



The Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

founded 1904

MINUTES of the LMC

Date: Tuesday 8th April 14

Time: 7pm

Location: Central Avenue Worksop

People Present:

Bob Little (President), Gareth Jones (Chairman), Gary France, Tom Munro, Brian Rivington, Janet King, John Leaning, Ervin Devney, Ian Batty, Alison Watts, Graham Bullock, Malcolm Daniels, Jim Garton, Malcolm Hall, Richard Martin, Richard Swann, Graham Venables.

Apologies:

Michael Carlisle, Alan Vollans, Trevor Haywood, Roger Heath, Glenn Pym, Jack Tarr.

The Minutes of the previous meeting had previously been circulated and were accepted as a true and accurate record.

1 MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

1.1

It was reported that matters within the NCBPL had now been agreed regarding the start of the 2014 season with the relevant clubs involved and the formulation of a new Management Committee on which Richard Martin would be the BDCL representative. Mansfield Hosiery Mills (in the PL) would begin the season on minus 50 points and Rolls Royce CC would play their home fixtures in 2014 at Derby.

DECISION: For information only.

1.2

Via the NCB Ltd, umpires were asked to submit pitch reports to gather evidence about the quality or otherwise of pitches across the league. Ervin Devney reported on the discussions and decisions of the BDUA regarding this process.

DECISION: Only active umpires on the Management Committee of the BDUA would submit the reports at the end of each game to their Secretary.

1.3

BDCL representative games had been arranged as follows:

- BDCL v Yorkshire and Derbyshire League at Ordsall Bridon on Sunday 15th June 14, start 1.30pm
- BDCL U25 v Derbyshire County League U25 at Glapwell on Sunday 27th July 14, starting at 1.30pm

DECISION: For information only

1.4

There was a lengthy debate about the recent League Dinner/Presentation Night and all the relevant arrangements for next year, with various ideas about food, the logistics of the night and the guest speaker. DECISION: The ideas were noted, there would be a meeting of a financial sub-committee to discuss a variety of monetary issues including the cost of the dinner and sponsorship matters, which would link with the plans for the event next year and a financial forecast produced by the League Treasurer. Richard Martin and Janet King were thanked for their specific contributions to the arrangements for this event.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

2.1

The BDCL were in receipt of a letter from the Mansfield Youth League, asking for financial support in terms of the running of their league.

DECISION: Further information was required as to the reason for the request and the purpose for which any donation would be used with reference to their current financial league balance.

2.2

A meeting for all senior and junior leagues across the County had been provisionally requested to be held on Wednesday 23rd April at Trent Bridge, Nottingham, starting at 7.30pm

DECISION: Gareth Jones had volunteered to attend to represent the BDCL.

2.3

The meeting discussed the issue of smoking on a cricket field during any BDCL games and the emergence of the use of so called 'e-cigarettes'.

DECISION: The smoking of cigarettes and the use of e-cigarettes by players on a cricket field during a BDCL game was not allowed under the rules of the league and umpires were requested / authorised to ensure that this was adhered to.

2.4

Letters of thanks from invited guests to the recent League Dinner had been received by the LMC for both their invitation and their recognition on the night.

DECISION: For information only.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

3.1

Tom Munro presented a written report to the meeting identifying income and expenditure from the 1st Oct 13 to the 7th April 14. Inclusive of a few yet to be included additional matters relating to income the BDCL would have a current balance of close to £10,400, which included sponsorship arrangements. A further report in relation to a budget forecast was also produced, to help plan for the year ahead and be a part of the structure for using some of this money in an equitable fashion to all BDCL clubs through sponsorship income.

DECISION: Tom was thanked for his thorough reports and for the processes to assist in the collection of NCB Ltd associated affiliation fees. It was clear that there was now an opportunity to utilise a certain amount of sponsorship money as a way of easing the financial burden on BDCL clubs, although it was anticipated that any sum of money used between 52 clubs would only materialise in terms of modest support.

It was agreed that a Financial Sub-Committee would be formulated to discuss and recommend a plan to the LMC. An initial sum of £4000 was 'red circled' as a figure to work with.

The Sub-Committee were asked to prioritise clubs in their work and consider the options surrounding:

- Club Subscriptions to the League and club training needs
- Support of Youth Cricket
- Cost of Handbooks

- Cost of cricket balls linked to the agreement with Readers
- Umpires and their uniformity of clothing

It was also agreed that once the final plan had been agreed by the full LMC, a document would be circulated to all clubs.

3.2

Tom Munro had been asked to research the cost of umpire jackets, to allow all umpires across the league to wear the same jackets, which amounted to an anticipated cost in the region of just over £2000.

DECISION: This information would be fed into the Financial Sub-Committee meeting for discussion to formulate a plan regarding the above issues, but putting clubs first.

4. REPORTS OF OTHER MEETINGS

4.1

Richard Martin attended a recent LCC meeting on the 15th March 14, which involved the role of the ECB Participation Manager and its links with County Cricket Boards.

Matters were also raised regarding the impending NCB Ltd OSCA nominations which will be required very soon and a reference was made to the recent groundsmanship courses, what was on offer and the benefits to clubs to extend knowledge and share experiences.

DECISION: For information only

5. AOB

5.1

A Past Presidents Dinner was in the process of being arranged by Janet King. The specific date had yet to be agreed.

DECISION: For information only.

5.2

The final, Final of the Tomlins Trophy was to be played Anston v NAA at Anston on Sunday 20th April, starting at 1.30pm. Everyone welcome.

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

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