



The Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

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MINUTES of the LMC

Date: Tuesday 9th Sept 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, Jack Tarr, Michael Carlisle, Alan Vollans, Ian Batty, Graham Bullock, Malcolm Daniels, Jim Garton, Malcolm Hall, Roger Heath, Richard Martin, Richard Swann, Graham Venables and Alison Watts.

Apologies: Trevor Haywood, Craig Buckingham and Glenn Pym.

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

(A)

Members at the meeting stood in silence for a short period in remembrance of Brian Wilson, former League President, Umpire and LMC member, who had recently passed away.

(B)

The following matter involving a fixture between WI Cavaliers CC v Blidworth Colliery Welfare CC on the 23rd Aug 14 in Div 1, was brought forward to the beginning of the meeting due to the umpire appointed to this game being asked to attend the meeting in person to verify any questions raised by members of the LMC.

The issue surrounded the cancellation of the game by WI Cavaliers due to unsuitable ground conditions, during the morning of the game by telephone to the two umpires and Blidworth CW CC. Blidworth did not agree to the cancellation and asked WI Cavaliers for the game to go ahead and the umpires were required to be present. WI Cavaliers did not agree to or support Blidworth's request. The meeting considered the umpires report regarding his ground inspection and also answered various questions at the meeting. Further detailed reports were presented from both clubs involved.

DECISION: The fixture was not cancelled in accordance with league rules 2.5(i) and 2.5(ii) and subsequently was an unfulfilled fixture. Therefore Blidworth would be awarded 20 points and WI Cavaliers fined £10 and their Divisional total in Div 1 reduced by 10 points in accordance with league rule 2.5(vi).

(C)

Further correspondence had been received just prior to this meeting from a member of Retford CC in relation to their fixture away to WI Cavaliers this season on the 28th June 14, which had also been cancelled by WI Cavaliers due to unsuitable ground conditions. The LMC were asked to consider the content of this report in the light of the above matter at (B).

DECISION: No person from the LMC had ever received any notification from Retford CC on the date of the game that they disagreed with the cancellation of this game as required by rule 2.5(i). The LMC were not in possession of any independent evidence as to the conditions of the ground at WI Cavaliers on the 28th June 14. Therefore no further action would be taken by the LMC regarding this fixture from the 28th June 14.

1 MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

1.1

The postponed game earlier in the season between Marshall and Clay Cross due to the sudden death of a Marshalls CC member was eventually played with agreement of both clubs on Sunday 7th Sept 14.

DECISION: For information only.

1.2

Further work was on-going to establish a date with the NCB Ltd to create an initial meeting to discuss the options for a common player registration system across the County. Malcolm Daniels and Michael Carlisle had agreed to work on behalf of the BDCL about this topic.

DECISION: For information only.

1.3

Some clubs still awaited delivery of free senior cricket balls resulting from a recent re-distribution of sponsorship money, linked to junior cricket ball distribution.

DECISION: The relevant clubs would receive their allocation at the League AGM in November 14, from Tom Munro.

1.4

Tom Munro updated the meeting regarding a proposed circulation of information to recruit and train new Umpires free of charge to those attending, from League Sponsorship money.

DECISION: The BDUA were due to meet very soon where this issue would be discussed in more detail and a reply formulated in response to the proposal.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

2.1

A letter from the Secretary of Clay Cross Works CC, confirmed the clubs decision to leave the BDCL and play in the Derbyshire County league from season 2015. This club had been with the BDCL since 1969.

DECISION: For information only and the LMC wished the club all success and good luck in the Derbyshire League.

2.2

For season 2015 it was confirmed that the current WI Cavaliers team in the BDCL Div 1 was in fact that clubs 3rd XI, with their 2nd XI playing in the South Notts League and their 1st XI in the NCB Ltd PL.

DECISION: For clarification and administration in season 2015.

3. FINANCE

3.1

Tom Munro presented a written report to the meeting of league finances up to year end 30th Sept 14. Although the accounts had yet to receive an audit and further transactions were still live, it was anticipated that the financial report to be submitted at this year's AGM would have a carry-over of some £6500, although this figure was fluid due to on-going transactions to the end of the month. Work was still ongoing to collect outstanding fines from some clubs and additional sponsorship money.

DECISION: Tom was thanked for his report. Further discussions were planned to discuss season 2015, inclusive of additional actions to assist clubs from league sponsorship money. This would be an 'out of season task' to create specific workable plans for the year ahead.

3.2

Janet King spoke of work completed in recent times to secure sponsorship commitment and reflected on our financial position a few years ago, compared to our current situation. Expenditure had been reduced and income had been increased and the people involved in that process were thanked.

DECISION: Once again as above, the LMC needed to make plans during the winter months to ensure that financial prudence and sponsorship agreements were maintained.

4. DISCIPLINARY ISSUES / UNFULFILLED FIXTURES

4.1

Recent disciplinary matters were updates by the Disciplinary Chairman Graham Venables:

- On the 2nd Aug 14, the umpires in the game had reported a player from Anston CC, Jonathan Plant to the Disciplinary Committee of the League in relation to various matters involved in a game against Worksop CC. The report alleged the player used foul and abusive language or gestures directed at an umpire and also aggressive behaviour on or off the field of play including foul and abusive language.

