



# The Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

*founded 1904*

## **MINUTES of the LMC**

Date: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 15  
Time: 7pm  
Location: Central Avenue, Worksop

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### People Present:

Bob Little (President), Gareth Jones (Chairman), Brian Rivington, Gary France, Tom Munro, Michael Beard, John Leaning, Gary Bardill, Jack Tarr, Alan Vollans, Ian Batty, Malcolm Daniels, Malcolm Hall, Richard Martin, David Parnham, Richard Swann, Graham Venables and Alison Watts.

### Apologies:

Craig Buckingham, Graham Bullock, Jim Garton, Trevor Haywood, Roger Heath and Glenn Pym.

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

Tom Munro and Malcolm Daniels updated the meeting regarding the current Play- Cricket website and a few issues surrounding its functionality on the approach to the new season and how the BDCL and the PL registration issues would occur. These issues also linked to the uploading of BDCL fixtures for 2015 as well.

**DECISION:** For information only.

### 1.2

The meeting was informed that Firbeck CC wished to withdraw their 2<sup>nd</sup> XI from Div 7 for the 2015 season.

**DECISION:** This was accepted and the various systems and processes affecting Div 7 would be amended.

### 1.3

The planning to reduce the Divisions of the League to 10 teams per Divisions in season 2017 had been verbally presented to the November 14 AGM and had been communicated further in a recent mid-winter Newsletter. There was now a further opportunity for further discussion and consultation in the first six months of 2015, before plans would be finalised to present the issues to the November 2015 AGM, so that all teams would know what they were playing for in season 2016 concerning the criteria for promotion and relegation during that season in readiness for 2017.

There was an additional matter of the lowest Division in the league, having its playing conditions amended to have a more positive influence regarding young players and keeping their interest concerning the amount of time consumed on Saturdays playing the game and the costs involved.

**DECISION:** For information at this stage, with further updates to be agreed in the months ahead.

1.4

The league would adopt a new Saturday morning Help-Desk facility for clubs to ring on a Saturday morning to overcome whatever pre-match issues that may emerge. The number will be:

- 07444 322 905

**DECISION:** This number will be printed on the rear cover of the Handbook and should be used only for issues on Saturday mornings. Full guidance and advice would be issued to all clubs before the start of the 2015 season.

1.5

Gary Bardill as Secretary of the BDUA updated the meeting on recent issues affecting umpires.

- Attendance at the January umpire training courses appear to be well attended and that is encouraging.
- Further enhanced umpire assessment work would be completed during the 2015 season.

**DECISION:** For information at this time.

## **2. CORRESPONDENCE**

2.1

The AGM of the NCB Ltd will be held at Trent Bridge, 7pm on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 15.

**DECISION:** Richard Martin and Malcolm Daniels would represent the BDCL at this meeting.

2.2

A request had been made from the Secretary of the NCB Ltd for affiliation fees to the County Board from clubs, be included in the BDCL membership subscriptions in one correspondence as was the case last year.

**DECISION:** The League Treasurer had this in his plans and would go ahead as requested in the forthcoming weeks.

2.3

Information received from Teversall Cricket Club, outlined some disruption to their facilities including changing rooms during season 2015. However, temporary accommodation with plans had been submitted for the information of the LMC to overcome these problems.

**DECISION:** The LMC supported the club in accepting these plans, were to remain flexible and asked to be kept updated regarding any significant developments.

2.4

An e mail had been received, inviting the BDCL to be represented at a forthcoming meeting at Trent Bridge, where a representative would attend from the ECB to discuss a method of collating information across the county and the country as to why games were not being played and the reasons for cancelations.

**DECISION:** Richard Martin agreed to attend this meeting which was planned for 1pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 15.

### **3. FINANCE & SPONSORSHIP**

#### 3.1 - Sponsorship

Tom Munro presented the up to date issues. Arrangements offering training facilities to clubs concerning Child Safeguarding, First Aid, Scoring and Conflict Management were on-going.

In terms of sponsorship income for 2015, various considerations were being formulated as a way of supporting the league and clubs to develop and improve, one of which being electronic scoring. Sponsors for all Divisions for 2015 were in keeping with the arrangements for 2014.

**DECISION:** Tom was thanked for his updated information. It was felt that the LMC should give guidance and direction to the Finance and Sponsorship Sub-Committee in terms of projects for sponsorship money inclusive of the priorities of the league. It was agreed that further clarity should be sought from the February meeting, to allow the sub-committee to make progress.

#### 3.2 – Finance

Tom Munro presented an updated financial paper report to the meeting, detailing league income and expenditure from the 1<sup>st</sup> October 14 to the 12<sup>th</sup> January 15.

The cost of each ticket for the forthcoming League Dinner / Presentation Night would be £25.

At the time of the meeting, the league financial balance was £8,903.01

**DECISION:** For information at this time with expenditure planned to increase in the near future to cover such things as league insurance premiums and also the league dinner / presentation night.

