



# The Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

*founded 1904*

## **MINUTES – LMC MEETING**

**Date:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 13  
**Time:** 7pm  
**Venue:** Worksop CC

### **Apologies:**

Tom Munro, Matt Hall and Chris Revill.

### **Present:**

Janet King (President), Gareth Jones (Chair), Gary France, Ian Batty, Martin Cannon, Michael Carlisle, Malcolm Daniels, Jim Garton, Trevor Haywood, Roger Heath, John Leaning, Bob Little, Richard Martin, Glenn Pym, Richard Swann, Jack Tarr, Graham Venables and Alan Vollans.

The Minutes of the previous meeting in April had been circulated and were passed as a true record.

### **1Matters arising:**

1.1

The meeting discussed the coverage of the league matches and the results by Radio Mansfield and the arrangements for phoning through updates as the games progressed on Saturday's. Full details were displayed on the league website for all clubs to participate.

**DECISION:** For information only.

1.2

Janet King had received positive responses from certain clubs who wished to utilise the league's offer of paying for CWO training at their club.

**DECISION:** A maximum sum of £500 would be 'red circled' to cover this plan and Janet agreed to make the arrangements for a training evening.

1.3

The meeting reviewed the league dinner and notes were made for fine tuning the event for the following year.

**DECISION:** For information only.

### **2. Correspondence:**

2.1

The Secretary read a letter to the meeting from Matt Hall, who wished to stand down from the role of League Team Captain due to family commitments.

**DECISION:** Matt was thanked for his commitment to the role throughout his years. The Secretary had already acknowledged the letter

2.2

Various letters of thanks were disclosed to the meeting from people attending as guests to the league dinner in April.

**DECISION:** For information only

2.3

The meeting discussed the potential of creating a 'Welfare Fund' from league finances which could be used with the authority of the LMC whereby individual people who had served the Bassetlaw Cricket Community to a high level throughout a period of years and had genuinely fallen upon very difficult times, could receive a modest contribution to support their short term future needs.

**DECISION:** Such a fund would have a sum of £1000 red circled. Any application for support received by the league would be considered upon its individual merit, but each case had to have 'extraordinary circumstances'. The decision of the LMC would be final. The maximum individual donation would not exceed £200.

To date two submissions were under consideration and a decision would be made at the June meeting following further consultations with their clubs.

2.4

The League Cricket Conference had suggested an initiative regarding clubs inviting their local MP to their ground on a specific match day as a process of encouraging and raising the awareness of local influential people to the contribution cricket clubs make to their respective communities.

**DECISION:** The logistics of each club having their MP visit on one specific day seemed difficult to achieve. However the League Secretary was asked to invite the Rt. Hon. John Mann, MP for the Bassetlaw Constituency to the Mallen T.20 Finals Day on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 13.

2.5

The Secretary confirmed the e mail to the League that Weston CC had withdrawn from the BDCL.

**DECISION:** For information only

2.6

The issue of certain clubs playing games on BH Monday's in the lower Divisions and selecting players who normally play in their 1<sup>st</sup> XI team (Championship / Div 1 players as an example) who then play for their 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> XI on the BH fixture due to the 1<sup>st</sup> XI not having a game, was raised once again as a concern. It was felt that in some cases the outcome of matches was distorted which had the knock on effect on Divisional positions, as effectively certain teams were falsely inflating the playing strength of the team for these one off matches, to the disadvantage of the opposition who usually were not in such a fortunate position.

**DECISION:** Proposals for a potential rule change to avoid this issue continuing would be formulated and considered at the June LMC meeting.

2.7

Following reports from Umpires and the League Press Officer, the League Secretary was asked to remind certain clubs of the need to submit the results of their matches more promptly and also ensure that the Reader cricket balls used for league matches are the ones stamped with the BDCL name thereon.

**DECISION:** League Secretary to complete.

### **3. Finance:**

3.1

In the absence of the League Treasurer, the Secretary circulated a recent financial report of the league to the meeting, which documented income against expenditure. The current league financial balance showed £6600

**DECISION:** For information only.

### **4. Disciplinary Issues & Unfulfilled Fixtures**

Unfulfilled Fixtures:

4.1

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 13 – Milton III v M & P IV – Div 8  
M & P IV could not raise a team

**DECISION:** 10 points taken from M&P IV, £10 fine to M&P, 20 points to Milton III

4.2

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 13 – Milton III v Thoresby Colliery III – Div 8  
Milton III could not raise a team.

