

BASSETLAW & DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

Minutes of the LMC meeting

Date: Tuesday 10th January 2012
Time: 7pm
Venue: Worksop CC

Apologies:

Matt Deaves, Tom Munro, Alan Vollans and Chris Revill.

Present:

Gareth Jones (Chairman), John Heaman, Gary France, Peter Neale, Ian Batty, Keith Board, Martin Cannon, Michael Carlisle, Fred Clarke, Malcolm Daniels, Jim Garton, Malcolm Hall, Trevor Haywood, Roger Heath, Janet King, John Leaning, Richard Martin, Glenn Pym, Jack Tarr and Graham Venables.

Minutes of the last meeting:

Tuesday 8th November 2011 – passed and signed – true record.

1 Matters arising:

1.1

Disciplinary Hearings – Policy Document

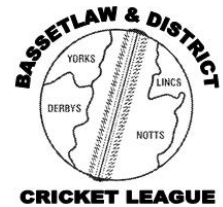
The meeting in November discussed a number of issues in relation to the content and structure of Disciplinary Hearings and the League Secretary was asked to produce a draft Policy Document on this subject which was discussed.

DECISION: All disciplinary hearings would follow the policy as outlined below:

DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS – POLICY DOCUMENT

The purpose of this policy document is to provide a template for consistency of decision making, to enable fairness and transparency to prevail for everyone involved.

- Where it is felt appropriate to hold a Disciplinary Hearing, the members constituting the panel for such a hearing will be made up of the Disciplinary Committee Chairman and two other appointed members of the LMC. The Bassetlaw & District Umpires Association will be invited to appoint someone from their organisation to make up the fourth member.
- If the hearing finds a matter proven against an alleged offender, the Committee shall consider the full range of penalties, as outlined in Rule 7.4 DISCIPLINE / 4 Penalties.



- Where a suspension from playing is considered appropriate against a player for a number of weeks, that player's team shall also be deducted a number of points, three times the amount of the number of week's suspension. (E.g. 3 week suspension = 9 points deduction). Any reduction in the principal of three times the weekly suspension in relation to points, shall be an indication of mitigation in terms of the circumstances surrounding the offence alleged.
- Suspended sentences imposed as a penalty, shall be in addition to and not instead of suspension from playing.
- Where it is felt appropriate to reduce points from a team at a Disciplinary Hearing held after or towards the end of any given season, those points will always be deducted from the tables of the current season in which the relevant game was played and **will not** be 'deferred' or 'rolled over' until the following season.
- The outcome of all Disciplinary Hearings, shall be forwarded to the League Secretary within 7 days of the hearing, to allow the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board to be updated promptly.

2. Correspondence

2.1

Enquiries had been received regarding additional teams / clubs joining the league in 2013.

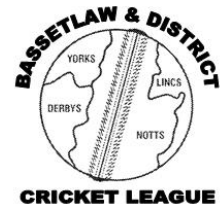
- Notts & Arnold 5th XI
- Thoresby Colliery 3rd XI
- Creswell CC
- Rossington CC

DECISION: All teams and clubs have been advised of the process for entering the league for 2013 and further updates from the respective clubs were awaited.

2.2

Information had been received about the forthcoming AGM of the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board Ltd 7pm Thursday 26th January 2012. This also contained details of the Cricket Development Strategy 2011 – 2015 in relation to LEAGUES and COMMUNICATION / MARKETING.

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



2.3

To date, letters from Farnsfield CC and East Drayton CC asked the LMC for a dispensation for either the full or part of the 2012 in relation to the use of Reader balls, as outlined at the AGM in November.

DECISION: This dispensation was granted, but could only apply in the first season (2012) of league sponsorship in relation to the use of Reader cricket balls.

2.4

A letter from the LCC, asked each league throughout the country who were participating in the President's Trophy, to consider the future of the competition in the light of travelling costs, a reduced number of leagues willing to become involved, the integration of Premier Leagues into the competition and other leagues policies on 'open cricket'.

DECISION: LMC members were asked to consider the future of the BDCL in this competition and provide a response at the February LMC meeting.

2.5

The League Secretary updated the meeting on the progress of the arrangements regarding the Reader cricket ball sponsorship deal, following a letter from the company.

DECISION: The BDCL were awaiting the final elements and arrangements for the ordering, collection and payment of the Reader cricket balls to be agreed, which would then be communicated to all league clubs via a League Newsletter.

2.6

Jack Tarr queried the process of any sanctions for any club who failed to submit Results Sheets at the end of any games in any one season. The meeting discussed this issue.

DECISION: Any club should reasonably be reminded of any failed submission. If still not received, an on-going list should be maintained of clubs failing to send result sheets for the financial penalty to be imposed by the League Treasurer at the end of the season.

3. Finance & Sponsorship project

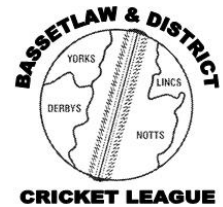
3.1

Peter Neale reported little change to league funds since the AGM. Currently, the balance sum was: £4833.64

3.2

Gary France and Fred Clarke updated the meeting about the Sponsorship Project of the BDCL which had been developed throughout the winter months. In summary, the projects involved various sums of money, yet to be totally confirmed and various local sponsors yet to be fully disclosed. Based on predicted developments, the LMC had in place a draft 3 year – 5 Point Development Plan which was also a Statement of Intent.

