

BASSETLAW & DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

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Minutes of LMC Meeting

Date: Tuesday 9th August 2011
Time: 7pm
Venue: Worksop Cricket Club

Apologies:

George Evans and Roger Heath

Present:

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

- *The meeting received a presentation from Fred Clarke regarding sponsorship opportunities across the league from the beginning of the 2012 season, regarding financial support to all Divisions, Umpires, the league as a whole, cricket balls and others.*

DECISION: *These opportunities were regarded as very positive and worthy of additional development. A further meeting was arranged to deal with this topic alone, on Thursday 15th Sept 2011, starting at 7pm at Worksop Cricket Club*

Minutes of the last meeting:

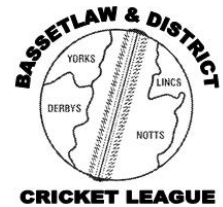
12th July 2011 – Passed and signed as a true and accurate record.

1. Matters Arising:

1.1

The Secretary outlined the options regarding any changes to the fixtures in future seasons, based on some clubs concerns about playing on Bank Holidays. The options were no change, to extend the season into the third week in September or reduce the constitution of the league to 10 teams in each Division. There were various advantages and disadvantages to all options about relegation to lower Divisions, integrating PL fixtures with BDCL fixtures and also the substantial overlapping of the football season which affects many players and clubs towards the end of each season.

DECISION: The Secretary was asked to include this topic as a consultation exercise with all clubs at the 2011 league AGM in November 2011, whereby clubs would be informed of all options and asked to vote on their preference, with a view to implementing possible changes for season 2013 to allow time for all views to be considered and any agreed changes to take place.



1.2

The process of moving towards an electronic process of player registrations and results service linked to existing good practice was being developed between Tom Munro and Jack Tarr.

Compliance with any Data Protection requirements had been identified and a solution known.

DECISION: This work was targeted for communication to all clubs at the 2011 League AGM, with initial plans being considered for a number of training workshops being delivered at various locations across the league, to help clubs make the transition in terms of what will be required.

1.3

To date, plans were in place to accommodate Coal Aston III and Ordsall Bridon III into the BDCL for season 2011, with ongoing discussions pending with other clubs.

DECISION: The Secretary would confirm all details at the September meeting.

1.4

No further evidence had been received regarding certain disputes within the game Notts & AA IV v Waleswood II in Div 7 on the 2nd July 2011.

DECISION: No further action could be taken by the LMC.

1.5

The meeting heard an update about the Mallen T20 finals day and also the participation of Anston (winners of the Mallen T20) in the Mappedey Sports final at Eastwood. Additional information was given about the PL T20 finals day at Papplewick CC.

DECISION: For information only.

1. Correspondence

2.1

A list of clubs who had failed to submit Umpire Assessments in accordance with league rule 6.5 from the 25th June to the 9th July inclusive had been received from the BDU. The Secretary had sent out the appropriate letters relating to the imposition of fines in keeping with the rule. The LMC were made aware of the identity of those clubs and the amount of the fines.

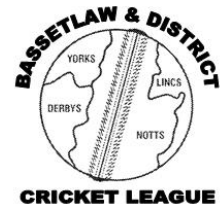
DECISION:

For information only. The Treasurer would receive the payment of the fines in due course.

2.2

An e mail from South Normanton CC outlined concerns about some clubs failing to fulfil fixtures on a consistent basis, therefore culminating in an unfair league table where 20 points were being handed to certain teams without playing.

DECISION: The rules of the league, whereby teams failed to fulfil a fixture were the template by which the LMC made decisions and the difficulties and problems experienced on an individual club basis had to be taken into the count. Never the less, where problems persisted, the LMC would continue to review the circumstances.



2.3

A letter from Whitwell CC explained the circumstances as to why they had not submitted recent Umpires Assessment forms and expressed concerns about the levy of fines. *The Secretary was not present whilst the content of the letter was discussed and whilst any decisions were made by the LMC.*

DECISION: The fines should be upheld and the Chairman would write to the club in explanation of the LMC's decision.

2. Finance

The Treasurer updated the meeting regarding income and expenditure relating to expenses for representative games, telephone accounts and the New Zealand appeal. Certain advertisements in the handbook were still awaiting payment. The treasurer was also authorised to implement Rule 7.5 relating to any fine being unpaid within 21 days of the club being informed by the League Secretary, also taking into account any correspondence of enquiry about such fines.

