

BASSETLAW & DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

Sponsored by Wilkinson

Minutes of LMC Meeting

Date: Tuesday 12th July 2011

Time: 7pm

Place: Worksop Cricket Club – Meeting Room

Apologies

Jim Garton, Matt Deaves, George Evans, Glenn Pym, Chris Revill and Alan Vollans

Present:

Gareth Jones (Chairman), John Heaman, Gary France, Peter Neale, Ian Batty, Keith Board, Martin Cannon, Michael Carlisle, Malcolm Daniels, Malcolm Hall, Trevor Haywood, Roger Heath, John Leaning, Richard Martin, Tom Munro and Jack Tarr.

Minutes of the last meeting:

14th June 2011 – Passed and signed as a true and accurate record.

1. Matters arising

1.1

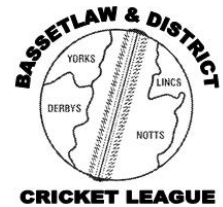
The Secretary updated the LMC about a recent meeting which discussed the possibility of sponsorship across the Divisions from 2012. At the moment, there appeared to be commercial opportunities for the league to gain additional revenue streams to enable the LMC to make cricket more affordable for member clubs. The league would also benefit from formulating partnerships with both local and national businesses.

Related issues concerning:

- Divisional sponsorship
- Umpire Sponsorship
- League sponsorship
- Ball sponsorship
- Others

are all for consideration and development.

DECISION: A more detailed report or action plan was in the process of being prepared and submitted towards the end of July for consultation, followed by a possible presentation in more specific detail to the August meeting of the LMC.



1.2

The Secretary informed the meeting of a series of fines which had been circulated to those clubs who had not submitted Umpires Assessment reports during the current season and the amounts involved.

DECISION: For information only, with certain queries from some clubs to be answered.

1.3

Farnsfield CC had asked the LMC to review their decision to award 6 points each to Killamarsh III and Farnsfield III in the game in Div 6 on the 21st May 2011 at Beighton, when the game was abandoned by the umpire after consultation with the captains, as too dangerous to continue.

The meeting once again listened to all accounts from the relevant parties involved, including the ground authority responsible for the preparation of the wicket.

DECISION: The original decision to awarded 6 points to each team would remain, with no other sanctions to Killamarsh III as the home team, as they have no jurisdiction or control over this ground. The Secretary was also asked to write to Farnsfield CC to explain the reason behind this decision.

1.4

A player from Edwinstowe CC had asked the LMC to review their decision to not take 10 points from Harthill CC, in their game on Monday 30th May 2011 v W I Cavaliers in Div 1, when Harthill failed to contact WI Cavaliers by telephone to tell them the game was off due to heavy rain which had affected the entire program that day across the league.

The circumstances behind this decision were documented in the Minutes of June 2011 and also September 2004.

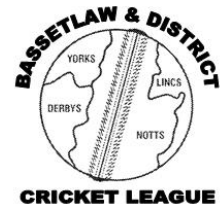
The meeting was also informed that on the 4th May 2009, Edwinstowe II were due to play Clay Cross at Edwinstowe, when Edwinstowe failed to inform Clay Cross that the game was off due to rain, which caused Clay Cross to travel unnecessarily.

Edwinstowe were fined, the game in terms of points, allocated to Clay Cross and **Edwinstowe II had 10 points removed from their Divisional total in that year.** The meeting discussed this aspect at length.

DECISION: The Rule 2.5(vi) states: Any club failing to fulfil a League engagement, may be fined £20 and shall have ten points deducted.....

The meeting agreed that this rule was designed and formulated to address situations which regularly occur when a club cannot fulfil a League engagement due to insufficient players and the sanctions for this are written into the rule. The rule was not intended however, to penalise a team who had simply forgot to pick up a telephone on a rainy day. In the latter case, they are able to 'fulfil a League engagement', they just forgot to make a telephone call to say the game was off due to rain.

For this reason, historically, the LMC had adopted the policy only to fine the offending club and award the game to the travelling team and also to support their travelling costs by onward transmission of the fine. This was supported by the decision in 2004 and also 2011. The decision to take points from Edwinstowe II in 2009 was a mistake, for which the LMC are genuinely sorry and will apologise formally to the club.



An amended rule should be formulated for presenting to the League AGM in November, to remove any doubt and clarify the two distinctively different scenarios.

Additionally the Secretary should write to Edwinstowe CC regarding this matter.