DECISION: The LMC would adopt the 5 Point Development Plan as follows:



From January 2012, the League Management Committee of the Bassetlaw & District Cricket League will work in partnership with local sponsors and other facilities within the community to create initiatives and open a pathway by means of the following **Five Point Development Plan** to:

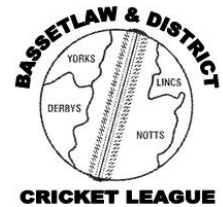
- *Reduce the out-going costs of playing cricket at the recreational level for all clubs throughout the league.*
- *Open new opportunities for clubs to receive information and knowledge to improve their playing surfaces, along with general ground standards.*
- *Develop opportunities for young players to receive quality coaching at a local venue.*
- *Seek options for increasing the number of qualified coaches at clubs to make them more self-sufficient.*
- *To maintain and where achievable, raise standards in all aspects of the game for everyone involved, including umpires and scorers.*

3.3

Following the update on various projects being developed by the LMC, towards achieving the 3 year – 5 Point Development Plan, it was agreed that work should continue:

DECISION: The League Secretary would produce an Action Plan to assist in the project management of the following twelve important tasks:

1. League Prize Draw tickets
2. Umpires
3. League Handbook
4. League Website
5. Divisional sponsors
6. Cup Competitions
7. Pavilion Notices
8. Newsletter format
9. Creation of an emergency fund
10. Increase the number of qualified coaches at all clubs.



11. Create an opportunity for identified young players to receive quality coaching
12. Improvement of club pitches and overall ground facilities

(The project involving the ordering , collecting and payment of Reader cricket balls was being resolved by the League Secretary).

3.4

The value of the League Trophies was discussed, along with relevant Insurance cover.

DECISION: If possible an up to date valuation would be sought by the League Secretary and Glenn Pym agreed to enquire into the cost of Insurance provision on behalf of the LMC.

4. Elections of LMC internal positions:

4.1

LMC Vice Chairman

DECISION: Malcolm Daniels

Disciplinary Committee Chairman

DECISION: Jim Garton

Appeals Committee Chairman

DECISION: Gareth Jones

Selection Team – BDCL Representative Teams

DECISION: Gareth Jones, Malcolm Hall and the Team Captain

Emergency / Interim Committee

DECISION: Gareth Jones, Malcolm Daniels, Peter Neale, John Leaning, Gary France, Martin Cannon and Richard Martin.

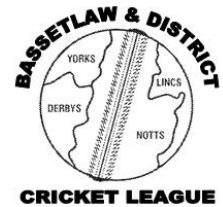
5. Reports of other meetings

5.1

Martin Cannon reported on a recent meeting of the BDUJA and talked about pre-match briefings with captains and awareness of umpires to the new rule of the use of Reader cricket balls.

DECISION: Any information from the BDUJA regarding the conduct of players and the running of the game from the umpire's perspective could be placed in club envelopes and distributed at the League Dinner.

Additionally the League Secretary would update the policies involved with the use of Reader cricket balls through a mid-winter Newsletter. Nearer the start of the 2012 season, a further update would be provided to the BDUJA Secretary.



6. Individual & Club prize winners 2011

6.1

The winners of the various league trophies had been announced and circulated on the League website. In addition a decision had to be made on the statistics available to announce the winner of the Randall Trophy (U21 batting), Larwood Trophy (U21 bowling), Elvidge Trophy (Wkt keeper – highest number of dismissals) and the Wilkinson Award (Clubs nominations for a person who had achieved many good things at their club based on the ECB 'Osca' categories).

DECISIONS:

- Randall Trophy Adam Bedford (Grassmoor)
- Larwood Trophy Thomas Baggaley (Edwinstowe)
- Elvidge Trophy Ben Marsden (Thoresby Colliery)
- Wilkinson Award To be decided from club nominations on 14/02/12

7. Tomlins & Mallen T20 2012

7.1

Applications were still being returned from clubs for both cup competitions.

The finals day of the Mallen T.20 would be on Sunday 8th July 2012. Both morning semi-finals are at Cuckney CC and Clumber Park CC. The actual final at Clumber Park.

The Tomlins final will be on Sunday 9th Sept 2012 at Mansfield & Pleasley CC.

DECISION: The draw for both competitions would be made at the LMC meeting 14/02/12.

The BDCL would be unable to compete in the Premier League Cockspur trophy in 2012, due to the finals day of that competition being on Monday 9th July 2012, allowing insufficient time for a game to be arranged with the SNL after the BDCL finals day (8/09/12).

8. League Dinner

8.1

The meeting discussed and agreed some of the basic arrangements for the League dinner at the South Forest, Edwinstowe on Saturday 24th March 2012.

DECISION: More specific details of the event would be finalised at the February LMC meeting.

9. Any other business

9.1

John Leaning raised the issue of new clubs joining the league and supplying a new umpire. This was an issue for the most recent new club Aston Hall which was unresolved at the moment.

DECISION: The League Secretary would contact the club, seek clarification, advise and report the facts to the next LMC in February 2012.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.10pm

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