

BASSETLAW & DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

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Minutes of LMC Meeting

Date: Tuesday 14th June 2011

Time: 7pm

Place: Worksop Cricket Club Meeting Room

1. Apologies:

Jim Garton, John Heaman, Keith Board, Matt Deaves, Malc Hall, Roger Heath, Tom Munro, Glenn Pym and Alan Vollans.

2. Present

Gareth Jones (Chairman), Gary France, Peter Neale, Ian Batty, Martin Cannon, Michael Carlisle, Malcolm Daniels, George Evans, Trevor Haywood, John Leaning, Richard Martin, Chris Reville and Jack Tarr.

3. Minutes of the last meeting:

10th May 2011 – Passed and signed as a true record.

4. Matters arising:

4.1

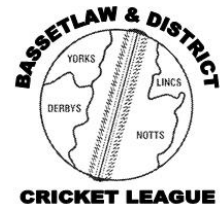
The meeting discussed league fixtures and the future of Bank Holiday inclusions. It was evidence that many clubs preferred not to play on BH's but there were only so many weekends in any one season. The end of season Champion of Champions game was also a consideration, although only affected the Championship.

DECISION: The Fixture Secretary if in attendance at the next meeting should be asked his opinion and the options for extending the season into the third Saturday in September and leaving BH's available for fixture changes where both clubs agree.

4.2

The Secretary updated the meeting on the initial progress for developing the possibility of sponsorship of all 9 Divisions across the BDCL with a view to implementation for the 2012 season. The main objective of this, was to allow the opportunity for the LMC to keep the cost of playing league cricket as low as possible for all clubs involved in the league. There was also an opportunity for the BDUA to be a part of the process.

DECISION: The Secretary was asked to arrange a separate meeting towards the end of June, inviting all relevant people and leaders of the project, to discuss the topic and to agree on some basic action plans as to who, will do what, by when, if it indeed it was felt correct to go ahead.



4.3

The Treasurer reported that all fines agreed from the May Minutes had been paid

DECISION: For information only.

4.4

The Secretary raised the provisional plan for electronic registration of players and an electronic results service for season 2012. The meeting felt that both plans should progress with a deadline to be agreed at the July meeting, to allow sufficient time to roll out the plan to all clubs, so that everyone knew what was expected of them in good time before the beginning of the 2012 season. It was also felt that that many elements of the current system of phoning/emailing results and completion of a paper result sheet to the League Statistician was an important back up system which allowed the league to capture additional information.

DECISION: Tom Munro had agreed to develop this project further at previous meetings and also confirm any matters in relation to compliance with the Data Protection Act. An update was required for the July LMC meeting.

4.5

The meeting heard a report concerning the league representative match at the end of May versus the Yorkshire and Derbyshire Cricket League.

DECISION: For information only.

4.6

Richard Martin confirmed the work completed on behalf of the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board and the arrangements for seeking help from all players participating in the BDCL on Saturday 25th June 2011, to help various cricket clubs in New Zealand, who had been devastated by recent earth quakes and severe weather tragedies. All clubs had been notified by letter of how such help could be donated on that date. Letters of appreciation had already been received from Sir Richard Hadley and Lee Germon, Ch Executive, Canterbury Cricket, Christchurch, New Zealand.

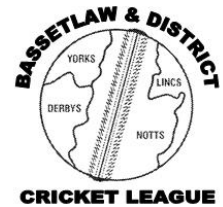
DECISION: For information only.

5. Correspondence

5.1

The Nottinghamshire Cricket Board Premier League had made the decision to over rule law 17.3 in relation to 'practice bowling' before the commencement of a spell of bowling to a nearby fellow fielder, which would commence from Saturday 11th June 2011.

DECISION: For information only.



5.2

The league had gained an additional sponsorship to the league website from BATTING 46, a new business in Retford involved in the sale of cricket equipment, who had also showed interest in further BDCL involvement.

DECISION: For information and inclusion in the end of June meeting to discuss sponsorship of the Divisions.

