

## **MINUTES OF LMC MEETING**

**TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2011 – START 7.00PM**

### **1. Apologies:**

Keith Board, George Evans, Malcolm Hall, Roger Heath and Richard Martin.

### **2. Present:**

Jim Garton (Chairman), Gary France, Gareth Jones, Peter Neale, John Heaman, Ian Batty, Martin Cannon, Michael Carlisle, Malcolm Daniels, Matt Deaves, Trevor Haywood, John Leaning, Tom Munro, Glenn Pym, Chris Revill, Jack Tarr and Alan Vollans.

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

11<sup>th</sup> January 2011 – passed and signed – true record.

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

4.1

The planned meeting of the three Leagues BDCL, SNL and NCB PL was to go ahead on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at Cuckney CC. Comments had been supplied to the NCB regarding the future of these meetings.

DECISION: For information only.

4.2

Glapwell CC had been confirmed as the venue for the Cedric Rhoades/Presidents Trophy game at home to the NCB PL on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2011.

DECISION:

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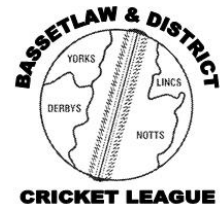
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The annual friendly fixture with the Yorkshire & Derbyshire Cricket League on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2011 will be played at Bracken Moor CC, Stocksbridge. S36 2AN. Start 2pm

DECISION: For information only.

4.4

An update was provided regarding the future plans for the league player registration of process, led by Tom Munro in conjunction with Malcolm Daniels and Jack Tarr. An electronic system centred on the 'Play-Cricket' facility appeared the logical progression for implementation in the 2012 season, via the 2011 AGM. There are only two clubs in the BDCL who have not yet activated their Play-Cricket opportunity, with many of the BDCL clubs now playing in other leagues already familiar with the process. For 2011, the current paper system would remain with player's date of birth becoming a requirement, in preparation for 2012.



DECISION: The LMC would begin to make definite plans to submit a proposal to the 2011 league AGM to create an electronic system of player registration.

4.5

Tom Munro also spoke about an error in the fixtures involving Bilsthorpe and their ground, when both themselves and Edwinstowe III were due to play on the same date. Plans and discussions for a solution by all clubs concerned were underway.

DECISION: Once the solution had been agreed with all involved clubs, the Fixture Secretary to confirm the re-arrangements with the Secretary for liaison with the Handbook and umpire appointments.

## **5. Correspondence**

5.1

The annual game between the BDCL and the Derbyshire County League had been agreed to be played on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2011, 1.30pm start. The ground had yet to be decided, but would be in Derbyshire.

DECISION: For information only.

5.2

The finals day of the NCB PL T20 would be held at Papplewick & Linby CC on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2011. Also the promotion and relegation criteria to and from the NCB PL would remain the same as that for 2010 (given the ECB requirements regarding Clubmark).

DECISION:

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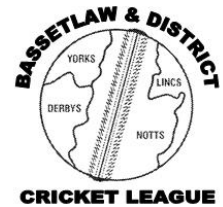
Updated guidance had been received from the CWO of the Nott'mshire Cricket Board regarding the registration processes of overseas players for 2011. A 'Visa Matrix' had been created to simplify the requirements of the relevant policies of the ECB and UKBA, to provide a 'one page easy guide' and could be used by clubs to check that the relevant documents and visa's held by an overseas cricketer intending to play in this country. Whilst clubs had ultimate responsibility for ensuring documentation was correct, it was deemed appropriate that leagues should receive a copy of the relevant visas/documents for any overseas players in their league as well.

DECISION: The Secretary to circulate the information to all clubs including the matrix in a pre-season Newsletter.

5.4

The AGM of the Yorkshire Cricket Association was to be held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at Whicliffe Mount CC at 10.30am, with various documents and advertising literature, also being received.

DECISION: For information only.



5.5

Information had been received from Sports Media Advertising, explaining their services to local cricket clubs in the form of media advertising screens in club houses and the potential income for the clubs and related costs.

DECISION: Sports Media Advertising was welcome to contact any BDCL club on an individual basis to explain what they had to offer. They were also welcome to advertise in both the BDCL handbook and on the league website.

## **6. Finance**

The Treasurer updated the meeting on the finances of the league and reported upon recent income / expenditures regarding the recovery of an outstanding fine, umpires fees from last year's Cedric Rhoades match, with a recent telephone bill yet to be reconciled.

The league Insurance renewal premium had been received with a very slight increase.

Advertising in the League Handbook was discussed regarding previous and new advertisers expressing an interest. The League balance was currently: £6083.05

DECISION: The Treasurer should renew the league Insurance with our current insurer and the Treasurer was thanked for his detailed report.

