



The Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

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MINUTES of the LMC

Date: Tuesday 12th August 14
Time: 7pm
Location: Central Avenue, Worksop

People Present:

Bob Little (President), Gareth Jones (Chairman), Gary France (Secretary), Tom Munro (Treasurer), Brian Rivington, Janet King, John Leaning, Graham Bullock, Malcolm Daniels, Jim Garton, Roger Heath, Richard Martin, Richard Swann, Graham Venables and Craig Buckingham (representing the NCB Ltd, PL)

Apologies:

Ervin Devney, Jack Tarr, Michael Carlisle, Alan Vollans, Ian Batty, Malcolm Hall, Trevor Haywood, Glenn Pym and Alison Watts.

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

The fixture between Marshalls v Clay Cross earlier in the season had been deferred due to the sudden death of a member of Marshalls CC. The meeting discussed the future of this fixture.

DECISION: The LMC prefer this game to be played rather than cancelled. However, the game can now only be played on a Sunday or BH Monday in August. To play the fixture both team must agree a mutual date as stated, otherwise if no agreement can be made, both teams would be allocated 6 points each.

The Secretary was asked to inform both clubs of this decision.

1.2

Mike Beard of Clumber Park CC has been proposed, selected and has agreed by letter to be the President of the BDCL for season 2016 and will commence his role as Vice President from January 2015.

DECISION: For information only.

1.3

Reviewing the structure of the BDCL regarding young players, finance and participation issues were now at the stage where various questions had been asked, with the replies being considered. A recent national questionnaire on the same subject had been 'localised' for the benefits of the BDCL and Michael Carlisle had undertaken to produce the results later in the month. Additional information was due to be published at a meeting at Edgbaston, Warwickshire in early September 14.

DECISION: The LMC would await any outcomes of both pieces of work before taking further time to consider any realistic, simple options to make any changes to the league which would need to be

achievable, worthwhile and positive. The LMC are aware of time and current trends, but will not rush through significant alterations for the sake of creating the impression of change.

1.4

Gareth Jones updated the meeting regarding two fixtures, the Mapperley Sports T20 final played on the 15th July at Papplewick and Linby, involving Clipstone CC and also the BDCL U25's v the Derbyshire County League played at Cuckney CC on the 27th July 14.

DECISION: For information only.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

2.1

The meeting discussed the arrangements at Disciplinary Hearings for informing various parties of the outcome.

DECISION: It was agreed that the Chairman of the Disciplinary Hearing would not publicise or disclose the outcome of any Disciplinary Hearing until the 7 day window of a potential appeal had elapsed. All people attending such hearings would be briefed as to the future process to avoid delays and waiting for hearings to be concluded.

2.2

Reports had been received from two umpires in the game Mansfield v Everton Div 1 on the 9th August 14, where a bowler from each team bowled three full pitched deliveries above waist height and were required to stop bowling under the laws of the game.

DECISION: For information only

2.3

The meeting read and discussed the latest financial report of the NCB Ltd and Richard Martin summarised the content.

DECISION: For information only.

2.4

Following a request from the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board, the LMC agreed to be involved with the start of a process to identify the advantages of a common player registration system throughout Nottinghamshire, rather than clubs and players having to be registered separately to play in various leagues and therefore avoid duplication.

DECISION: Meetings in the autumn were to be planned. Michael Carlisle and Malcolm Daniels agreed to represent the BDCL at these meetings, with a recommendation that the identity of the BDCL should be preserved within any plans formulated.

3. FINANCE & SPONSORSHIP

3.1

The Treasurer circulated a financial report to the meeting, identifying income versus expenditure from January 14 to the 12th August 14. Based upon that activity and the plans for the remainder of the year it was predicted that the BDCL would have a balance of just over £6500, with the full accuracy of this amount to be update nearer the end of the financial year.

DECISION: For information at this stage and Tom Munro was thanked for his report.

3.2

In terms of sponsorship activity, agreed sponsorship money in some cases was yet to be received and there were still some clubs yet to receive their free senior cricket balls via an order from the league suppliers, Readers. Work was on-going to rectify this delay and clubs should receive notification soon.

