



The Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

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MINUTES of the LMC

Date: 14th October 14

Time: 7pm

Location: Central Avenue Worksop

People Present: Bob Little (President), Gareth Jones (Chair), Gary France, Tom Munro, Brian Rivington, Janet King, John Leaning, Gary Bardill (BDUA), Jack Tarr, Alan Vollans, Ian Battu, Graham Bullock, Malcolm Daniels, Jim Garton, Malcolm Hall, Trevor Haywood, Roger Heath, Richard Martin, Glenn Pym, Graham Venables and Alison Watts.

Apologies: Richard Swann and Craig Buckingham (PL)

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

Malcolm Daniels and Richard Martin explained the content of a recent meeting to create a County Player Registration system to amalgamate the PL, SNL and BDCL into one registration point for clubs and players, to avoid having three separate requirements to do so, in some cases.

DECISION: The BDCL would join in with the project. Further developments were awaited. In the meantime, the current BDCL process of registering its players would continue until otherwise stated.

1.2

A letter from the Secretary of the ACO Nottinghamshire was read to the meeting, asking the LMC to support their structures and process for the recruitment and training of umpires throughout the County.

DECISION: In support of the content of the letter, the LMC of the BDCL would not become involved in the recruitment, training and any arrangements regarding umpires across the league.

1.3

Winter planning was to be arranged for the Sponsorship and Finance Sub-Committee of the league to meet and discuss potential plans to manage its finances and sponsorship arrangements for season 2015.

DECISION: People involved: Janet King (chair), Tom Munro, Alison Watts, Malcolm Daniels and Graham Bullock.

Janet King to remain a co-opted member of the LMC after her time involving 'Presidency matters' had elapsed.

1.4

After over 20 years of service to the league as Press Officer and Results Co-ordinator, Paul Barker informed the LMC that he wished to step down from both roles. Paul was thanked by the entire committee for his very loyal and committed work to the league to such a high standard, over such a long period of time.

DECISION: For information at this time.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

2.1

The LMC were asked to consider supporting the County Community Development Officer who was seeking sponsorship of a commitment to climb Kilimanjaro, for the purpose of raising funds to support the Trent Bridge Community Trust which helps to deliver important community work and development to deprived areas of the County both through cricket and other partnership working.

DECISION: The BDCL would contribute £75 towards this initiative.

2.2

The LMC were asked to consider supporting a 15 year old female cricketer who plays for a BDCL club and had been selected to play for England Ladies U 20 cricket team in the Indoor World Cup in New Zealand this Autumn. The request was to assist in the cost of the trip for her family.

The player had also represented Nottinghamshire at Under 13, 15 and 17 levels previously.

DECISION: The BDCL would contribute the sum of £100.

2.3

Confirmation had been received that three new teams would enter the BDCL for season 2015.

- West Indian Cavaliers III who would play at Ellis Guilford School/Sports Centre, Basford, Nottm. NG6 0HT
- Lea Park II who would play at Roses ground in Gainsborough
- Thurcroft CC who would play at Thurcroft.

DECISION: The population of the Divisions had been formulated for season 2015 and were agreed at this meeting by the LMC and would be stated on the league website. The fixture secretary could now begin the process of creating fixtures for next season.

3. FINANCE & SPONSORSHIP

3.1

Tom Munro circulated an updated balance sheet up to year end 30th Sept 14. Further audit work was to be completed in the days ahead for submission of a final document to the AGM on Saturday the 22nd Nov 14 at Cuckney CC.

DECISION: The current league balance shows: £5605.42 with further sponsorship money to be declared in addition.

As previously stated, further plans to be formulated during the winter months and ratified through the LMC, as to how and when certain funds can be equitably downloaded to clubs in the BDCL to assist with reducing club financial outlay.

4. UNFULFILLED FIXTURES & DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

4.1

The following matches were unfulfilled:

13th September

Division 7 – Sponsored by Copcutt Toyota

At Villas Road: GLAPWELL COLLIERY 3rd (20) v SHERWOOD COLLIERY 2nd (-10). Sherwood Colliery 2nd conceded the match.

Division 8 – Sponsored by Copcutt Toyota

At Queen Elizabeth's Academy: MANSFIELD 4th (-10) v WOODSETTS 3rd (20). Mansfield 4th conceded the match.

20th September

Division 6 – Sponsored by Copcutt Toyota

At Carnarvon Street: TEVERSAL 2nd (-10) v FARNSFIELD 3rd (20). Teversal 2nd conceded the match.

