



The Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

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Minutes of the LMC Meeting

Date: Tuesday 13th August 13

Time: 7pm

Venue: Worksop CC

Apologies:

Janet King, Trevor Haywood, Glenn Pym, Graham Venables and Allan Vollans

Present:

Gareth Jones (Chairman), Gary France, Tom Munro, Ian Batty, Martin Cannon, Michael Carlisle, Malcolm Daniels, Jim Garton, Malcolm Hall, Roger Heath, John Leaning, Bob Little, Richard Martin, Richard Swann and Jack Tarr.

The Minutes of the previous meeting in July 13 had been previously circulated and were approved as an accurate record.

1 MATTERS ARISING:

1.1

Gary France and Malcolm Hall had met with representatives from Basford Mill CC regarding a recent disciplinary matter. Concerns were discussed.

DECISION: The LMC were informed of the outcome of the discussion, the content of which would remain confidential.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

2.1

Via the NCB Ltd, a County Pitch Advisor Mr. Michael Aplin was now available for assistance if requested.

DECISION: For information only. His contact details would be retained by the League Secretary.

2.2

E mail from the Secretary of the BDUA discussed three issues. Firstly regarding comments in the public domain criticising umpires via social media services, secondly allegations of bowlers 'throwing' the ball rather than bowling it (whenever such reports were received) and thirdly High Full Pitched bowling and the differing heights between fast and slow bowling inclusive of the warning of the bowler. Possible changes.

The meeting discussed these issues.

DECISION: Gareth Jones agreed to consult with County coaches about the 'throwing aspects' of any bowlers, the current law / allowance of non-straight arms and would report back to future meetings regarding the current stance regarding what is now a very difficult matter to resolve.

Also, clubs had been advised in the past of the correct way to report their views involving umpires on the very rare occasions this may be necessary. A full and detailed process was available to all clubs via the League Secretary, with a more detailed system in place for games taking place on a weekly basis in the Championship and Div1. This would be highlighted once again in an end of season Newsletter to all

clubs. The club whose activity generated this concern had already been advised, with there having been no further issues.

Finally, the matter of full pitched bowling, its height and pace would be discussed further at an additional sub-committee meeting.

2.3

Following the receipt of various correspondences, the meeting discussed various enquiries from clubs regarding additional teams competing in the League for season 2014. Mansfield and Pleasley IV was a specific request, as was Clipstone II with an enquiry regarding South Normanton II. Linked to these potential changes, should there be two BDCL clubs return from the Premier League at the end of the current season, there was potential for the need for three Championship teams to be relegated to Div 1 at the end of the 2013 season.

DECISION: It was agreed that Clipstone II along with M&PIV would be accepted into the BDCL in season 2014, with specific Divisions yet to be agreed. Confirmation was awaited from South Normanton II, but was agreed in principal.

The League Secretary was asked to contact all clubs in the Championship to inform of them of the potential for three relegation places at the end of the 2013 season, with the same information to be placed on the League website as soon as possible.

3. FINANCE

Tom Munro presented a written report to the meeting which documented income v expenditure from the beginning of the year to the date of the meeting. Outgoings were expected soon for Tomlins trophy expenses, along with costs to league officials for annual expenditure. Further income relating to the agreement with Readers for using their cricket balls across the league was now due. To date the league balance stood at £7322.94.

4. UNFULFILLED FIXTURES / DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

4.1

The following fixtures did not take place, due to the team highlighted below, not being able to field a team:

- Sat 3/08/13 – Div 7 – **Glapwell III** v N&AA IV
- Sat 3/08/13 – Div 7 – Ollerton v **Thoresby Park II**
- Sat 3/08/13 – Div 8 – Thoresby Colliery III v **MHM IV**
- Sat 10/08/13 – Div 7 – Basford Mill II v **Glapwell III**
- Sat 10/08/13 – Div 8 – **Anston IV** v Blyth II

DECISION: On all of the above occasions, the team not being able to fulfil the fixtures would be fined £10 and their points in the respective Division reduced by 10 points and their opponents awarded 20 points as league rules.