1.5

The Secretary informed the meeting of a growing request for BH fixtures not be incorporated into league fixtures but left as opportunities for fixture changes if both clubs agreed. The possibility for the season to be extended by one week was an option, but important decisions had to be made for season 2012, with there being fewer teams than 2011, with enquiries from new clubs also needing to be built in to the equation.

DECISION: The fixture secretary stated that the extension of the season into the third Saturday in September was possible to try and eliminate the need for playing on BH's. The LMC would have to decide on the structure of the Divisions in September 2011, when relegation, promotion, new teams and departures are confirmed.

1.6

The meeting discussed the options for the electronic registration of players for season 2012, linked to data protection, results and the Play-Cricket website.

DECISION: Definitive plans would need to be in place for presentation to the League AGM in November. Tom Munro and Jack Tar had agreed to lead on this project, with the need to hold geographical training workshop around the league being identified as good practice to help clubs manage the change.

1.7

The league still awaited formal applications from Doncaster Town CC and Aston Hall CC to join the BDCL in season 2012, although information and application packs had been sent to both clubs.

DECISION: For information only.

1.8

Further to the impending changes to the status of the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board, an EGM was planned at Trent Bridge at 7pm on the 19th July 2011 regarding becoming a Limited Company by Guarantee on the 1st October 2011.

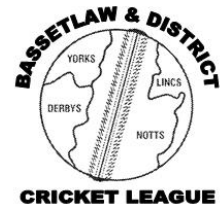
DECISION: The BDCL would be represented by Richard Martin and Malcolm Daniels.

2. Correspondence

2.1

A letter had been received from Newark Ransome & Marles CC, explaining their decision to leave the BDCL in 2012 and transfer to the South Notts League.

DECISION: For information only. The Secretary had already replied to the letter.



2.2

Harthill CC had informed the meeting that they wished to withdraw their 3rd XI in Div 8 from the BDCL, effectively from the 19th June 2011.

DECISION: The Secretary had already informed all relevant clubs of the cancellation of their matches for the remainder of the season. Statistically, all games involving Harthill III in Div 8 would be expunged from the records, other than personal performances.

Additionally, Harthill CC would be fined £55 for withdrawing from the league.

2.3

A Notice – Compliance with Anti-Corruption Sanctions had been received from the ECB, regarding recent decisions regarding the suspension of international cricketers, which the Secretary explained.

DECISION: For information only.

2.4

An e mail discussed the benefits or otherwise of consistent rules across all Nottinghamshire Leagues regarding rules about overseas players.

DECISION: Any changes to BDCL rules had to be presented to the AGM of the league for clubs to vote for or against.

2.5

A letter from Whitwell CC, suggested that correspondence about the runs scored in the first innings of a cricket match in Div 1 and related involvement of the umpires should replace the umpires assessment which should have been submitted for this game.

DECISION: The meeting agreed that the various aspects of assessing an umpires performance in any game via the electronic format now established for a number of years, was in far greater detail than the letter(s) submitted regarding this game and therefore Whitwell CC should pay the fine imposed for not completing the umpires assessment document for this game.

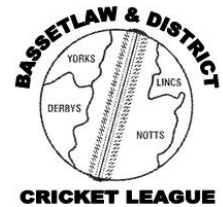
The Secretary was asked to write to the club to confirm this.

2.7

On the 2nd July 2011, in Div 8, Glapwell III were due to play MHM IV at home. Teas had been prepared by the home team, but they had not been properly informed by MHM that they could not fulfil the fixture due to insufficient players. Glapwell CC asked to be re-imbursed for the cost of preparing the teas. An explanation had been received from MHM's.

DECISION: MHM IV should be fined £33 (the cost of the teas) and the League Treasurer would then pass on this sum of money to Glapwell CC.

Additionally, MHM IV would be fined £10 for not fulfilling the fixture, Glapwell III in Div 8 would be awarded 20 points and MHM IV in Div 8 would be reduced by 10 points in accordance with Rule 2.5(VI).



2.8

On the 14th June 2011 in the Mallen T20 trophy, information via the results service revealed that Welbeck CCC had played a number of ineligible players from their Premier League team in the game versus Papplewick & Linby CC. Welbeck had in fact won the game. The Emergency Committee of the League had made the decision therefore, that after contacting Welbeck CCC and informing them of the breach of eligible player rules for the competition, that the outcome of the game should be reversed and the winners would be Papplewick & Linby CC.

On the 21st June 2011, 7 days later, Welbeck CCC played Blidworth CC in the same competition at Blidworth, with the results information identifying a number of ineligible players (as in the above game), who once again played in contravention of the eligibility rules for the competition. Blidworth in fact won the game. Again Welbeck CC were contacted about this second matter.

