



The Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

founded 1904

MINUTES of the LMC

Date: Tuesday 8th July 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, Michael Carlisle, Ian Batty, Malcolm Daniels, Jim Garton, Trevor Haywood, Richard Martin, Glenn Pym, Richard Swann, Graham Venables, Alison Watts and Craig Buckingham (representing the NCB LTD PL)

Apologies:

Ervin Devney, Jack Tarr, Alann Vollans, Graham Bullock, Malcolm Hall and Roger Heath

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
Further liaison was required with both Marshalls CC and Clay Cross Works CC regarding their postponed fixture a few weeks ago (due to a sudden death of a club member from Marshalls CC), to try and arrange another date for the fixture to be played.

DECISION: Tom Munro as fixture secretary would contact the two clubs.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

2.1
Three umpires had provided reports concerning the removal of three bowlers for delivering three full pitch dangerous deliveries in the same innings as follows:

- A bowler from Ollerton CC on the 21 June 14
- A bowler from North Wheatley with Leverton CC on the 21st June 14
- A bowler from Killamarsh CC on the 5th July 14

DECISION: For information only

2.2
A letter from Anston CC requested the registration of Christo Shajan as an exemption under Rule 5.3(iii) to play for their club. The meeting discussed the evidence and information as presented to them.

DECISION: This player would be registered with Anston CC. He should play no higher than the club's third XI for the remainder of the season and his performances would be monitored by the LMC.

3. FINANCE & SPONSORSHIP

3.1

Tom Munro gave a verbal summary of the league's financial situation and spoke about further income from sponsorship plans, the receipt of fines incurred by clubs during the season and the payment out to deal with disciplinary offences, umpire appointments in league and cup matches.

To date the league financial balance was £10,569

DECISION: Tom was thanked for his report.

3.2

Janet King provided a brief update regarding sponsorship money and plans.

There had been a review of the distribution of cricket balls to clubs with and without youth teams. Work was progressing to spread the distribution of those cricket balls free of charge in recognition of those clubs who were fortunate enough to have youth teams, whilst not forgetting other clubs but proportionate to acknowledge the importance of having at least one youth team.

DECISION: Janet was thanked for her report.

4. DISCIPLINARY ISSUES and UNFULFILLED FIXTURES

4.1

The Secretary reported that two disciplinary reports had been received since the last meeting and the following arrangements had been made:

- Discipline Hearing to be held at Central Avenue, Worksop on the 9th July 14 in relation to the conduct of players from Farnsfield CC in a game in the Championship Division on the 21st June 14.
- Discipline Hearing to be held at Central Avenue Worksop on the 15th July 14, in relation to the conduct of a player from Woodsetts CC in a game in Div 3 on the 21st June 14.

DECISION: The August LMC meeting would be updated in relation to the above.

4.2

The following fixtures had not been played due to the team in red type not being able to field a team:

Unfulfilled fixtures

14 June

Div 8 Wiseton II v Cuckney IV

Wiseton could not get a team

28th June

Div 2 NAA II v Kiveton Park II

Kiveton could not get a team

Div 7 Shirebrook v Clipstone II

Clipstone could not get a team

5th July

Div 6 Ollerton v Aston Hall III

Ollerton could not get a team

Div 7 Clumber Park IV v Mansfield IV

Mansfield could not get a team

DECISION:

The team failing to fulfil the fixture would be fined £10, be deducted 10 points in their respective Divisions, with the opposition being awarded the full 20 points for this game.

5. UMPIRE ASSESSMENTS and UMPIRE ISSUES

5.1

A report from Jack Tarr gave the information regarding the non-submission of umpire assessment by the following clubs playing in either the Championship or Div 1:

Saturday, 7 June

Cuckney 2nd

Clumber Park

Saturday, 28 June

Clipstone Welfare

DECISION: A 1 point reduction of the Divisional totals of those teams would be imposed.

