



The Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

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LMC – MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 12th June 12
Time: 7pm
Venue: Worksop CC

APOLOGIES:

Keith Board, Michael Carlisle, Trevor Haywood, Roger Heath and Glenn Pym.

PRESENT:

Gareth Jones (Chairman), John Leaning (President), Gary France, Peter Neale, Ian Batty, Martin Cannon, Malcolm Daniels, Matt Deaves, Jim Garton, Malcolm Hall, John Heaman, Janet King, Richard Martin, Tom Munro, Chris Revill, Jack Tarr, Graham Venables and Alan Vollans.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Tuesday 8th May 2012 – passed & signed – true copy.

1 MATTERS ARISING

1.1

In relation to the vacancy of a League Treasurer from November 2012, Tom Munro had offered to complete this role, whilst retaining his position of Fixture Secretary. The LMC were also informed that Tom would offer to step down from his current position of League Registrar, with Michael Carlisle offering his services for this role from November 2012 also.

DECISION: The meeting noted this updated and would reach its decision at the July LMC meeting as previously agreed.

1.2

Following the decision to postpone umpires assessments in the Championship and Div 1, following IT difficulties of the original system on the BDUA website, further work had been completed to resurrect this process, linking in with the new BDCL website.

DECISION: Plans were being formulated to communicate information to the relevant clubs to update them about the new system and the time scales for implementation.

1.3

Following the decision regarding Edwinstowe III failing to fulfil their fixture on the 5th May 2012 in Div 6, further confirmation had been received within a few days of that fixture, that the club had made the decision to withdraw its 3rd XI from Div 6, due to a lack of available players and awaited a decision from the LMC regarding any sanctions for doing so. Therefore a total of 20 games were not fulfilled in season 2012 for Edwinstowe III, including the one on the 5th May 2012.

DECISION: Edwinstowe CC would be fined £5 for each game not fulfilled in Div 6 for season 2012.

1.4

In relation to the decision of the LMC to not attend any further 'three leagues meetings' in their current format until integrated with the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board, the Secretary read a detailed letter to the meeting from the Chairman of the Premier League, which documented the progress and achievements of those previous meetings, whilst respecting the decision of the BDCL LMC.

DECISION: The League Secretary would now inform the Secretary of the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board of the views and intentions of the BDCL LMC regarding any future 3LM's.

1.5

The Chairman gave a brief summary of the League fixture versus the Yorkshire & Derbyshire League on the 20th May 2012 at Killamarsh CC.

DECISION: For information only.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

2.1

A draft copy of a report from the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board regarding the terms of reference of the sub-committee (Senior Cricket) had been received. This draft contained information regarding representation of the various leagues, the various responsibilities and membership.

DECISION: At this stage, the document was noted and was for information only.

2.2

The letters and reports from the chairman of the PL (Item 1.4) and the additional work of the sponsorship sub-committee (Item 3) were discussed under separate items of the June agenda.

3. FINANCE & SPONSORSHIP PLANS

3.1

The League Treasurer updated the meeting on the current financial situation of the league. All Annual Invoices from clubs had been paid with the exception of one club, although the reason for this was accepted and was a very genuine issue. The LMC would be patient and understanding regarding this outstanding payment. Further contributions for handbook adverts and League Dinner tickets were awaited.

Payments for the league game at Killamarsh on the 20th May 2012 and to umpires in the game N&AA v Clay Cross on the 28th April 12 were additional outgoings.

Receipt of the written agreement with Kookaburra Reader Ltd regarding cricket ball sponsorship to the BDCL for season 2012 and the potential for on-going similar arrangements in seasons 2013, 14 and 15 had been received, along with a cheque relating to cash sponsorship for 2012 in the sum of £2500.

Currently, the BDCL had a financial balance of: £6338.30

3.2

Janet King and Tom Munro appraised the meeting of the work of the sub-committee appointed to review the options and opportunities of any other sponsorship deals for season 2012. Firstly the League Secretary read a communication from Sports Media Advertising, clarifying the position and relationship with the BDCL regarding sponsorship work. Sports Media Advertising will no longer be the BDCL Advertising / Sponsorship Agent.

Enquiries with many local business people were on-going. A cut off point of the last day of June 2012, would be used as a time line for closure of any sponsorship agreements this season. Positive feedback regarding sponsorship of Divisions 5,6,7 and 8 were summarised. Other options and potential arrangements were discussed at length.

DECISION: Invoices would be created to those organisations who had indicated their support of the respective divisions. Further discussions would continue with other prospective sponsors. Arrangements for the production and distribution of club pavilion sponsorship notices in frames would be made through Ian Batty and Peter Neale. The work of the sponsorship sub-committee was fully acknowledged and supported by the LMC and a final report with all outcomes would be provided at the July LMC, whereby the League Secretary would be asked to communicate all final outcomes for season 2012 to all league clubs. Any potential sponsorship for future seasons would also be discussed.

4. DISCIPLINARY MATTERS – UNFULFILLED FIXTURES

4.1

The Chairman of the Discipline Sub-Committee gave a report regarding a discipline hearing involving Edwinstowe CC and two of its players in a BDCL league game in Division 3 on the 28th April 2012.