Currently the league balance stood at £7047.33

3. Reports of meetings / Umpires / Website

3.1

There had been no meetings of the BDUA to report, with the website administration presenting no problems at the moment.

Richard Martin spoke of the recent meeting of the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board and the new appointments involving the transition to the board becoming a Limited Company by guarantee. Additionally the New Zealand appeal for cricket clubs affected by recent climatic weather destruction had currently reached just over £700 from clubs.

4. Disciplinary Matters and Fixture issues

4.1

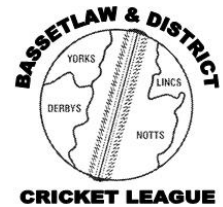
The LMC were in receipt of an AOF form in relation to a Grassmoor player in the game Retford II v Grassmoor on the 23rd July 2011. Additionally, Grassmoor CC had taken their own action against the player and suspended him for 3 games. The Secretary had sent Grassmoor CC a copy of the report with a covering letter.

DECISION: For information only.

4.2

A disciplinary hearing had been arranged in relation to a player from Woodsetts CC, where in the game Whitwell II v Woodsetts on the 25th June 2011 in Div 4, it was alleged that the player showed verbal dissent and persistently questioned the decisions of the umpire on several occasions.

DECISION: The Disciplinary Committee found the above matters proved and imposed the following penalty:



- Ratification of the clubs one week ban but also imposed a further 3 week ban from playing all forms of cricket. (Saturday 30th July to Saturday 13th August 2011 inclusive)
- Woodsetts CC in Div 4 will be reduced by eight (8) league points in the 2011 season.
- The player will also receive a further two week ban from playing all forms of the game, which will be suspended until the end of the current 2011 season.

4.3

A further disciplinary meeting had been convened regarding the words, conduct and behaviour of two players from Clumber Park CC IV in the Div 8 game versus Glapwell III on the 30th July 2011. This hearing will take place from 7.30pm on Wednesday 17th August at Worksop Cricket Club.

DECISION: For information only.

4.4

The following games were unfulfilled:

30th July 2011

Div 3, Nomads v Sherwood due to Nomads being unable to field a team.

DECISION: Sherwood CC to be awarded 20 points. Nomads CC to be fined £10 and their Div 3 total of points for 2011 reduced by ten (10 points).

Div 8, Newark R & M 5th's v MHM IV, due to Newark R & M being unable to field a team.

DECISION: MHM IV to be awarded 20 points. Newark R & M 5th's to be reduced by 10 points on their Divisional total for 2011 and fined £10.

6th August 2011

Div 8, M & P IV v Newark R & M 5th's due to Newark R & M 5th's being unable to raise a team.

DECISION: M & P IV to be awarded 20 points. Newark R & M 5th's to be fined £10 and have their Divisional total reduced by 10 points.

Div 2, Thoresby Park v Ordsall Bridon II, due to there being no umpires in attendance.

The outcome of the discussions between both Captains on the day was to agree not to play for safety reasons. A report was received from both clubs.

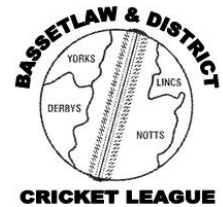
DECISION: Both teams to be awarded 6 points each.

5. 2012 Vice President

5.1

The meeting discussed a number of potential candidates for this very important role and the necessary criteria for arriving at the correct appointment.

DECISION: Further details had yet to be confirmed and the Chairman agreed to update the LMC at their September meeting.



6. Update on League U25 game / Tomlins Final / Champion of Champions game

6.1

Gareth Jones gave a summary of the BDCL U25's v Derbyshire U25's at Ilkeston and the development of young players.

DECISION: for information only

6.2

The semi-final stage of the Tomlins Trophy had been reached with these games planned to be played on Sunday 21st August 2011:

- M & P v Anston
- Bridon v Clipstone

DECISION: Umpires to be appointed and for information only.

6.3

The end of season Champion of Champions game between the winners of the respective top Divisions of the BDCL and the SNL will be played on Saturday 17th Sept 2011 at Southwell CC.

Start 12.30pm

DECISION: For information only

There was no other business.

The meeting finished at 9.20pm.

The next meeting of the LMC will be Tuesday 13th September 2011, starting at 7pm.

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