DECISION: The meeting discussed both games and the actions/selection issues involving Welbeck CC and agreed that the club should be fined a total of £100 for playing ineligible players in the two games.

2.9

In the game Notts & A A IV v Waleswood II in Div 7 on the 2nd July 2011, Notts & AA had batted first and scored 185 for 5 when it is reported that they 'declared their innings', with Waleswood II in the second innings outscoring the first innings score and thereby, winning the game. There had been a discussion about the circumstances of the declaration and a discussion about the point's allocation regarding Waleswood II. Additionally an e mail received from Notts & AA CC had outlined certain issues, which needed further clarification regarding the alleged behaviour of certain players who as yet, were not identified.

DECISION: Notts & AA IV had declared their first innings, although apparently in strange circumstances. Therefore the full 20 points should be allocated to Waleswood II in this game. The League Secretary should ask Notts & AA CC for further clarification from their initial report, before any further action could be taken.

3. Finance:

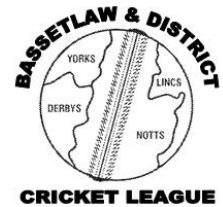
The Treasurer reported on current financial matters:

Recent expenditure included the trophies for the Mallen T20 finals day and the Tomlins final day, along with the recent representative game versus the NCB PL at Glapwell. Recent fines allocated to clubs were being paid, with a few advertising fees for the Handbook remaining outstanding.

There had also been some match ball invoices, along with umpire's expenses for some of the above games.

The League financial balance currently was : £6670.03.

DECISION: For information only.



4. Reports of other meetings / Umpires / Website

There were no other meetings to report.

4.1

Martin Cannon reported on a recent umpires meeting where the following key points were discussed:

- Insurance cover for supplementary umpires
- Umpires website now linked to 'Yell'
- Retention by umpires of player team cards
- Recent AOF's
- Winter training program

DECISION: For information only

4.2

Malcolm Daniels as the administrator of the League website reported the ongoing 'hosting' support for the site has now been taken on by Jack Tarr, who was thanked for his contribution.

5. Disciplinary matters and Fixtures

5.1

Confirmation was received of the receipt of two AOF reports, which had been actioned with Clipstone CC and filed for future reference if necessary.

DECISION:

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5.2

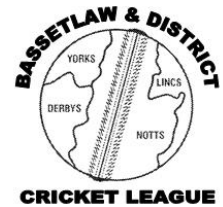
A disciplinary meeting had been convened for Wednesday 20th July 2011 at Worksop Cricket Club, 7.30pm, in relation to the alleged behaviour and conduct of a player from Woodsetts CC in a BDCL match on the 25th June 2011.

DECISION: The August meeting would be updated regarding this disciplinary meeting.

5.3

Tom Munro stated that he was working to resolve a fixture clash on the 3rd September 2011, when both Worksop III and Firbeck were shown as playing at home on the same ground at Costhorpe. Alternative venues were available, with both clubs to be contacted to agree a resolution on the options.

DECISION: At this stage for information only.



5.4

The following fixtures had not been fulfilled:

- Saturday 25th June 2011, Div 4 Basford Mill v Teversall, due to Teversall having insufficient players.
DECISION: 20 points to Basford Mill, Teversall to be fined £10 and have a 10 point reduction to their Divisional total.
- Saturday 2nd July, Div 8 Glapwell III v MHM's IV
DECISION: As stated at item 2.7 under correspondence

In the last round of the Mallen T20

- Glapwell v Clipstone (Clipstone were unable to fulfil the fixture)
DECISION: Clipstone fined £20 – game awarded to Glapwell
- Welbeck v MHM's (Welbeck were unable to fulfil the fixture)
DECISION: Welbeck fined £20 – game awarded to MHM's

6. Update Mallen T20 / Tomlins Trophy and Presidents Trophy match at Glapwell

6.1

Reports were provided on the progress of all competitions and the outcomes.

- Anston were the winners of the Mallen T20 and would play in the Mapperley Sports final against the winners of the same competition in the South Notts League at Eastwood CC on the 19th July 2011.
- The Tomlins Trophy was ongoing but with fewer teams than ever.
- The representative game for the BDCL Under 25's against the Derbyshire County League U25's was still planned for Sunday 7th August 2011, but the venue had yet to be confirmed.
- The BDCL representative team competed well against the NCB PL at Glapwell on the 3rd July 2011, but lost the game.

DECISION: For information only

7. AOB

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.25pm

The next LMC meeting will be 7pm on Tuesday 9th August 2011 in the meeting room at Worksop CC

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