DECISION: For information only.

4. DISCIPLINARY MATTERS & UNFULFILLED FIXTURES

4.1

Disciplinary Matters

Since the last meeting three disciplinary allegations had been heard. The outcomes were as follows:

A: In a game on the 21st June 14, Zach Richmond Dixon, playing for Farnsfield CC was alleged to have used aggressive behaviour on and off the field of play, including foul and abusive language. This allegation was proved.

DECISION/PENALTY: The player should be banned from playing for a period of 5 weeks from 7/7/14 to 11/8/14 inclusive. He should also be banned for a further 3 weeks suspended until the end of the 2015 season. Farnsfield CC in the Championship Division to be reduced by 10 points.

The player should also send a letter of apology to the opposing club.

Additionally Farnsfield CC should be fined the sum of £100, due to the unacceptable behaviour of several players during the same game and should also write letters of apology to identified spectators present on the ground on that day.

B: In a game on the 21st June 14, David Manifold, playing for Woodsetts CC, was alleged to have used foul or abusive language or gestures directed at an umpire. This allegation was proved.

DECISION/PENALTY: The player should be banned from playing for 4 weeks from 12/7/14 to 8/8/14, with a further 2 week ban suspended until the end of the 2014 season.

Woodsetts CC would have 8 points deducted from their Divisional total in Div 3.

C: In a game on the 12th July 14, Conor Smith, playing for Worksop CC was alleged to have shown dissent to an umpire and also made disparaging remarks as Captain towards an umpire. These allegations were proved.

DECISION/PENALTY: The player should be banned from playing for 2 weeks from 09/08/2014 to 22/08/14 inclusive.

Worksop CC should be reduced by 6 points from their Championship total.

*All decisions were based upon unique, individual evidence and information particular to each incident and also the various actions taken by individual clubs prior to each hearing.

D: A further disciplinary Hearing is planned for Wednesday 20th August 2014, involving a player from Anston CC.

4.2

Unfulfilled Fixtures:

The following fixtures were unfulfilled due to the team underlined in bold type being unable to field a team:

- 12th July 14 Div 7 Welbeck IV v **Killamarsh III**
- 19th July 14 Div 8 Clumber Park IV v **Anston IV**
- 26th July 14 Div 8 Milton III v **Mansfield IV**
- 26th July 14 Div 8 Worksop III v **Wiseton II**
- 2nd Aug 14 Div 2 Farnsfield II v **Kiveton Park II**
- 2nd Aug 14 Div 5 MHM III v **P&L III**
- 9th Aug 14 Div 5 **P&L III** v Grassmoor II
- 9th Aug 14 Div 7 **Sherwood II** v Firbeck II
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DECISION: Those teams in bold and underlined shall be deducted 10 points from their Divisional totals, be fined the sum of £10 and 20 points allocated to the opposing team in accordance with league rules.

The following two fixtures were also recorded as unfulfilled awaiting a LMC decision due to a number of unique events and circumstances relating to the below matches:

- 19th July 14, Ollerton v Farnsfield III in Div 6. The LMC were made aware and informed of written reports from Ollerton CC, Farnsfield CC and the umpires in relation to the weather before and during the game, along with the views and actions of certain players from Farnsfield III. The umpires reported that they had ABANDONED the game for various reasons after only 2 overs of the game had been completed.
DECISION: The umpires had concluded that the game had been abandoned and their reports stated that decision and the reason why. The weather was also involved and had been a factor. There was no evidence that the game had been conceded by either team and the umpires had made the decision not to implement the process to establish 'a refusal to play' by either side. Therefore both teams would be allocated 6 points each
- 19th July 14, NWL II v NAA III in Div 4. The LMC were made aware of various facts from the green result sheets, reports from NAA III and both umpires, which related to various stages of the game, its progress, whilst also interrupted by poor weather. The umpires had made the decision to not allow further play in the game after the players had left the field due to poor weather conditions, despite various conflicting opinions about the safety or otherwise to continue.
DECISION: Both team would be allocated 6 points each, due to the game not being concluded due to the weather, plus the bonus points earned by each team during the game.
The League Secretary would also refer the content of an e mail to the Secretary of the BDUA and Appointments Secretary for their consideration from the Captain of NAA III.