4.2

The Chairman of the Disciplinary updated the meeting on previous hearings:

- In a match on the 29th June 13, a player for Welbeck Colliery II Raman Sharma was alleged to have completed actions that could be construed as unfair play or bringing the game into disrepute. This allegation was proved and the following penalty was imposed:
DECISION: Welbeck Colliery CC was commended for its prompt and decisive action. A ban from playing was imposed for THREE weeks from Sat 6th July 13 to Friday 26th July 13 inclusive. Welbeck Colliery II (Div 2) would be deducted 4 points from their Divisional total
- In a match on the 22nd June 13, a player for Blidworth Colliery Welfare CC Craig Turton was alleged to have used foul or abusive language or gestures directed at an umpire. This allegation was proved and the following penalty imposed:

DECISION: The player would be banned from playing for FOUR weeks from Saturday 29th June 13 to Friday 26th July inclusive. Blidworth Colliery Welfare CC (Div 1) would be deducted 8 points from their Divisional total. Additionally, a letter of apology should be written to the umpire via the League Secretary by the 19th August 13.

- In the same match above, the Club Chairman of Blidworth Colliery Welfare CC was alleged to have acted in a manner likely to bring the game into disrepute as a result of his discussions with the same umpire. This allegation was proved and the following penalty was imposed:
DECISION: The Club Chairman be reprimanded and warned about his future conduct. The club would also be fined £30 to be paid by the 19th August 13.

4.3

Further reports had been received from umpires in relation to a player from Farnsfield III CC and a player from Worksop II regarding their conduct on Saturday 27th July 13 whilst playing in the BDCL in separate matches.

DECISION: Disciplinary hearings had already been arranged by the League Secretary to be held at Cuckney CC on Wednesday 14th August 13.

5. UMPIRE ASSESSMENTS / OTHER RELATED ISSUES

5.1

It was confirmed that the following umpire's assessments for teams in the Championship and Div 1 had not been sent in accordance with league rules to date:

Saturday, 29 June

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| Firbeck Colliery | -1 |
| Wiseton | -1 |

Saturday, 6 July

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| Anston | -1 |
| P&L 2 nd | -1 |

Saturday, 13 July

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| Whitwell | -1 |
| P&L 2 nd | -1 |

Saturday, 27 July

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| Cuckney 2 nd | -1 |
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Saturday, 3 August

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| Anston | -1 |
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Points deducted so far

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| Anston | -3 |
| Worksop | -2 |
| Cuckney 2 nd | -1 |
| Firbeck Colliery | -1 |
| Whitwell | -1 |
| Wiseton | -1 |
| P&L 2 nd | -3 |

DECISION: The deduction of the above points was all ratified.

5.2

A report from umpires confirmed that the game between Marshalls v Basford Mill in Div 4 on Saturday 10th August 13, had started late and therefore required a reduction in overs, due to Basford Mill arriving late for the start of the game.

This was discussed in keeping with league rules.

DECISION: Basford Mill in Div 4 would receive a 2 point reduction from their Divisional total in keeping with the time of their arrival and the number of reduced overs.

6. REPORTS OF OTHER MEETINGS:

6.1

Richard Martin provided a summary to the meeting of the changes from the former CRB process to the new DBS process affecting umpires, club players and officials. The new DBS was currently being trained across the county to various people.

Malcolm Daniels informed the meeting of a Business Development Survey to be implemented in the near future via the NCB Ltd, along with ideas as to how a consistent county wide registration system for all players could be developed.

DECISION: For information only at this stage.

7. AOB

7.1

Tom Munro and either Gareth Jones or Jim Garton had agreed to attend a meeting on the 10th September 13 at Worksop CC starting at 6.15pm to review umpire expenses for season 2014.

DECISION: For information only.

7.2

The previously planned meeting of a Sub- Committee to meet on the 5th August 13 to discuss rule changes, League & Divisional matters was postponed due to a lack of availability on that date. This meeting would now occur on Tuesday 20th August 13 and its recommendations placed before the next LMC meeting on the 10th September 2013.

DECISION: For information only

7.3

Vacancies on the LMC for 2014 would be published via the League Website from September.

DECISION: For information only

The meeting closed at 9.25pm, due to their being no other business. Next meeting - Tuesday 10th Sept 13.

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