

# Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

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## **Minutes of the LMC Meeting**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2010 – Start 7pm**

### **1 Apologies:**

Gareth Jones, Trevor Haywood, Roger Heath and Brian Wilson

### **2. Present:**

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

### **3. Minutes of last meeting:**

This was held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2010. The Minutes were passed and signed as a true record.

### **4. Matters arising:**

4.1

The planned meeting between the BDU A and the BDCL would be arranged to be held at Worksop CC at 7.30pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2010. BDCL representatives would be Gary France, Jim Garton, Gareth Jones and John Heaman.

**DECISION:** For information only.

4.2

The Secretary reminded the meeting of the T20 Cockspur finals at Trent Bridge on the 13<sup>th</sup> August 2010, although the BDCL had no specific representative teams at this finals day.

**DECISION:** For information only.

4.3

Tomlins semi final updates:

Kiveton v Caythorpe II

Retford v Anston

(Both games 22/8/10)

**DECISION:** For information only

4.4

The meeting reviewed an ECB document named: '*Sentencing Guidelines – Recreational Game*' and '*Guidelines on the Conduct of Hearings and Appeals*'. Various aspects of this document were discussed.

**DECISION:** Members were asked to consider the content and discussion with a view to a decision being made at the September meeting regarding any implementations from the document.

## **5. Correspondence**

5.1

A letter had been received from two umpires regarding the positive aspects of the game played between Ordsall Bridon II v MHM II, which was read to the meeting.

**DECISION:** Noted and for information only. Both clubs to be informed by the League Secretary.

5.2

A report from two umpires outlined that a bowler for Bridon II, in the game v Wiseton on the 24<sup>th</sup> July 2010, had been required to be removed from the bowling attack due to bowling three fast, full, high deliveries.

**DECISION:** Noted and for information.

5.3

A notice had been received from the NCB PL that the production of their 2011 fixtures may be delayed a few weeks, due to the issues this season of promotion and relegation from that league from the two feeder leagues.

**DECISION:** Noted and clubs to be informed of this potential.

5.4

A report had been received in relation to the conduct of an umpire in a recent game in the BDCL on the 24<sup>th</sup> July 2010 from a team Captain.

**DECISION:** This report to be forwarded to the Secretary of the BDCL for his attention.

5.5

A detailed summary of various differences in the rules of the Norfolk Alliance League and those of the BDCL had been submitted by an umpire for the LMC to consider.

**DECISION:** For information. The meeting did not wish to adopt any rules from the Norfolk Alliance League at this time.

## **6. Finance**

The Treasurer reported regarding the process of two cheques, the payment for the new kit for the BDCL representative team and the outlay for those teams' games against the Merseyside League and the U25's game against the Derbyshire County League.

The current league balance was: £7616.33

## **7. Reports of Meetings:**

Richard Martin reported on a recent meeting of the Premier League in which the topic of 'open cricket' was again discussed. No specific decision was made with this matter to be debated further.

**DECISION:** For information only.

## **8. Disciplinary matters:**

The following outcomes and updates from recent hearings were:

### 8.1

Reports from umpires were received regarding the conduct of members of both teams in the game Wiseton v Grassmoor on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2010.

**DECISION** of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee 28<sup>th</sup> July 2010: That both clubs be reprimanded in view of the lack of respect shown during the game for one another towards their own team members.

### 8.2

Reports from spectators, a tea lady and umpires in the game Harthill v M & P, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2010, identified a player from M & P CC as allegedly using foul language which was so obvious that it was not restricted to those persons participating in the game.

**DECISION** of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee 28<sup>th</sup> July 2010: After considering the actions taken by his own club, Scott Powell a player of M & P CC shall be suspended for a total of 8 matches, 4 of which shall be suspended until the end of the 2011 season. (The punishment is inclusive of the ban imposed by the players club).

The 4 game bans in total will run from the 7<sup>th</sup> August 2010 to the 28<sup>th</sup> August 2010 inclusive. Also, the M&P 1<sup>st</sup> XI in Div 1 shall be deducted a total of 8 points from their league total.

