

BASSETLAW & DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

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Minutes of the LMC Meeting

Date: Tuesday 11th October 2011

Time: 7pm

Venue: Worksop Cricket Club

Apologies:

Keith Board, George Evans, Trevor Haywood, Roger Heath, Richard Martin and Glenn Pym.

Present:

Jim Garton (Chairman), Gary France, John Heaman, Peter Neale, Gareth Jones, Ian Batty, Martin Cannon, Michael Carlisle, Malcolm Daniels, Matt Deaves, Malcolm Hall, John Leaning, Tom Munro, Chris Revill, Jack Tarr, Allan Vollans and Sports Media Advertising (represented by Fred Clarke).

Minutes of the last meeting:

Tuesday 13th September 2011 – Passed and signed as a true record.

1. Matters arising:

1.1

The process of moving towards the new system of electronic player registration was making progress with many clubs already being very familiar with the information required and how to complete the process. Tom Munro gave an update to the meeting.

DECISION: The LMC authorised Tom Munro to be the single point of contact for player registration, with the role of League On-Line Player Registrar. The AGM Agenda should reflect this position and change of registration rules for players and clubs.

1.2

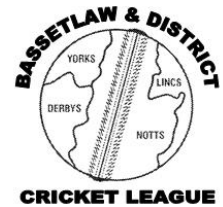
John Leaning as Secretary of Harthill CC, explained the plans the club had in place to conform to Rule 3.14 and the ground criteria requirements for playing in the Championship Division next year and stated that the club had every intention of fulfilling their obligations by the start of the 2012 season.

DECISION: The meeting accepted this report in good faith and would review the situation if necessary.

1.3

The amendment to the result sheet from any Disciplinary sub-committee meetings, had been completed by Malcolm Daniels.

DECISION: For information only.



2. Correspondence

2.1

A letter confirming acceptance of the role of President elect for 2012 and that of President in 2013 had been received from Janet King.

DECISION: For information only.

2.2

A Disciplinary Hearing had been convened and heard on the 29th September 2011 in relation to umpire's reports in a match regarding a player from Farnsfield CC, in a game on the 10th Sept 2011. From the evidence of the umpires it was alleged that his actions in this game brought the game into disrepute and the hearing deemed that this offence had been proved. The player was banned from the start of the 2012 season for 2 weeks (14 days after, including the first Saturday match of 2012).

DECISION: For information only.

2.3

The Secretary summarised correspondence from the Premier League concerning their potential rule changes for 2012 and also a discussion document relating to possible changes regarding their player registration rules for season 2013.

DECISION: For information only. The BDCL were willing to participate in any future discussions and also offer a point of view if asked.

3. Finance

Peter Neale reported on the current financial situation and end of term balance sheet which had recently been submitted for audit, which was reviewed with full acceptance for accuracy. Whilst there were still certain fines outstanding, which would not probably be resolved until the next financial year, the league balance was now £4896.04, a reduction of £1400 on this time last year.

A full and detailed report would be presented to the AGM by the Treasurer.

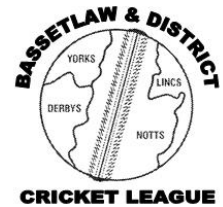
DECISION: For information only at this time.

4. Divisions 2012 / Fixtures / Sponsorship (Sports Media Advertising)

4.1

The constitution of the Divisions had been completed at a previous Sub-committee meeting for this purpose and was ratified by the full LMC meeting. A further discussion developed regarding certain Divisions being regionalised, but the details emerging from this suggestion and the potential problems likely to develop were regarded as too significant.

DECISION: The content of the 2012 Divisions, Championship to Div 8 inclusive would now be utilised for the Fixture Secretary to complete the fixture process for season 2012 and also be circulated to clubs and also included on the League Website.



4.2

Tom Munro gave a detailed report about the fixture process, the integral element of the Premier League fixtures/arrangements and the anomaly next year of two early June Bank Holidays linked to the Queens Jubilee activities and the potential for limited availability of players at clubs due to this event. Tom also explained the mechanics of how the fixtures were produced and some of the problems which had to be solved.

DECISION: As the Premier League had opted to utilise the 4th June BH as one of their fixture dates, the BDCL had little option to follow suit, but may allow a club with the consent of their opposition on this date to move the fixture to another BH if this was the preferred option of both teams/clubs. Any changes had to be agreed, well in advance of the new season to allow all fixtures to be recorded and could not be changed at short notice.

4.3

On behalf of Sports Media Advertising, Fred Clarke gave a report about the progress of league sponsorship funding for season 2012. This related to all Divisions, Match Balls, Umpires and Cup Competitions. This work was on going and progressing very positively. Once all negotiations and discussions were complete, the LMC would then be in a position to communicate all developments to the League and then make progress with the objectives of utilising these additional finances for the benefit of all clubs.

DECISION: Updates prior to the League AGM were anticipated, where a full presentation would be given to launch the plans.

5. League AGM / Rule Changes

5.1

The meeting discussed the forthcoming AGM in November and a variety of potential rule changes which were designed to address issues which had occurred during the season.

DECISION: Relevant rule changes and appropriate wording were agreed by the LMC for the Secretary to include in the AGM Agenda which was to be circulated to club secretaries and for downloading from the league website.

6. Umpires AGM and other meetings

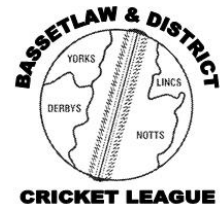
6.1

Martin Cannon summarised the recent BDUA AGM, confirming a variety of personnel changes on their Management Committee.

Supplementary umpires were to be covered by Insurance as a member of the BDUA.

DECISION: For information only

6.2



Gareth Jones had attended a Disciplinary seminar at Trent Bridge for all leagues throughout Nottinghamshire, where various matters were discussed with a view to improving player conduct and disciplinary processes. Also, the potential for a County wide pool of people being available to hear appeals from initial disciplinary meetings was discussed.

DECISION: For information at this stage. The BDCL would contribute to any further discussions.

7. AOB

7.1

John Heaman raised the issue of consistency of decisions at Disciplinary meetings relating to end of season hearings and points deductions whether attributed to the current season or rolled over into the following season. These issues were discussed.

DECISION: The Secretary was asked to include this topic on the January 2012 Agenda for the meeting to agree clarity and perhaps a policy document regarding decision making at such meetings.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9pm.

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