The hearing considered the evidence presented to it and decided that the following alleged offences had been proved and the following **DECISIONS** were therefore made:

- Members of the Edwinstowe club had brought the game into disrepute by their totally unacceptable behaviour which the umpires found intimidating. A club fine of £100 must be paid within 21 days. Edwinstowe II would be deducted 16 points from their total in Div 3. A letter of apology to each umpire within 21 days should be sent to the League Secretary.
- Jonathan Kirk a player for Edwinstowe II and Captain on the day failed to fulfil his duties as Captain. A ban of 4 weeks, would be suspended pending that players future conduct until the end of season 2013 was imposed. Additionally, a letter of apology to both umpires should be sent by the Captain to the League Secretary within 21 days.
- Jason Gorman a player for Edwinstowe II on the day, exceeded his position as a player by questioning the umpire's decision. A ban of 4 weeks would be suspended pending that player's future conduct until the end of the 2012. Additionally, letters of apology to both umpires should be sent to the League Secretary within 21 days.

4.2

Brief information was provided to the meeting of the arrangements for a further disciplinary hearing involving a player from Firbeck CC in a league game on the 26th May 2012. This hearing would be on the 13th June 12.

DECISION: For information only

4.3

The following games were unfulfilled:

- Saturday 12th May 2012 – Div 8 – Aston Hall v M&P IV.
M&P IV could not raise a team. Correspondence had been received from Aston Hall CC regarding the apparent late call cancelling the game and asked for financial support as a consequence of the costs of preparing the teas.
DECISION: M&P CC would be deducted 10 points from their Div 8 total and fined £20, which would be transferred to Aston Hall CC regarding the cost of the teas. Aston Hall would be allocated 20 points for this game.
- Saturday 26th May 2012 – Div 6 – Weston v Harthill II. Weston could not provide a team
DECISION: Weston CC fined £10, 10 points deducted from their Div 6 total and 20 points to Harthill II.
(The fine had already been paid)

- Saturday 26th May 2012 – Div 8 – MHM IV v M&P IV at Kingsway Park
The game did not go ahead due to the ground not being prepared for play by the ground executive, through no fault of either club. The LMC debated for a long time, the options available regarding the outcome of this game and listened carefully to notification that both clubs wished to play the fixture again on the 23rd May 12.
DECISION: 6 points each to both teams would be the outcome of this fixture.

5. UMPIRES ISSUES & MALLEEN T20

5.1

The meeting was informed that on Mallen T20 Finals Day, if a game ended in a tie, there was nothing in the current set of rules to identify a winner. A solution was debated.

DECISION: The following criteria would apply to identify the winner of a tie in the Finals Day of the Mallen T20:

In the event of a tie (Semi-Final or Final), the winner will be determined by:

- 1) The side which lost the least number of wickets
- 2) The higher rate of scoring in the 1st 10 overs (1st 5 overs for a reduced over game)
- 3) The side which lost the least number of wickets in the 1st 10 overs (1st 5 overs for a reduced over game)
- 4) If both sides were dismissed, the overall 'runs per over' rate
- 5) The toss of a coin

5.2

Additionally, should there be only one appointed umpire standing in a Mallen T20 game, the expenses payable to that one umpire shall be £25, shared between both clubs.

6. REPORTS OF OTHER MEETINGS

6.1

Richard Martin reported regarding a meeting of the ECB Recreational Game at the Oval in May 12 and commented on the following aspects:

- A National Club Strategy
- An ECB 'people team'
- Control of payments by clubs to their players

DECISION: For information only

6.2

A meeting of cricket administrators was held at the White Post, Farnsfield on the 30th May 12. One important presentation related to the lack of clubs in Nottinghamshire who had declined or failed to access funding opportunities available to them.

DECISION: The LMC would encourage a more robust ethos of communication to all BDCL clubs from the disseminators of funding information and would support any developmental opportunities to work in partnership, or open up better lines of communication. Secondly, to seek access to greater support and help in the completion of any applications from appropriate sources, would be advantageous and something which is very much needed.

7. PLAYER REGISTRATIONS & FIXTURE CHANGES

7.1

Tom Munro gave a brief report regarding both issues.

The first season of electronic player registrations was going very well. Particular appreciation was commented upon from Michael Carlisle whose very thorough approach was creating a very tight and accurate record of player activity which would lead to enhanced statistical information in the years ahead. At the moment there were only

three unregistered player issues in the BDCL and the LMC would continue to be supportive to overcome problems during this first year of the process.

DECISION: For information only.

7.2

Secondly, there had been a number of reasons why season 2012 had brought about so many fixture changes. Some of the problems had materialised due to requesting changes outside of the time deadlines for those changes. The Fixture Secretary supported the continuity of the opportunity to change fixtures, but with adherence to the time scales involved in future years.

DECISION: The meeting concurred with Tom Munro's comments.

8. AOB

8.1 Discussions about the travelling arrangements for the BDCL team to visit Washington to play the Durham coast league in the President's Trophy were discussed and agreed. Travel costs not to exceed £300. Gareth Jones to manage the team and co-ordinate team selection, with communication via the League Website.

DECISION: For information only

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.35pm

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