### **4. INTERNAL LMC APPOINTMENTS**

#### 4.1

The following appointments were agreed for season 2105:

- LMC Vice Chairman – Malcolm Daniels
- Disciplinary Sub – Committee - Graham Venables (Chairman) - Malcolm Hall (Vice Chairman) - Richard Swann - Jim Garton - Trevor Haywood, plus any appointed LMC member when needed. Gareth Jones (Appeals Chairman).
- Referral / Interim Committee – Gary France – Malcolm Daniels – Gareth Jones – Jack Tarr – Tom Munro – John Leaning – Graham Venables.
- Selection Representative XI – Gareth Jones (Team Manager) plus the appointed Captain.
- Recreational Council and Senior Cricket – Malcolm Daniels
- Premier League Meetings – BDCL Representative – Richard Martin
- BDCL Trophy Co-ordinator – Trevor Haywood

### **5. REPORTS OF OTHER MEETINGS**

#### 5.1

Richard Martin attended the PL AGM and reported on a rigorous change to the player registration system for that league. All games in that league to start at 12 noon, with confirmation of the League Management structure for 2015. There would no longer be age restrictions on overseas players.

Further advice and guidance was confirmed via the NCB Ltd and its policy regarding young players under 12 years of age and their participation in open age cricket. ECB guidance on this subject was also read to the meeting.

**DECISION:** There would be no changes to the rules or policies as far as the BDCL was concerned regarding young players and the edict from the NCB Ltd would be strictly followed.

#### 5.2

Gary France and Gareth Jones attended a three League Meeting at Edwinstowe in November 14, with representatives of the NCB Ltd, the SNL and the PL. The Secretary updated the meeting on the content of that meeting and the reports from all parties regarding 2014.

**DECISION:** For information only

## **6. BDCL TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL PRIZEWINNERS – 2014**

### 6.1

Jack Tarr as League Statistician presented the information regarding all trophy winners to the meeting. Additionally the meeting considered all information regarding the potential winners of the Under 21 player awards, Randall and Larwood trophies, along with the Elvidge Trophy (wicket-keeping).

**DECISION:** The winners of all league trophies would be circulated via the website and the Secretary would inform all clubs. The winners of the above three additional trophies would be:

- Randall Trophy – U21 Batting – James Dobson Edwinstowe CC – 1054 runs @ 58.56
- Larwood Trophy – Under 21 Bowling – Harrison Chalkley Ordsall Bridon CC – 39 wickets @ 14.79
- Elvidge Trophy – Wicket Keeping – Ben Marson Thoresby Colliery CC – 20 catches, 23 stumpings : therefore 43 victims.
- A decision regarding the Wilkinson Trophy for services to cricket or a club, would be made at the February meeting
- Trevor Haywood as League Trophies Co-Ordinator would arrange the retrieval of all trophies for engraving purposes and presentation to the new winners at the League Dinner on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 15.

## **7. MALLEN T20 TROPHY – 2015**

### 7.1

The Secretary explained the current position regarding club participation in this competition. The plan was to wait for a few updates from certain clubs and then create two Divisions (North & South) based upon geographical locations of clubs and then produce two league fixtures beginning towards the end of May and concluding in late June, with two semi-finals and a final in early July. The winners of the BDCL Mallen T20 are to play the winners of the SNL T20 later in July. The winner of that game would participate in the PL T20 finals day.

**DECISION:** The Secretary would liaise with the Fixture Secretary to create the arrangements for the competition and inform all relevant people once completed. At the February meeting the LMC would decide which club would host the BDCL Mallen T20 Final.

## **8. LEAGUE DINNER PRESENTATION NIGHT**

### 8.1

The meeting discussed the various elements of planning the event.

Invited Principal Guests would be: Geoff Miller MBE (Speaker), Representatives of all Divisional Sponsors, Tony Wilkinson (Primary Sponsor), appointed member of the BDUA, Craig Buckingham (Chairman of the NCB PL) and Ian Smith ( Secretary of both the NCB Ltd and also the NCB PL)

**DECISION:** Richard Martin and Janet King had agreed to co-ordinate the event and discuss various elements with people and other LMC members as time evolves.

The League Secretary would invite the agreed guests inclusive of Tony Wilkinson and the Treasurer to make similar arrangements with all other League Sponsors.

## **9. NEW LEAGUE HANDBOOK – 2015**

### 9.1

The Secretary reported that the production of the handbook was on time and progressing. His discussions with the Handbook Editor were on track and further updates would follow on the approach to the printing deadlines. To date, only a handful of clubs had not returned their contact information details and this outstanding data would be followed up.

**DECISION:** For information at this time.

**10. AOB**

10.1

Michael Beard spoke of his pride in being nominated by the LMC to be League President in 2016, which he felt reflected very well on the progress made by his club Clumber Park CC in recent years. He hoped to create improved links with junior cricket and to make a contribution to seek to improve participation within these league by perhaps a more 'joined up approach'.

**DECISION:** For information only

10.2

The LMC stated that the cost of the teas in 2015 to the away team for each fixture should be charged at no more than £33. If the home club felt that any extra funding was required, then additional costs should be sought from the home team only. It was felt that by this consistent approach, the cost of the 'away day' to teams across the league would be kept as low as reasonably practicable, taking into account club match day subscriptions and the cost of travelling.

**DECISION:** For information only.

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

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