 3rd July 2010.

DECISION: The Secretary was asked to make the necessary arrangements for two consecutive Disciplinary Meetings to be held at Worksop Cricket Club, during the evening of Wednesday 28th July 2010.

Unfulfilled fixtures

8.4

Tomlins Trophy – MHM's v Worksop

Following a prolonged debate and various arrangements between the two clubs the fixture was finally agreed to be played at Worksop on the 4th July. MHM had arranged the umpires as it was their home game. The game was called off by MHM and the game defaulted to Worksop CC. The umpire in the game Mr. C. Russell was not informed in time of the cancellation and attended the ground unnecessarily and reported this matter to the league.

DECISION: Worksop CC should go through to the next round of the Tomlins Trophy. MHM's CC would incur the following penalties:

- £20 fine for not fulfilling the fixture
- £35 to be paid to the League Treasurer for the umpires expenses, as the League would pay the umpire for speed of process.

8.5

Milton III v MHM's IV in Div 8 on the 10th July 10 was not played due to MHM IV being unable to raise a team.

DECISION: Milton III to be awarded 20 points. MHM's IV to be fined £10 and have 10 points reduced from their league total. All in accordance with Rule: 2.5(vi).

8.6

Woodsetts III v Clumber Park IV in Div 8 on the 26th June 2010 was not played, as a result of Clumber Park CC not arriving at the ground, with the Woodsetts team and the umpire having no knowledge of the reason why. An explanation and apology had been received from the Chairman of Clumber Park CC. Woodsetts CC had explained the costs involved of preparing teas and the ground. Woodsetts CC had paid the umpire £15 expenses.

DECISION: Woodsetts III to be awarded 20 points. Clumber Park IV to be fined £10 and have 10 points reduced from their league total as per league rule 2.5(iv).

Additionally Clumber Park CC should be responsible for paying the umpire his full match expenses of £35, which would be included in the fines invoice. Additionally, Clumber Park CC should pay Woodsetts CC £30 as their contribution to the provision of teas on the day.

Therefore:

- The BDCL will pay the umpire Mr. C. Chapman a further £20 and re-claim the £35 for Clumber Park CC in the fines invoice.
- The BDCL will return the £15 to Woodsetts CC originally paid to the umpire
- The BDCL will pay Woodsetts CC the £30 for the teas and include this amount on the fines invoice to Clumber Park CC.

8.7

The Mallen T20 game between East Drayton and Marshalls on the 29th June 10 did not occur due to East Drayton being unable to raise a team.

DECISION: The game and 2 pts were awarded to Marshalls CC. East Drayton CC to be fined £20 for not fulfilling the fixture.

8.8

The Mallen T20 game between West Indian Cavaliers v Papplewick & Linby on the 29th June 2010, was not played due to West Indian Cavaliers not fulfilling the fixture. The umpire appointed to the game, Mr ML King was not informed and arrived at the ground along with several P & L players.

DECISION: The game and 2 pts were awarded to P & L CC. West Indian Cavaliers CC to be fined £20 for not fulfilling the fixture and should pay the BDCL £12 as the umpire's expenses, which will be included within the fines invoice. The BDCL will pay the £12 expenses to the umpire.

8.9

The Tomlins Trophy game between West Indian Cavaliers CC and Retford CC did not occur on the 13th June 10, due to both clubs travelling to the opposing teams ground and finding themselves thirty something miles apart. The error was made by W I Cavaliers, as they were the home team.

DECISION: Retford CC were awarded the game and should not be paid any travelling expenses (although requested), as they were obligated to travel anyway. West Indian Cavaliers CC would be fined £20 for not fulfilling the fixture.

8.10

The game between MHM's IV and Blyth II in Div 8 on the 26th June 2010 did not take place, due to MHM IV not being able to raise a team.

DECISION: Blyth II to be allocated 20 points for the win. MHM's IV to have 10 points reduced from their league total and be fined £10 for not fulfilling the fixture.

8.11

The Mallen T20 game Clipstone v Edwinstowe on the 15th June 2010 did not take place due to Clipstone being unable to raise a team.

DECISION: Edwinstowe were awarded the game and 2 pts. Clipstone to be fined £20 for not fulfilling the fixture

9. Update on the Mallen T20 and Tomlins Cup competitions

9.1

The meeting received a summary of both competitions. The Mallen was perceived to be healthy but there still may be opportunities to improve the arrangements and encourage greater participation.

The Tomlins had its usual problems with difficulties arranging mutual dates, play by dates being impossible to adhere to and clubs defaulting on the fixture. The potential for fixed dates next year was to be considered.

DECISION: The arrangements for both cup competitions to be reviewed at the end of the season in good time for the Winter planning.