### 8.3

Reports from umpires identified a player from Worksop CC in the game Blidworth v Worksop on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2010, as allegedly making disparaging remarks towards one of the umpires.

**DECISION** of the Disciplinary Sub Committee 9<sup>th</sup> August 2010: This decision was communicated to the LMC, but the option of an appeal hearing rendered this Sub Judice.

### 8.4

Reports from the umpires, identified a player from Thoresby Colliery CC in the game v Kiveton Park on the 24<sup>th</sup> July 2010 as showing dissent by breaking the stumps with his bat, knocking the middle stump out of the ground.

**DECISION:** This matter had been arranged to be heard on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2010 by the Disciplinary Sub-Committee, Due to a serious injury to the player concerned in another cricket match, this matter will now be heard on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2010.

### 8.5

Reports from spectators and the umpire in the game R & M v Caythorpe II on the 7<sup>th</sup> August 2010, identified two players (one from each team) whose conduct allegedly breached the League's Code of Conduct and the Spirit of the Game in various ways. On the date of the LMC meeting, further investigations were ongoing.

**DECISION:** Further enquiries should continue, with a view to the relevant identified players being required to attend a meeting of the Disciplinary Sub- Committee on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2010.

8.6

A letter from an umpire had documented some confusion in the game Teversall II v Blidworth II in Div 4 on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2010, whereby the game was interrupted by the scorers on a number of occasions in relation to claims of 5 ball overs and a comment from a player from Teversall CC to one of the umpires regarding a query in relation to being given out LBW. Following further consultation with the umpire in question, the following decision was made:

**DECISION:** A letter of advice and notification should be sent to Teversall CC, drawing their attention to the umpire's report and content.

## **9. Unfulfilled fixtures:**

9.1

On the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2010, the game in Div 8, M & P IV v Blyth II was unfulfilled, due to Blyth CC being unable to raise a team.

**DECISION:** Blyth II shall have 10 points deducted from their league total, be fined £10 and M & P IV shall be awarded the game and 20 points.

9.2

On the 7<sup>th</sup> August 2010, the game in Div 7, Clumber Park III v Thoresby Park II was not fulfilled, due to Thoresby Park being unable to raise a team.

**DECISION:** Thoresby Park II shall have 10 points deducted from their league total, be fined £10 and Clumber Park III shall be awarded the game and 20 points.

9.3

A letter from Sherwood CC II regarding their game in Div 8 v R & M III in Div 8 on the 7<sup>th</sup> August 2010, highlighted various opinions about whether the ground was fit or safe to play on, following poor wet weather conditions. The game was not played, despite various players disagreeing with this decision, although no umpires were in attendance. Both Captains affectively disagreed.

**DECISION:** In the League Handbook on Page 40, Rule 6.2(vi) clearly states the procedure to follow and read.....'when in doubt or if the captain's disagree, then play should not take place'.

## **10. Cricket Balls**

The Secretary raised the issue of certain balls currently being legally used in league matches, which had created complaints about their quality and allegedly breaking bats.

The meeting debated the future options in relation to the manufacturers and supply of cricket balls within the league.

**DECISION:** Clubs should continue to have the choice of which balls to purchase and use within the current league rules. The choice, often based around cost, is a matter for each individual club.

## **11. Rule changes:**

The Secretary informed the LMC that he would create a separate document for the September meeting, for them to consider the draft rule changes as discussed throughout the season and particularly during the July meeting, for decisions to be made in terms of their wording for presentation to the AGM in November.

**12. Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2010 – **START 7pm**

**13. AOB**

13.1

End of season relegation and promotions games were discussed regarding the provision of umpires. Promotions and relegation issues were discussed throughout the BDCL and its links to the NCBPL, with a summary provided of the BDCL uU25 match v the Derbyshire County League, recently played.

**DECISION:** John Leaning would try to address the umpiring needs of all relevant matches towards the end of the season. The LMC would seek to establish the constitution of all Divisions for 2011, as soon as possible after the end of the 2010 season, to allow the fixtures to be formulated.

There was no other business and the meeting was concluded at 8.30pm

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