5.3

Recent thefts from changing rooms in certain locations across the League on match days had caused concern for many players, umpires and club officials.

DECISION: The league had already published advice in the local media and its own website to raise awareness and deter the perpetrators.

5.4

An enquiry had been received from Doncaster Town CC asking for information about the potential of that club providing a team in the BDCL for the 2012 season, playing at Finningley.

DECISION: The Secretary had already provided all the information needed to the club and awaited any formal completed application.

5.5

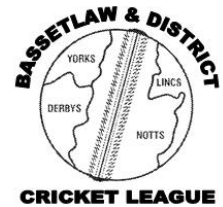
Instances had occurred in some games whereby certain teams had insufficient cricket balls in their possession to complete the game following the loss of the original match balls. The loan of the other team's cricket balls had been required to allow the game to continue.

DECISION: It was a basic requirement that any team needed to be in possession of more than just two cricket balls and a reminder about this was to be placed on the league website.

5.6

On the result sheet of the Championship game between North Wheatley with Leverton versus Notts & Arnold Amateur on the 2nd May 2011, it was documented that no scorer was present for Notts & Arnold Am. CC. The umpires had confirmed that this was the case.

DECISION. In accordance with League Rule 2.6(b)iii, NAACC will have one league point deducted from their Championship total.



5.7

The Umpires Association had informed the League Secretary of various umpires' assessment reports which had not been submitted on time in accordance with league rules, despite reminders to the offending clubs asking them to do so.

DECISION: The League Secretary should be provided with an accurate up to date list of which clubs had not completed an umpire's assessment report on which date. Those clubs should then be progressively (£5 - £10 - £15 - £20) fined in accordance with league rules 6.5 covering this process. The League Secretary was also asked to provide a reminder as to the purpose and ethos of the assessments in those fine letters and also on the league website.

6. Finance

The treasurer reported on the finances of the league and gave information on:

- *Payments by Handbook advertisers
- *Expenditure involved in the representative game at Stocksbridge
- *Payment of club subscriptions and two outstanding items
- *BT telephone invoice

The league balance current stood at £7634.88

7. Disciplinary issues – Results – Unfulfilled fixtures

7.1

The chairman informed the meeting of the outcome of a recent Disciplinary Hearing at which a player for Kiveton Park Colliery CC II was alleged to have shown verbal dissent to an umpire and also used foul and abusive language directed at the umpire.

These offences were proved and the player received a 4 week ban from all forms of cricket from the 7th May to the 28th May inclusive which ran concurrently with his club ban. A further 2 week ban was also imposed, but this was suspended until the end of the 2011 season. Kiveton PCCC II was also deducted eight (8) points from their 2011 league total.

DECISION: This was to update the meeting only. No appeal had been received.

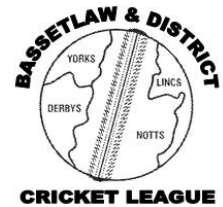
7.2

The game in Div 6 between Killamarsh III and Farnsfield III on the 21st May 2011 at Beighton had been abandoned by the umpire due to the dangerous state of the wicket after only 25 minutes play. The umpires report, and comments from both clubs were considered at the meeting.

DECISION: 6 points to each team.

7.3

The game between Harthill CC and WI Cavaliers CC in Div 1 was due to take place at Harthill on Monday 30th May 2011. The weather was very poor with heavy rain all day. Although members of Harthill CC had decided the game was off due to heavy rain earlier in the day, no one had told WI



Cavaliers, who therefore made an unnecessary journey to Harthill and found the ground and pavilion locked. The League Secretary was in possession of the information from both clubs.

DECISION: By co-incidence the reverse set of circumstances occurred on the 21st August 2004 and the meeting decided to replicate the sanction. Therefore:

WI Cavaliers should be awarded 20 points and Harthill 0 points. A fine of £20 should be imposed against Harthill, who should pay this to the League Treasurer within 21 days and will then be forwarded to WI Cavaliers, as a contribution to their fuels costs on the day.