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At Debdale Park: SHERWOOD COLLIERY 2nd (-10) v FIRBECK COLLIERY 2nd (20). Sherwood Colliery 2nd conceded the match.

DECISION: The teams conceding the match would be fined £10, have 10 points deducted from their Divisional total and their opponents awarded 20 points.

4.2

The final disciplinary matter of the season was held at Worksop CC on the 16th Sept 14 and involved Greg Gregory of Killamarsh III in the game v Blyth II.

DECISION: The allegation that the above player showed verbal dissent and persistent / unreasonable questioning of the umpires decision was proved.

Penalty: 2 week ban from the 1st Saturday of the 2015 to the 2nd Friday of the 2015 season. A further ban of 4 weeks, suspended until the end of the 2015 season, with Killamarsh III being reduced by 4 points from their Divisional total. Letters of apology should be sent by the player to both Blyth CC and the two umpires concerned.

5. UMPIRES ASSESSMENTS and POINT DEDUCTIONS

5.1

DECISIONS:

The following teams had a 1 point deduction from their Divisional total for failing to submit umpire assessments:

13th September

Caythorpe 2nd

West Indian Cavaliers 2nd

Retford

Mansfield

20th September

Mansfield

Members representing the BDUA outlined reviews of the umpire assessment process which were occurring in the future.

6. PLAYER REIGISTRATION

The LMC were in receipt of information that in the last game of the season Misterton v Nomads in Div 5, an ineligible player was played by Nomads under a false name. The team cards given to the umpire, the green BDCL result sheet and the Play-Cricket Score Card for this game all contained the name of D. Lamb as part of the team for Nomads who is a registered player for the club. The player who actually played under this false identity was registered to play for Attenborough CC in the South Notts League and made a significant impact upon the outcome of the game which resulted in a tie.

The player concerned scored 63 runs not out and took 3 wickets for 37 runs.

DECISION: The LMC were of the view that the integrity of this match had been distorted. The umpires had been deceived, Misterton CC had been deceived, the BDCL had been deceived and what is right about cricket had been deceived. The following penalty in accordance with league rules was imposed upon Nomads CC:

- £10 fine in relation to this game 2014
- 0 points to Nomads CC in relation to this game 2014
- 20 points to Misterton in relation to this game 2014

Additionally:

- Nomads CC shall be fined the sum of £100
- Nomads CC shall begin the 2015 season on MINUS 20 POINTS

7. FUTURE PLANNING

7.1

In recent months the LMC had been in receipt of a number of suggestions about the format and structure of the game across the league. Some wanted no Bank Holidays, no late September fixtures, no early April fixtures, less travelling, less costs, more cricket, less cricket, changes to encourage young players, earlier starts, later starts and some thought everything was fine.

DECISION: The LMC would convene a special meeting on Tuesday 21st October 14 to discuss realistic options in keeping with local and nationwide surveys, listen to the opinions, consider alternatives, but with the focus on what is realistically achievable by re-branding the lowest Division in the league as a Development Division and also considering the merits or otherwise of 10 teams per Division, although there was a keen desire to leave the Championship Division arrangements as it currently exists.

This was deemed to be the start of an open minded scoping exercise, with no decisions having yet been made. The League Secretary would outline the issues in more detail at the forthcoming AGM in November.

Season 2015 arrangements at least, would remain as those for 2014.

8. LEAGUE SECRETARY

8.1

The meeting discussed a number of issues surrounding this role. Other responsibilities / processes to provide a variety of services to the league also needed solutions.

DECISION: Options and tasks were discussed. The November meeting would discuss things further.

9. There were no reports from other meetings.

10. PROPOSED RULE CHANGES

10.1

The Secretary was in receipt of a number of proposals from two clubs. The meeting also discussed and reviewed LMC proposals to the AGM. The deadline date for any further submissions for rule changes had now expired.

DECISION: The AGM Agenda with supporting papers would be sent to all clubs and interested parties with a copy placed on the league website for downloads during the last week of October 14.

11. AOB

11.1

There was to be a meeting of leagues on Thursday the 16th October 14 at Trent Bridge to discuss the outcome of the National and County Survey's regarding the findings concerning young people's recruitment and retention into cricket and related actions by leagues and clubs to contribute towards potential solutions.

DECISION: For information only.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 10.04pm