



The Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

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Minutes of the LMC Meeting

Date: Tuesday 10th Sept 13
Time: 7pm
Venue: Worksop CC

Apologies:

Gareth Jones, Martin Cannon,

Present:

Malcolm Daniels (Chairman), Janet King (President), Gary France, Tom Munro, Ian Batty, Michael Carlisle, Jim Garton, Malcolm Hall, 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 August 13, had been previously circulated and were approved as an accurate record.

1 MATTERS ARISING:

1.1

Any allegation of a bowler throwing a delivery, rather than bowling it was to be the subject of a future debate and consideration at a 3 Leagues Meeting, chaired by the NCB Ltd, due to be held soon at at Edwinstowe CC, as was a potential update of the full pitched, 'high beamer' whether bowled by a slow or fast bowler, the warning process applicable to the speed of the delivery and the possible role out of these issues across the county.

DECISION: The LMC would await the update from the afore named meeting.

1.2

Jack Tarr presented a detailed account of reports and activities of people submitting umpires assessments on behalf of their clubs in the Ch & Div1.

The LMC were assured that there was no software or errors with the electronic system, just a variety of 'user errors' in different guises. Although a few clubs had raised questions and concerns in the belief that they had completed the process correctly, it was confirmed from the internal checks of the system, that on each occasion, 'user error' had occurred.

DECISION: The league tables in those two Divisions would reflect the deduction of 1 point for each report not received. Further or additional advisory and reminder activations would be completed with clubs during 2014, to provide help, support and assistance with these assessments.

1.3

The meeting listened to a report from an independent meeting between representatives of the LMC and the BDU in relation to umpire's expenses for season 2014.

League Rule 6.3(v) requires that *'There shall be an annual review of the umpires expenses, carried out by a group constituted by members of the LMC and the BDU (there were 2 from each plus a chairman), the finding of which will be binding'*

DECISION: The LMC were informed that the outcome of that meeting was that Umpires expenses will be frozen for the next 3 years, up to and including seasons 2016 at £40 for BDCL League matches, with the Mallen T20 remaining as they currently are.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

2.1

The Chairman Malcolm Daniels left the room, along with Jim Garton and John Leaning, whilst the remainder of the LMC discussed information received from the Premier League regarding processes currently taking place within that League, affecting relegation positions back into the BDCL and the SNL, which in turn potentially affects the bottom three placed teams within the BDCL Championship Division for season 2013.

A variety of potential outcomes were discussed, along with outline dates to begin the task of formulating the Divisions for 2014, with a variety of teams leaving and coming to the league next year.

DECISION: It was not possible to make any decisions at this meeting. However the LMC were clear that it would not be possible to populate the Divisions with relevant clubs until towards the end of October 13 and this in turn would enforce the fixtures to be published late also. The League Secretary was asked to update clubs regarding this situation in an end of season newsletter. No action would be taken by the LMC of BDCL until the PL had concluded its current findings into a variety of issues. Once promulgated to all concerned, the LMC would re-convene and make a number of difficult decisions about the structure of the Divisions for season 2014.

2.2

The content of correspondence from the County Welfare Officer, related to an underage player, being asked to be and used as a substitute fielder for Welbeck Colliery CC (IV) on the 15th June 13. The policy of the NCB Ltd regarding Child Safeguarding is that any player who is born after the 31st August 2000, is not eligible to play in the BDCL at all in the 2013 season. The player in question was born after the above date.

DECISION: In consultation with the County Welfare / Safeguarding Officer, the League Secretary was asked to write to Welbeck Colliery CC informing them of the facts and outline that this incident would be resolved as a 'first time cautionary or advisory notice' in the expectation that a similar occurrence would not take place in the future.

2.3

An e mail from Welbeck CC provided a summary of a problem in relation to the cancelation of a game between their 4th XI and Waleswood II XI on the 24th Aug 13.

Due to the time lapses between Waleswood informing Welbeck that they could not raise a team, the umpire appointed to the game Peter Burgess had arrived at the ground expecting the game to be played and the teas had been purchased and prepared by the Welbeck club, who were asking the LMC to authorise payment from Waleswood for the cost outlay of the food. The League Secretary informed the meeting that he had sent two e mails to Waleswood, asking for their views, but nothing had been received in reply.