5. UMPIRES ISSUES and ASSESSMENTS

5.1

Jack Tarr had prepared a report, which identified the following teams in the Championship or Div 1 who had not submitted umpires reports regarding the following matches in accordance with league rules:

Anston, 12 July
Cuckney II, 12 July
Mansfield, 12 July

Anston, 19 July
Killamarsh, 19 July
Cuckney II, 19 July

Anston, 26 July

West Indian Cavaliers 2nd, 2 August

In each instance there has been a failure to 'log in' at all to the system.

DECISION: The above team would have 1 point removed from their Divisional totals.

6. UMPIRE RECRUITMENT & TRAINING

6.1

Tom Munro proposed an initiative to attract new umpires to the BDCL, due to a substantial reduction in available umpires. The suggestion provided the opportunity for a specified number of new umpires to attend a local training course free of charge, inclusive of training regarding conflict management. The model also required the person attending the course to give an undertaking to umpire in the BDCL in at least 10 matches in their first season. The cost of the training would be subsidised by league sponsorship money.

DECISION: The LMC agreed in principal that such a project was needed and that the basic thought process was good. Further work and liaison with members of the BDUA regarding the specific details and about advertising was now needed, as it was hoped to progress this issue before the current season came to an end. Tom Munro and Janet King agreed to develop the details with BDUA members.

7. REPORTS OF MEETINGS

There were no reports of other meetings, other than the formulation of plans as the season draws towards a conclusion regarding the arrangements and criteria for relegation from the PL, along with plans and criteria for clubs to achieve promotion from the BDCL and SNL into the PL.

DECISION: These matters would be published once finalized, further towards the end of the season.

8. PLAYER REGISTRATIONS and SUBMISSION OF RESULTS

8.1

Non-Notification of result/scorecard on the BDCL play Cricket website

Matches played between 30 June and 20 July 2014 (inclusive)

League Rule 2.7(i)

Saturday 5 July 2014

Division 3 **Woodsetts** v Lea Park

Division 4 **Clumber Park II** v East Drayton

Division 7 **Killamarsh Juniors III** v Clipstone Welfare II

Shirebrook v Woodsetts II

Saturday 12 July 2014

Division 5 **Grassmoor Works II** v Misterton

MHM III v South Normanton

Division 7 **NAA IV** v Firbeck Colliery II

Woodsetts II v Waleswood Sports II

Saturday 12 July 2014

Division 8 **Woodsetts III** v Thoresby Colliery III

SaturdaySaturday 12 July 2014

Division 7 **NAA IV** v Firbeck Colliery II

DECISION: As previously actioned with other teams throughout the 2014 season, all teams (in red) above not submitting results as required by league rules shall be fined the sum of £10.

8.2

The following teams in red had played unregistered players in the following games:

League Rule 5.1(i)

Non-registration of Players/Non-registration of U13 Players

Saturday 5 July 2014

Division 8 **Wiseton II** v Anston IV – 2 players (1 under 13 yrs)

Saturday 12 July 2014

Division 4 Worksop II v **Notts & Arnold Amateur III** – 1 player

Division 8 **Notts & Arnold Amateur V** v Worksop III – 2 players

DECISION: As previously actioned with other teams during the 2014 season, the above teams in red will be deducted one Divisional point in relation to each unregistered player

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9.1

Richard Martin reported that initial work by the NCB Ltd to standardise the disciplinary structures across the County of all leagues had started and that the BDCL would be notified in due course of any further developments.

DECISION: For information only at this stage.

9.2

A BDCL Past Presidents Dinner had been arranged to be held on the 26th September 14. These arrangements are external and independent from all financial matters of the BDCL.

DECISION: For information only.

There was no other business and the meeting ended at 9.20pm. The next LMC meeting will be on Tuesday 9th Sept 14.

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