5.2

UMPIRE ISSUES

The meeting discussed the current issues regarding some player behavior on a weekly basis that was not being reported in any format. A recent Newsletter had been distributed to umpires reminding them of the League Disciplinary Codes of Conduct and the options they had for dealing with all matters at all games. Concern was expressed at recent umpire resignations, retirements and the difficulty in recruiting replacements. Craig Buckingham outlined a process in the PL whereby a cautioning system (or Spirit of Cricket option) was in operation with the second caution amounting to an automatic disciplinary hearing. This system offered umpires the opportunity to record incidents of a more minor nature where appropriate.

DECISION; LMC members were asked to consider the content of the debate, work with the BDUA and provide a response to these concerns at the next meeting also incorporating umpires dealing with conflict or people management.

6. BDCL – ‘the future’

6.1

At the June meeting, the Secretary spoke about concerns regarding:

- So called ‘smaller village clubs’ leaving the league or not existing any more.
- Some historically strong clubs, now having difficulty fulfilling fixtures at a 2nd XI level or reducing the number of their teams playing in the BDCL.
- A reduction in player participation
- Attracting young players to clubs, the game and retaining their interest.

Members of the LMC had been asked to feed the League Secretary with no more than 3 ideas which might help to address the above concerns in a positive way to create an improvement.

These issues co-incided with a meeting at Trent Bridge with Nottinghamshire Leagues, the Cricket Board and a representative from the ECB.

A player survey had recently been circulated to clubs, asking for opinions and views about similar subjects, which essentially were being compiled by the governing body of the sport. The LMC discussed the information so far.

DECISION: Numerous ideas had been returned inclusive of some club members. Michael Carlisle had agreed to try and promote the Player Survey amongst BDCL clubs and their members to gain further information for the BDCL alone, as well as the ECB. This had already been done.

Once all comments, observations and debates had been received, the data would be considered and presented to the LMC for any further action. It was agreed that the LMC should be patient, await the outcome of this current work and then make decisions about what was relevant and what was not.

Potential changes should be considered carefully, and only those with agreed tangible benefits for long

term sustainability / improvement should be developed. No time deadlines had yet been proposed for this research or any future action.

7. VICE PRESIDENT 2015 / PRESIDENT 2016

7.1

The meeting discussed the need to appoint to this position between now and the end of the season and considered a proposal.

DECISION: Michael Beard of Clumber Park CC would be elected into this position for his years of work and development to his club and also for his contributions to the Bassetlaw & District Youth League.

8. REPORTS OF OTHER MEETINGS

8.1

Craig Buckingham spoke of a recent PL meeting, whereby current rules are being reviewed and additional work involving young umpires with a link to a conflict management module for training purposes and also an initiative for scorers. The population of the PL by clubs from the BDCL and the SNL was summarized concerning 2015 along with the relevant promotion and relegation arrangements.

DECISION: At this stage for information only

9. PLAYER REGISTRATION & SUBMISSION OF RESULTS

9.1

The following clubs in red had failed to submit their results in accordance with League rules:

Sat 7 June

Lea Park v Teversall

Waleswood Sports v Sherwood Coll

Rockware v Todwick

Teversall II v Blyth

Sat 14th June

MHM II v Killamarsh II

Firbeck II v Clipstone II

Sat 21 June

Ordsall Bridon II v Thoresby Coll II

NAAA IV v Sherwood II

Woodsetts II v Firbeck II

Sat 28 June

MHM II v Anston II

MHM IV v Anston IV

DECISION: The above clubs in red to be fined £10

9.2

The following teams played unregistered players on the following dates:

14 June Kiveton II and Sherwood II

21 June Killamarsh III (2 players - therefore 2 points)Woodsetts III.....Milton III

28 June Sherwood II.....Wiseton II.....Worksop III

DECISION: The above teams to have their Divisional totals reduced by 1 point, other than as indicated for Killamarsh II.

10. AOB

10.1

The following fixtures affected the plans for the BDCL

- Tuesday 15th July 14 – Mapperley Sports T20 Final at Papplewick & Linby. Clipstone Colliery CC v Winners of the South Notts League T20 – start 6.15pm
- Sunday 27th July BDCL U25's v Derbyshire County League U25's at Cuckney CC – start 1.00pm

DECISION: For information only

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.10pm

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