



The Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

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MINUTES – LMC MEETING

Date: Tuesday 13th November 12
Time: 7pm
Date: Worksop CC

Apologies:

John Leaning (President), Keith Board, Matt Deaves, Alan Vollans and Chris Revill.

Present:

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

The Minutes of the previous meeting in October were passed and signed – true record.

1 MATTERS ARISING:

1.1
The League Secretary confirmed that a letter of apology to the umpires had been received from Daniel Stewart of Todwick CC, regarding an incident in a league game on the 1st Sept 12 in Division 6.
DECISION: For information only.

2. CORRESPONDENCE:

2.1
A questionnaire received from the League Cricket Conference required completing and returning, which related to a 'health check' for that organisation and its role within the recreational cricket structure.
DECISION: The Secretary in liaison with Richard Martin would complete and return this on behalf of the LMC. Additionally, following a debate, the LMC agreed that the BDCL would compete next year in the national President's Trophy, but would seek financial support from the NCB Ltd to support the travelling costs involved in the competition.

2.2
A letter of appreciation and acceptance had been received from Bob Little regarding his nomination as League President for season 2014.
DECISION: For information only.

2.3
A letter had been received from Matt Deaves, regarding his decision to step down from the LMC at this point. The LMC were informed of the reasons.
DECISION: For information only and Matt Deaves was thanked for his contributions.

2.4
A written agreement / contract for the BDCL to use Reader cricket balls during seasons 2013, 2014 and 2015 had been agreed and received, signed by the Chairman and Secretary. The arrangements were identical to those in 2012.
DECISION: For information. The League Secretary was asked to process the documentation and communicate the process to clubs for ordering, making payment and collecting the cricket balls for 2013.

2.5

An e mail from the NCB Premier League explained the time window available next season for the winners of the BDCL Mallen T20 competition to participate in the county T20 competition with the winners of the SNL and the PL. In essence the competition in the BDCL needed to be concluded and its winner identified by the 7th July 12.

DECISION: Every effort would be made to comply with this request, although some concern was aired regarding the imposition of external deadlines into the BDCL Mallen T20 and certain months of the season.

2.6

Linked to other correspondence, the meeting agreed and **DECIDED** that the 2013 Tomlins Trophy final would be held at Killamarsh Juniors CC on Sunday 15th September 2013.

2.7

A letter from Marshalls CC, presented the background to recent difficulties at their club, an exodus of players and a club falling upon some challenging times. Their request ,due to a high volume of players from their 1st XI last season in the Championship, having left the club, was to maintain their association with the BDCL, but only providing ONE team in 2013 to compete where they were due to play, in Division 4. The letter explained in depth the circumstances surrounding the club.

DECISION: Marshall CC would play with ONE TEAM ONLY in Division 4 in 2013. Due to the constitution of the Divisions and the fixtures now being complete, the club would be fined the sum of £25 for withdrawing a team after the date stated in league rule 1.(1.1v) (Page 26 of the LHB). Sadly, this decision meant that Division 1 would only have 11 teams for season 2013, but to re-create the Divisions and indeed the fixtures was deemed unacceptable at this time.

3. FINANCE & SPONSORSHIP

3.1

Currently, the league finances are as stated in the AGM Agenda for presentation to the League Clubs, although certain issues were still on-going, including some fines and a telephone bill. (£2948.37)

Following the Treasurers report, Peter Neale was thanked by both the current chairman (Gareth Jones) and the former chairman (Jim Garton) for all his hard work, commitment and loyalty during the last 25 years of service to the league, whereby he has managed the league finances to the highest of standards. Peter was presented with a gift voucher collected from members of the LMC as a token of recognition for his work for the league. He is due to step down from the role after the 2012 AGM.

The League Secretary also summarised certain issues currently affecting the league and the need to both increase income in tandem with decreasing expenditure. There seemed to be opportunities for reducing the costs of both the production of the League Handbook and also the League Dinner.

DECISION: The Treasurers report was noted for information. The meeting agreed that Janet King, Tom Munro and Michael Carlisle would review the league financial situation in keeping with the issues discussed and formulate options for presentation to the next LMC on the 8th January 2013, inclusive of the likely contribution from Sponsorship offers.

4. FIXTURES PROCESS – UPDATE

Tom Munro explained that the provisional fixtures had been circulated. Certain fixtures had been agreed for change between clubs (about 12 /13) and the final league fixtures for 2013 were almost ready for publication.

DECISION: For information only

5. AGM – ARRANGEMENTS

5.1

The meeting discussed the final arrangements for the League AGM on Saturday 24th November 12 at Cuckney CC, starting at 2.30pm and agreed on the presentation of the Agenda for clubs to vote on potential changes.

One additional aspect related to the increasing apathy from some clubs whereby this year, 12 clubs had failed to submit their averages for season 2012, which causes the League Statistician more work than is necessary.

DECISION: Plans for the AGM were accepted and the League Secretary was to speak about the non-submission of club averages and other documents in his report to the AGM.

6. REPORTS OF OTHER MEETINGS

6.1

Martin cannon reported on a recent BDUA meeting which covered issues such as the umpires changing facilities across the league, expenses and taxation and membership of the Management Committee to the BDUA.

6.2

A recent meeting at Edwinstowe CC of the NCB Ltd and leagues across the county, discussed the player registration processes and the aim of creating a consistent system to cover who was playing for which club throughout the County.

6.3

An additional objective was the creation of a single ‘one stop’ Club Directory Form which could be used by the same club to provide the same information to any league and also the NCB Ltd, without the need for duplication.

DECISION: All three issues were noted.

7. AOB

7.1

Various members of the LMC were thanked for their work during 2012 and the challenges of 2013 were to be embraced.

The next meeting of the new LMC was to be at 7pm, Worksop CC on Tuesday 8th January 2013

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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