10. Review of Disciplinary processes:

10.1

The chairman gave a summary to the meeting of a number of recommendations to be made from a previous meeting of a small number of LMC members regarding disciplinary issues. A summary of the matters discussed and agreed at that meeting is as follows:

(A) Re-wording of the 'penalties' on page 47 of the Handbook:

2 matches

4 matches

8 matches

Agreed proposals to the LMC

- *The word 'matches' be changed to 'weeks' (Sat to Fri inclusive).**
- *The Disciplinary Sub Committee report or Appeal report to be completed as soon as practicable or within 7 days after the meeting and sent to the relevant parties after verbal explanations on the night.*
- *The cost of an appeal should increase to £50**
- *The potential for umpires to complete a 'Minor Offence Form' or 'Accumulated Bad Behaviour Form. Three reports against the same play or club would require a Disciplinary Hearing**
- *As an internal policy guide:
2 weeks player ban = 4 point deduction for the players team
4 weeks player ban = 8 points deduction for the players team
8 weeks player ban = 16 points deduction for the players team*
- *Any number of weeks suspension from playing shall mean and be documented as equating to the suspension from all forms of cricket, including friendly matches*

(B) A statement in the handbook to explain how a Disciplinary Hearing will be conducted with individual witnesses, the process and functionality.

Agreed proposal to the LMC

- *The ECB guidance notes regarding this to be circulated by mail to all persons involved in a Disciplinary Hearing by the League Secretary.*

(C) Build into the annual calendar a meeting with the BDUA at the end of September or beginning of October perhaps 4 or 5 people from each committee to discuss the previous season and hopefully agree on any measures for the next. Obviously disciplinary matters will be a significant issue as the umpires are a part of the process.

Agreed proposal to the LMC

The BDUA are in agreement with this and the two Secretaries' would make the arrangements and prepare a joint agenda.

(D) Clarity and further discussion was required to establish the benefits or otherwise of umpires attending disciplinary hearings.

Agreed proposal to the LMC:

That the LMC should request that this issue be re-visited with the BDUA at the meeting in September/October and the benefit of umpires attending disciplinary meetings would be discussed and agreement sought regarding a future policy. The current thought process of not inviting umpires could present too many problems.

(E) Consideration for a new rule, if a club is involved in two/three disciplinary meetings in the same season, and their players are found guilty, that the club in question is then **fined a sum of money** and starts the next season on **minus 20 points**. The purpose of this proposal is to strengthen the resolve to focus the minds of clubs and not just players about the need to conduct themselves properly.

Agreed proposal to the LMC:

Potential new rule*

'Any club, where players have been found guilty of disciplinary offences on two or more occasions in the same season, will be fined a sum not exceeding £50 by the LMC.

In addition, if on those two or more occasions, the offences have been committed by members of the same team of that club, then that team will incur a deduction of up to 20 points at the start of the following season.

(This is an attempt to engage clubs in their responsibilities to maintain good behaviour within their club and hold them to account)

(F) Consideration to be given to appointing an independent chairman to all Appeal Hearings.

Agreed proposal to the LMC:

That the LMC would consider each case on its merit and not necessarily appoint an independant chairman on every occasion.

DECISION: The LMC accepted the proposals for updating and submission to the League AGM where appropriate. (Marked *)

11. Start times of games – duration of overs

11.1

Following a suggestion from players and clubs both during the winter and following the recent football world cup, the following rule changes for season 2011 were considered by the LMC:

a.

That all games in the Championship start at 1pm (to mirror the Premier League)

The start time is adjusted to 12.30pm in August and September

b.

That all games in all other Divisions start at 1.30pm.

The start time is adjusted to 1pm in August and September

c.

That all games in Division 6 and below are of 40 overs duration only.

d.

In relation to games affected by poor weather and delayed at the start

No match shall start later than 3 hours after the scheduled start time.

The suggestion of 3 hours can be substituted for whatever period of time is felt appropriate. (3 hours is merely a suggestion)

(This mirrors a similar rule in the Premier League)

DECISION: The League Secretary to formulate these potential rule changes and submit to the LMC for approval as appropriately worded for all clubs at the AGM to consider in November 2010.

12. Open Cricket – NCB PL

12.1

The meeting discussed the positives and negatives of such a proposal for inclusion of the BDCL views at a separate PL meeting in the near future.

DECISION: The LMC were not in favour of the NCB PL becoming an ‘open league’

13. Date of next meeting: - TUESDAY 10th August 2010

- **PLEASE NOTE: The start times of all LMC meetings will be 7pm from now on, as agreed in the only item raised in AOB.**

There was no other business and the meeting concluded at 9.40pm

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