7.4

The following fixtures had not been fulfilled:

(a)

Sat 4th June 2011 Div 8 Newark R & M v Glapwell III due to Newark R & M being unable to field a team.

DECISION: Glapwell II 20 points and Newark R&M to receive a £10 fine and have 10 points deducted from their league total.

(b)

Mallen T20 Tuesday 7th June 2011 – Welbeck v Notts & AA. Notts & AA could not field a team and relinquished the fixture.

DECISION: 2 points to Welbeck and a £20 fine awarded against Notts AA

(c)

Sunday 12th June 2011 Tomlins Trophy – MHM's v Blidworth. MHM were unable to fulfil the fixture and relinquished the game to Blidworth.

DECISION: Blidworth were the winners of the game and MHM's should be fined £20.

(d)

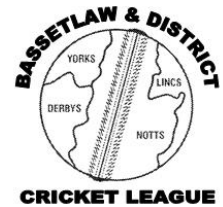
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DECISION: Clipstone were the winners of the game and Kiveton should be fined £20.

7.5

The entire first round of the Tomlins Trophy was rained off. The meeting was therefore informed of scenarios from various clubs in terms of completing the games the following Sunday. The meeting gave permission for M&P v Worksop to be played on Sunday 26th June 2011 as requested by both clubs.

On a final point, the meeting decided that a Mallen T20 match could not be played to serve the dual purpose of establishing the winners of a Tomlins Trophy game when the participants were the same in both games.



7.6

(The League Secretary was not present during the below discussion and decision making)

The game Whitwell v Welbeck II was played on Saturday 4th June 2011 at Whitwell in Div 1. There had been a conflict of opinion about the accuracy of the runs scored in the first innings by Welbeck II and therefore at the end of the game, although both teams had apparently scored 138 runs, resulting in a tie, various points of view from many people representing both clubs were heard by the umpires, who referred the game to the LMC for a review of what had happened, the score and the circumstances surrounding the game. The LMC were presented with written accounts of players from both teams and both umpires.

DECISION: Both teams should be awarded 6 points each, plus their respective bonus points earned.

8. Umpires issues – Nothing reported

9. Reports of other meetings:

9.1

Richard Martin summarised a recent meeting of the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board and the plans for formulating the new members of the board, their roles and positions currently vacant.

DECISION: For information only.

10. Financial declarations – clubs

The meeting discussed a previous rule back in 2003, whereby club Secretaries and Chairman were required to sign a declaration to the effect that no player, other than a registered player, will receive any financial gain or inducement for membership of that club. This was compared against the current rules governing player registration on the same topic.

DECISION: The current player registration rules were sufficient to cover the issue.

11. League Cup competitions – leg side wides

The meeting discussed the variation of standards written into the rules between what is expected of an umpire in relation to legside wides in the Championship as opposed to the rules in the Mallen and Tomlins Trophy. The differences sometimes created inconsistency in matches.

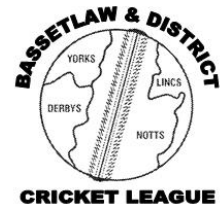
DECISION: The LMC would consider a change of rule proposal for the AGM to assist umpires in dealing with legside bowling in league cup competitions to mirror the standard set in the Championship.

The next meeting of the LMC is on Tuesday 12th July 2011 starting at 7pm

12. AOB

12.1

The Secretary informed the meeting of a problem reported by the umpires in relation to the wicket at Edwinstowe on the 11th June 2011, when the game involving WI Cavaliers as the visiting team was



adversely affected by extraordinary inconsistent bounce, making batting very difficult. The club were aware of the problem and the groundsman was working hard to resolve the issues of this particular wicket.

DECISION: The LMC were satisfied that this problem would be resolved.

12.2

Malcolm Daniels reported that the league website now had over 900 members with often around 6000 hits or visits each week, which was regarded as very positive.

DECISION: For information only and Malcolm was thanked for his work in developing such a positive addition to support communication from the league.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.30pm

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