At a disciplinary meeting held on the 20th August 14, the above allegations were found to be proved. **DECISION:** Jonathan Plant would be banned from playing for 4 weeks from 04/08/14 to 08/09/14 inclusive. A further ban of 4 weeks would also be imposed, but suspended, pending the players future conduct until the end of the 2015 season. Anston CC in the Championship of the BDCL would be reduced by 8 points. The player should also write a letter of apology to the umpires to be sent to the League Secretary by 31st Aug 14. These penalties were imposed after taking into account the positive action taken by Anston CC prior to the discipline hearing.

- A further report regarding the conduct of a player from Welbeck III CC in a game v Wadworth CC on the 16th August 14 had been received by the league. Following reports from the umpire and discussions with both clubs.....

DECISION: The reported incident against the player from Welbeck III would be recorded within the Accumulated Offence process of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee. The player and his club secretary had been informed in writing of this outcome and the implications therein.

- A further disciplinary meeting had been planned for Tuesday 16th Sept 14, involving a player from Killamarsh III CC in the game versus Blyth CC in Div 7 on Sat 30th Aug 14.

DECISION: For information only at this time.

4.2

The following fixtures were unfulfilled since the last LMC meeting:

➤ Sat 16 Aug 14	Div 8	Milton III v Thoresby Coll III
➤ Sat 23 Aug 14	Div 5	Clumber Park v P&L III
➤ Sat 23 Aug 14	Div 6	Bawtry II v Bilsthorpe
➤ Sat 23 Aug 14	Div 6	Blyth v Teversall II
➤ Sat 23 Aug 14	Div 8	Worksop III v Mansfield IV
➤ Sat 30 Aug 14	Div 7	Glapwell III v Shirebrook
➤ Sat 6 Sept 14	Div 7	Sherwood II v NAA IV

DECISION: The teams in bold were unable to raise a team and would be fined £10 with a 10 point reduction from their Divisional total. Their opponents should be awarded 20 points from those games in accordance with league rules.

5. UMPIRES ISSUES & ASSESSMENTS

5.1

There were no matters from the BDUA for this meeting.

5.2

From league rule 6.5 and the assessment of umpires in the Championship and Div 1, the following teams had not submitted assessments as follows and the **DECISION** in keeping with league rules was that each team should be reduced by 1 point from the respective Divisional totals:

9th August

Anston -1
Welbeck Colliery 2nd -1
Firbeck Colliery -1

16th August

Killamarsh -1
Cuckney 2nd -1
Welbeck Colliery 2nd -1
West Indian Cavaliers 2nd -1

23rd August

Firbeck Colliery -1
Cuckney 2nd -1

30th August

West Indian Cavaliers 2nd -1
Whitwell -1

6. SEASON 2016 – DIV 8 – DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

6.1

The LMC had previously discussed potential changes to this Division a number of months ago. This discussion was all about *reducing costs and time* in principal for young players entering the game and retaining their interest. In tandem with these discussions, player surveys had also taken place, both nationally and throughout Nottinghamshire, to evidence some of the issues behind a perceived decline in youth participation within the game.

The LMC were in receipt from the League Secretary of a number of considerations which may be of benefit to the league and which could affect the current Div 8 and its re-branding as a Development Division.

DECISION: The plans and processes for this potential change had to be established, although the beginning of season 2016 was thought to be a starting point for any changes (if agreed) to be implemented. The publication of further national and county data was awaited, along with outcomes from additional meetings at various locations in the country and with the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board Ltd. The LMC would hold a special meeting regarding this matter on Tuesday 21st October 14 starting at 7pm.

7. PLAYER REGISTRATIONS / SUBMISSION ELECTRONIC RESULTS

7.1

The following teams in red font played unregistered players as follows:

Saturday 9 August 2014

Division 8 Wiseton II v **Notts & Arnold Amateur V** (1 player)

Saturday 23 August 2014

Division 8 Thoresby Colliery III v **Anston IV** (1 player)

DECISION: Both teams would be deducted 1 point from their Divisional total.

7.2

The following teams either did not send or submitted incomplete electronic scorecards as follows:

Saturday 2 August 2014

Division 3 **Mansfield II** v Waleswood Sports

Saturday 9 August 2014

Division 8 **Woodsetts III** v Worksop III

Saturday 16 August 2014

Division 7 **Sherwood Colliery II** v Killamarsh Juniors III

Saturday 23 August 2014

Division 8 **Woodsetts III** v Notts & Arnold Amateur V

Saturday 30 August 2014

Division 3 **Waleswood Sports** v Teversal

DECISION: The above clubs in red font would be fined the sum of £10

7.3

The meeting discussed the future use of the green result sheets, following comments from many clubs.

DECISION: Clubs submitting their results by telephone or email immediately after the game to Paul Barker and later completing Play-Cricket electronic scorecards had now been in operation for many years and has worked well. The green result sheet has now become an unnecessary duplication of information and will be removed from use from the beginning of the 2015 season.

There were no reports from other meetings and there was no other business.

The meeting closed at 9pm

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