



The Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

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BDCL LMC

Minutes of the LMC Meeting

Date: Tuesday 10th April 2012
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Worksop CC

Apologies:

Janet King, Tom Munro, Graham Venables and Martin Cannon.

Present:

Gareth Jones (Chairman), John Leaning (President), Gary France, Peter Neale, Ian Batty, Keith Board, Michael Carlisle, Fred Clarke, Malcolm Daniels, Matt Deaves, Jim Garton, Malcolm Hall, Trevor Haywood, John Heaman, Roger Heath, Richard Martin, Glenn Pym, Chris Revill, Jack Tarr and Alan Vollans.

Minutes of the last meeting:

Tuesday 13th March 2012 – Passed and signed – true copy.

1 MATTERS ARISING:

1.1

Due to there being no response to the BDCL requiring a league scorer at representative matches from the League Secretary's Newsletter, a separate advertisement would be placed on the league website.

DECISION: The League Secretary to arrange.



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1.2

The meeting reviewed one response to the position of League Treasurer, available from November this year. It was pleasing that someone had shown an interest in taking on the role.

DECISION: The opportunity for any applicants would remain open until the July LMC meeting, when a decision would be made to present the appropriate applicant to the league AGM in November.

1.3

The mandatory meeting for all clubs to attend the umpires briefing for umpire's assessments reports, had culminated in Marshalls CC and Clipstone Welfare CC failing to attend the meeting as required.

DECISION: As per Rule 7.6, both clubs shall be fined the sum of £40 each.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

2.1

Various letters and comments of appreciation from various people had been received about the recent league dinner and the meeting also discussed a variety of issues to improve the event even further. A £20 donation had been received from the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board Premier League

DECISION: For information only, with the above issues to be carried forward into the 2013 event.

2.2

Letters from various Insurances agencies had been received during the last few months offering their services to cricket clubs via the BDCL. Details of certain correspondence were provided.

DECISION: All Insurance companies were free to contact individual clubs whose details are in the public domain to offer the services they provide. The LMC would not endorse or promote any individual company.



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2.3

A letter from the Secretary of the BDUA outlined the fact that in 2012, there would be a net REDUCTION in available umpires for games in the BDCL this season. Options were sought on how to address this decline.

DECISION: Various ideas were discussed. The decision was made to refer the matter to the end of season meeting between the BDCL and the BDUA to agree the way forward to recruit more umpires.

2.4

A letter from Bilsthorpe CC discussed the increasing costs to smaller clubs to not only exist, but also play the game on a weekly basis, with certain options for re-structuring the league being put forward to reduce outgoings to clubs in the lower Divisions.

DECISION: The LMC would consider the proposals throughout the summer. Bilsthorpe CC are able to present an amendment to any league rules at any AGM for consideration.

2.5

The Secretary updated the meeting on the current position regarding the ordering, collection and payment for Reader cricket balls for the 2012 season which was in fact a new rule. Clubs appeared to be comfortable and informed about the arrangements, with 1421 balls being ordered to date.

DECISION: For information only.



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3. FINANCIAL REPORT and SPONSORSHIP UPDATE

3.1

Peter Neale reported a league balance of £7576.65.

The tombola from the dinner realised £408, with sponsorship money from Wilkinson's also being received. Prompt payments from various clubs of their annual subscriptions were on stream.

Expenditure in the immediate future would relate to invoices from the printers, the engraver, the South Forest Leisure Centre and the annual subscription to the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board. Payment for pavilion advertising frames which related to the sponsorship project was also a matter to be addressed. This time of the year always presented a cash flow challenge which was under control.

DECISION: The LMC would support the League Treasurer in any decisions taken to manage the process of income versus expenditure which is always difficult in March and April annually, but it was planned that certain revenue from the sponsorship plans would ease those concerns.

3.2

Fred Clarke on behalf of Sports Media Advertising reported on the progress of the league sponsorship plans and confirmed that a sum of money would be available by Friday 13th April 12 and liaison with the league treasurer would be agreed.

Further updates were provided on the arrangements being finalised to sponsor Divisions 6, 7 and 8, the Cup Competitions, finance resulting from the order of Reader cricket balls, other donations to the league, grand draw tickets / distribution and pavilion advertising frames for sponsors.

DECISION: In the days ahead these plans would hopefully come to fruition and communication would occur between Sports Media Advertising, the League Treasurer and the League Secretary to co-ordinate the above matters.



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4. REPORTS OF OTHER MEETINGS

4.1

Richard Martin reported on the recent meeting of the new Recreational Council, where the various officers were appointed. This meeting also discussed the involvement of:

- 'Last Man Stands' project in Nottm and its success to hopefully expand throughout the County.
- The matter of players under 16 years have greater opportunity of playing for various clubs as opposed to the restriction of being tied to one club and having restricted opportunities when other clubs were short of players.
- Club Insurance and what was meant by a basic minimum cover which should be required of all clubs.
- The future of the role relating to guidance and monitoring of groundsmanship and the relevant standards linked to the involvement of the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board.

DECISION: For information only

9. ELECTRONIC PLAYER REGISTRATIONS / NEW LEAGUE WEBSITE

9.1

Michael Carlisle and Jack Tarr informed the meeting of the various changes and processes which had occurred in the new electronic style of clubs registering their players. Most accounts were positive, although there were examples of problems which were being untangled. It may be necessary for 2013, to amend the league registration rules to create an improved compatibility with the Play-Cricket site content. Players transferring from one club to another seemed to present the majority of the challenges.

DECISION: Tom Munro, Michael Carlisle and Jack Tarr were thanked for their excellent work in managing the transition from paper to electronic registration. Concern was expressed about the likelihood or not of players playing for clubs at the start of the season who were not registered. The registrars were asked to present a report about this to the May meeting, where a policy about any such instances should be created in terms of appropriate sanctions.



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9.2

Jack Tarr gave a presentation to the meeting about the progress of the new league website which looked excellent. Various options and modifications were still taking place, so that the site could become 'live' as soon as possible.

DECISION: Further enquiries should be made with sponsorship companies to ensure that their details and / or logos were included on the site.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed

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