DECISION: Due to the delayed time of informing the home club that they could not raise a team, Waleswood CC should pay £33 for the cost of their food on the day. Additionally, Waleswood CC should pay the umpire his match day expenses of £35. The BDCL would in fact pay both amounts to Welbeck CC and the umpire and ask Waleswood CC to pay the sum of both amounts to the League Treasurer.

2.4

The meeting was in receipt of suggestions as to how the profile, ability and payment towards scorers could be achieved, throughout the league. The meeting listened to and debated many thoughts and options, listening to the experiences of past initiatives and outcomes of previous training courses.

DECISION: For the moment, the LMC would take no further action, until further thought and considerations had been made.

2.5

A letter from Martin Cannon to the LMC explained the reasons why he would be stepping down from the role as BDUA representative on the LMC after the November 13 AGM.

DECISION: The meeting asked for their thanks to be recorded to Martin for his contributions over the years and the League Secretary had already replied to him.

2.6

A report from the two umpires in the game Worksop v Shirebrook on the 7th Sept 13, identified that the game start time was delayed, due to the late arrival of Shirebrook CC and the game was reduced to 44 overs per team, starting at 1.12pm as opposed to the correct time of 1pm.

DECISION: Shirebrook CC would be deducted 2 points from their Division 7 total, as per league rules.

3. FINANCE

Tom Munro provided a brief summary and account of the league finances to date. Whilst further sponsorship money was anticipated as income from Reader cricket balls in the near future, the BDCL balance currently stood at £5813.14

DECISION: Tom was thanked for his update and healthy management of the league funds.

4. DISCIPLINARY ISSUES / UNFULFILLED FIXTURES

4.1

The following fixtures had not been fulfilled, with the team being unable to do so highlighted in bold:

- Sat 17/08/13 – Div 7 – **Worksop III** v Thoresby Park II
- Sat 24/08 13 – Div 3 – Teversall v **Thoresby Park**
- Sat 24/08/13 – Div 7 – **Thoresby Park II** v Sherwood II
- Sat 24/08/13 – Div 7 – **Killamarsh III** v Sherwood II
- Sat 24/08/13 – Div 7 – Welbeck IV v **Waleswood II**
- Sat 24/08/13 – Div 8 – Milton III v **Woodsetts III**
- Sat 31/08/13 – Div 7 – **Glapwell III** v Thoresby Park II
- Sat 07/09/13 – Div 7 – Aston Hall III v **Sherwood II**

DECISION: All teams in bold italics would be deducted 10 points from their respective Divisional totals; fined £10 and the opposition in each fixture awarded 20 points in accordance with league rules.

4.2

The chairman of the disciplinary committee gave a report regarding recent disciplinary cases as follows:

- 1) On 27/07/13, Worksop II v Basford Mill in Div 4, a player from Worksop CC, Ray Black was alleged to have committed an action that could be construed as unfair play, or bringing the game into disrepute. The allegation was found to be proved and the player received a ban from all cricket of 2 weeks (17/08/13 to 30/8/13 inclusive). Worksop II was deducted 4 points from their Divisional total, following the recognition that actions had been taken by Worksop CC and apologies given to the umpires and also to Basford Mill CC.
- 2) On 27/07/13, Farnsfield III v Bilsthorpe, in Div 6, involving a player from Farnsfield CC, as outlined in the August Minutes. This hearing had been deferred until Wednesday 11th Sept 13 at Worksop CC.

5. PLANNING FOR 2014

5.1

And end of season Newsletter would highlight the need for clubs to provide early information, regarding teams leaving, teams entering the league and also the respective grounds where their club teams were due to play. Relegation issues throughout all Divisions may be more complex at the end of the current season than at face value.

DECISION: Further decisions would be made, once numerous pieces of confirmed information had been received from the PL and BDCL clubs.

5.2

The meeting debated, considered and elected a League Vice President for season 2014 and therefore League President 2015.

DECISION: This person would be Brian Rivington, following over 50 years association with the BDCL through Killamarsh Juniors CC as a player, as a league umpire and currently, Chairman of the BDUA. The League Secretary was asked to write to Brian, to formally confirm this appointment.

5.3

Janet King had completed some work, regarding the production of a League Constitution, inclusive of Name, Purpose, Affiliation, Finance and Winding Up procedures, (if this ever came into being).

DECISION: The committee agreed the content and asked that it be included within each League Handbook year on year from 2014.