## **7. Umpire Matters – Disciplinary processes for 2011 - Meetings**

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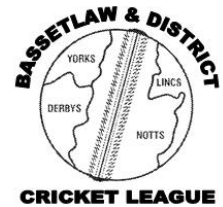
Martin cannon reported on the recent BDUA Management meeting. Recent meetings with the BDCL regarding discipline matters were confirmed, with meetings after the 2011 season being confirmed as: AGM 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2011, 5/11, 3/12, 7/1, 4/2 and 31/3.

DECISION: For information only.

7.2

The Secretary summarised the time line of events which had occurred during the winter concerning disciplinary matters, the emergence of the Accumulated Offence Form (AOF) system and the research / meetings covering this development, involving liaison with other leagues, gaining the agreement of the league AGM to the concept and partnership working with the BDUA to achieve the following:

- To identify four simple behavioural aspects currently affecting the game for prioritising within the AOF process.
- The creation of two new separate disciplinary report forms for umpires to complete.
- The communication / information process to both umpires and clubs regarding these changes and how they will be implemented.



- Umpires now have the choice whether to simply complete an early intervention with a player and advise accordingly, report a player to the League using the AOF process in relation to the identified behaviours or report a player in serious circumstances to the League for a Disciplinary Committee Hearing. ***(Three AOF reports in the same season for the same player will amount to a three weeks suspension from playing all forms of the game, with no appeal process).***

The following four behavioural aspects for action within the AOF process had been agreed with the BDU and are as follows:

1. Pointing or gesturing towards the pavilion in an **inappropriate manner** by a bowler or other member of the fielding team, upon the dismissal of a batsman.
2. **Inappropriate** sledging or disparaging remarks towards a player which is personal, offensive or disrespectful.
3. Displaying **inappropriate** dissent towards an umpire by words, actions or conduct on or off the field of play.
4. Unruly behaviour or any unfair play likely to bring the game into disrepute or which breaches the Spirit of Cricket.

DECISION: The Secretary of the BDU had already agreed to and was in the process of circulating a newsletter to all umpires, giving an explanation about the new disciplinary process and providing examples of the new forms, which were to be sent out to umpires with their appointment rotas by John Leaning. Additionally, Gary France, Jim Garton and Gareth Jones were to attend the umpires training meeting in March to explain and discuss these changes. The League Secretary should also update clubs in the pre-season League Newsletter about all these issues.

### 7.3

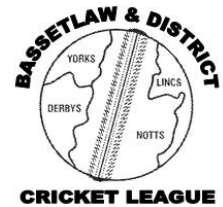
Gareth Jones reported on a Disciplinary Seminar held recently at Trent Bridge to discuss such matters with leagues from across the County. Changes and practices throughout the various leagues were presented, with the potential of an independent pool of people to populate league appeal hearings being discussed.

DECISION: For information at this stage, with a further meeting of a similar nature to be arranged in September 2011.

### 7.4

Malcolm Daniels reported on the recent Nottm'shire Cricket Board AGM, cash flow matters and its progression to grass roots cricket. The work of the board was presented, along with its future plans.

DECISION: For information only.



7.5

Gareth Jones reported upon the AGM of the BDCL Youth League which now has 19 teams participating and a healthy future.

DECISION: For information only.

### **8. League Dinner/Presentation Night**

The meeting discussed the arrangements and the Secretary provided an update regarding the meal, costs, guests, trophies and their winners, guest speaker and tasks on the night.

DECISION: There were no anticipated problems at this time, with on-going arrangements progressing well.

### **9. 2011 League Tables**

The Secretary reminded the meeting of the outcome of certain Disciplinary Hearings in 2010, the outcome of which deemed the following:

- Mansfield & Pleasley 1<sup>st</sup> XI in Div 1 begin the season on minus 4 points
- Welbeck II in Div 1 begin the season on minus 4 points

DECISION: Jack Tarr as the new League Statistician to note.

### **10. 2011 League Handbook**

In the absence of the editor Richard Martin, Gary France informed the meeting that the arrangements for the handbook were going well, and were at the proof reading stage. No undue problems were anticipated. In addition, the Secretary would liaise with Richard Martin and Peter Neale to confirm the printing requirements of the league for the relevant league documents to be completed along with the handbooks at the printers in Chesterfield.

DECISION: For information at the time.

### **11. Date of next meeting was to be:**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 7pm.**

### **12. AOB**

Upon the submission of three high quality nominations for the 2011 Wilkinson Trophy, the meeting read, discussed and voted upon the winner from the three nominations and made the decision that:

DECISION: The Wilkinson Trophy is awarded at the League Dinner to David Slatcher of Glapwell CC, who would be invited as a guest of the LMC that evening.

Additionally, the other two nominee's be informed and thanked for their contributions to their respective clubs, with the standard this year being extremely high.

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