**DECISION:** 10 points taken from Milton III, £10 fine to Milton CC, 20 points to Thorsby Coll III

4.3

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 13 – M&P IV v Cuckney IV – Div 8

M&P reported that their ground was unavailable and the LMC were informed of a detailed report regarding the reasons from the club, which the meeting took into consideration.

**DECISION:** 10 points deducted from M&P IV, £10 fine to M&P, 20 points to Cuckney IV

4.4

The meeting reviewed a disciplinary matter from the 2012 season involving a player from Woodsetts Cricket Club, Kyle Chambers. An extract from the Minutes of the LMC meeting in August last year shows the following decision:

4.2

*Disciplinary matters:*

*The Chairman of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee gave reports on the following THREE disciplinary meetings recently held:*

**Disciplinary Meeting (1)**

*In the Mallen T20 trophy (19 June 12), a player from Woodsetts CC, Kyle Chambers was alleged to have used verbal abuse, foul language or actions likely to be so obvious that they were not restricted to those participating in the game. The hearing (supervised by the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board concerning Young Player Safeguarding Regs), found these allegations to have been proved and imposed the following penalties: **DECISION OF THE DISCIPLINARY PANEL:***

- 1. A ban of 7 weeks from Sat 28 July 12 to Fri 14 Sept 12, plus 3 weeks from the beginning of the first playing Saturday of the 2013 season.*
- 2. **A 4 week ban suspended, pending the players future conduct until the end of the 2013 season.***
- 3. Adequate letters of apology to be sent via the League Secretary to both the victim and to Anston CC by the 31<sup>st</sup> July 12.*
- 4. Woodsetts CC to be fined £50, payable by the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012.*

*The LMC were informed that to date, (14/8/12), no letters of apology had been received from the player. The meeting discussed this issue and made the following decision:*

**DECISION (LMC):** *Failure to write letters of apology as required by the disciplinary sub-committee by the 31<sup>st</sup> July 12, constituted a breach of the suspended penalty imposed at the original hearing and therefore, the player would be banned for a further period of 4 weeks at the beginning of the 2013 season, once the first 3 weeks had expired. Therefore a total of 7 weeks from the start of the 2013 season was the time frame of the playing ban next season. Specific dates would be communicated once the playing dates of the 2013 season were known.*

Since this decision, a letter of apology had been received by the League Secretary, just prior to the LMC meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 13. (more than 9 months after the time span decided at the disciplinary hearing). The LMC were in receipt of a request to remove the additional 4 week suspension from playing imposed for failing to write the letter of apology, which was discussed at length.

**DECISION:** The player should remain suspended from playing any form of cricket until and including the 8<sup>th</sup> June 13, where after he may resume playing with no suspended penalties applicable to him. The League Secretary was asked to communicate this decision to the club and the player.

**5 Umpires issues:**

5.1

Martin Cannon and John Leaning summarised matters regarding the BDUA. To date, the umpire's assessment process was working well. Papplewick & Linby CC had failed on one occasion to submit this assessment.

**DECISION:** P & L would be deducted 1 point from their Divisional total.

**6 Reports of other Meetings:**

6.1

Richard Martin summarised recent meetings involving the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board Ltd, which included an update regarding the Olympic Legacy and how money from the Olympic Fund has been of benefit to certain clubs in the County.

Malcolm Daniels also described initial discussions to improve the player registration processes, also linking with other club information to integrate various databases.

**DECISION:** For information only

**7. Player Registration and Electronic Score-Cards**

7.1

Michael Carlisle had produced a list of players who had either not been registered with their club correctly, had no parental consent forms to play or were simply too young to play in adult cricket.

The meeting discussed the issues at length and were of the view that the vast majority of these issues involved very young teenage players, often required at short notice due to teams having less than 11 players and other examples regarding limited knowledge concerning the Young Persons Safeguarding Policies for acquiring parental consent to play or in some cases simply being too young to play in the BDCL.

**DECISION:** The League Secretary was asked to deal with certain cases and also remind all clubs of the requirements as set out in the league rules and the Safeguarding Policies.

Additionally, the LMC would continue to offer advice, support and guidance on these matters for a period of time, judging each matter on the available facts. However, there would come a time when a more robust approach would be needed, as it would not be right to endure continuous failure and omissions by the same clubs once they have received the advice and guidance.

**8. Any other business:**

8.1

As a reminder, the League team were due to play the Yorkshire and Derbyshire League at Baslow on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 13.

**DECISION:** For information only

8.2

The meeting discussed fines imposed upon either players or clubs for whatever reason and the use of such fine money.

**DECISION:** Money received from fines would be transferred to League Welfare Fund as outlined at Item 2.3 of these Minutes.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.40pm

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