5.4

A sub-committee of the LMC met to discuss and review a number of issues, which had been raised throughout the year by either clubs, players or members of the LMC. These were:

- Bank Holiday Fixtures
- The creation of a rule to prevent clubs migrating their players into their own teams further down the Divisions to enhance prospects of promotion or avoid the threat of relegation towards the end of each season, often referred to as ‘balancing the club teams’ at the end of the season.
- The benefits or otherwise of Div 1 playing legside wides and having a 30 meter circle
- A review of the Mallen T20 Cup
- A review of the Tomlins Cup
- Division 8 – all aspects for improvement, focussing on youth development and longevity of player retention in the game or with a club
- Start times of League games on a Saturday
- Continuation or otherwise of Green Match Result Sheets
- Ground conditions – reports from umpires

Following recommendations from the sub-committee, the LMC made **DECISIONS** as below:

- 1) Championship Div to play the one BH fixtures at the end of May. All other Divisions to have no BH fixtures and therefore a one week extension in September to compensate for the BH lost fixture.
- 2) The creation of a rule (with links to 1 above) to prevent players being moved to balance club teams in matches after a certain date in the season to enhance promotion prospects or reduce the risk of relegation in teams from the same clubs in lower Divisions of the league. **(For AGM Agreement)**
- 3) No proposal would come from the LMC regarding additional playing regulations for Div’s 1 to 8 as it did not wish to transfer the special reasons for the Championship’s unique playing conditions to other Divisions of the league.
- 4) The Mallen T20 cup would continue its current or similar formation.

- 5) The Tomlins Cup would end in its current format in 2013 and the final this season would be its last until further notice, due to a lack of teams participating in recent years.
- 6) No further actions would be taken in respect of Div 8 until further considerations, proposals and thought had been given to how the objectives outlined above could be realistically achieved.
- 7) The LMC would submit a proposal to the AGM regarding the start times of league matches in Div 1 to 8 inclusive starting at 1.30pm April through to the end of August and 1pm for any games in September. Championship matches would have no change to start times. **(For AGM Agreement)**.
- 8) Green result sheets would continue at least in the short term but their benefit would be reviewed annually.
- 9) Umpires would be reminded of the need to submit their comments where certain aspects of a ground or pitch were unacceptable or where those aspects were of a significantly outstanding standard.

6. REPORTS OF MEETINGS

6.1

Only future meeting were spoken of:

- Thursday 12th Sept 13 – 3 League meeting (BDCL / NCBPL / SNL) chaired by the NCB Ltd
- Tuesday 24th Sept 13 – End of 2013 season meeting – LMC and BDU A
- Saturday 28th Sept 13 – League Cricket Conference meeting at Edwinstowe CC

DECISION: For information only.

7. PLAYER REGISTRATION

7.1

The League Player Registrar informed the meeting of the following issue involving Thurcroft CC v Blyth CC

‘Connor Graham began the season registered, and played for Anston CC.

Thurcroft Welfare CC submitted a registration for Connor on 08/08/2013 @ 20:32:56, which was in turn rejected due to Connor being registered with Anston CC. The rejection advised that written confirmation would be needed from Anston CC advising that they were happy with the transfer, there being no outstanding financial or disciplinary issues (League Rules 5.1(i) and (ii)).

*Anston duly forward the requested written confirmation on 09/08/2013 (without the need for invoking League Rule 5.4(iii)) and the registration was transferred from Anston to Thurcroft CC on 09/08/2013 @ 13:09:40. An email was sent to Thurcroft Welfare (twcc@bassetlaw-cricket.org.uk) on 09/08/2013 advising them that the registration had been transferred and that Connor was eligible to play with immediate effect, **however he would not be eligible to play after 18 August 2013 due to League Rule 5.4(iv).***

On Saturday 31 August 2013 Thurcroft Welfare CC played Connor Graham. The match was against Blyth (Division 6 Thurcroft Welfare v Blyth). Blyth were bowled out for 102 (0 points) and Thurcroft Welfare won the match with 103 for 1 (20 points). The playing of Connor Graham breached League Rule 5.4(iv)‘.

DECISION: League Rule 5.6(iii) to be invoked for the breach of League Rule 5.4(iv), namely that Thurcroft Welfare shall retain no points from the match (-20), be fined £10.00 and Blyth be awarded the maximum points available (+20).

There was no other business and the meeting concluded at 10pm.