



The Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

founded 1904

MINUTES of the LMC

Date: Tuesday 10th February 2015

Time: 7pm

Location: Central Avenue, Worksop

People Present:

Bob Little (President), Gareth Jones (Chairman), Gary France, Tom Munro, Michael Beard, John Leaning, Gary Bardhill, Alan Vollans, Ian Batty, Graham Bullock, Malcolm Daniels, Jim Garton, Malcolm Hall, Richard Martin, David Parnham, Glenn Pym, Richard Swann and Graham Venables.

Apologies:

Brian Rivington, Craig Buckingham, Jack Tarr, Trevor Haywood, Roger Heath 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

Plans for the start of 2017 season were on-going, with changes to the structure of the Divisions as previously notified. A window of feedback or opinions was still in operation until the end of June 2015 from anyone connected with the BDCL, which would be collated by the League Secretary for consideration of the LMC.

DECISION: The League Secretary would publish once again all issues regarding the 2017 season changes in a pre-season Newsletter to all concerned.

1.2

Gary Bardill reported on recent BDUA issues affecting umpires. Training courses for new umpires and additional training courses were on-going throughout the winter, although the net result of new umpires to the league would apparently be very low.

Winter monthly meetings were also continuing, together with liaison and visits from cricket umpire representatives from the USA in due course.

DECISION: For information at this time.

1.3

Tom Munro clarified that additional affiliation fees to the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board Ltd, by clubs outside of Nottinghamshire but play in the BDCL, who also subscribe to their own County Boards, was an optional secondary affiliation and was not mandatory.

DECISION: For information only.

1.4

The meeting considered applications for the award of the annual Wilkinson Trophy at the league dinner for services to cricket.

DECISION: The award this year would go to David Wesley and Richard Stansbury of Rockware CC

2. CORRESPONDENCE

2.1

Malcolm Daniels has received contact from the management of the radio station Mansfield FM, that certain games in the Championship of the BDCL would be covered by that radio station in a similar manner to games in the Premier League.

DECISION: For information

2.2

The Jack Baddilly trophy had been reported as missing or lost from Glapwell CC and therefore could not be returned as requested.

DECISION: Trevor Haywood as trophy administrator would arrange with the league trophy engraver at Ollerton for a replacement trophy to be purchased and engraved accordingly. The Treasurer would then invoice Glapwell CC for the cost of the replacement trophy, once resolved.

2.3

The potential creation of an automated computer fixture process, integrating fixtures, umpire appointments and results was an option for the LMC to consider for the seasons ahead and had been offered as a step forward.

DECISION: The benefits of such a process were acknowledged. However it was felt that more details of the mechanics, the benefits and outcomes linked to costs were also needed, prior to any decision being made.

2.4

Confirmation had been received from the South Notts League about the dates and venue of the following finals:

- Mapperley Sports T20 Final would be played at Hucknall CC on Tuesday 14th July 15
- Champion of Champions game would be played on Saturday 19th Sept 15 at Calverton CC

DECISION: For information only

3. FINANCE

3.1

Tom Munro as Treasurer reported upon league expenditure versus income. To date the league balance was healthy at £10,093.87, although significant outlay was anticipated fairly soon in terms of the league dinner, training expenses for clubs and also league insurance premium of £352.10.

DECISION: For information only.

3.2

Tom Munro also outlined some sponsorship difficulties, whereby the league had lost its sponsorship of Divisions 6,7 and 8. More work was urgently required to confirm new sponsors of these Divisions, before the 2015 League Handbook was sent for printing.

Additionally, the Secretary spoke of the spending of sponsorship money for the benefit of all clubs across the league and of the need to focus on league priorities. If the governing bodies of the sport are suggesting that the most important things for the league over the next five years is to increase participation in the game, help to maintain the interest of newcomers and encourage games not to be conceded (called off), then it seemed logical that sponsorship money should be concentrated on these priority goals.

It was also felt important, wherever possible to maintain the payment of costs to clubs for League Handbooks, the favourable costs of new cricket balls (currently supplied by Readers) and the costs of

clubs training needs were identified and verified. Additionally, financial donations to the two local youth leagues in the BDCL area were also regarded to be of great importance to support the future of the game.

DECISION: More work was needed in the months ahead to create a definitive plan as to the key objectives of the league, linked to the above priorities, and ensure that the spending of sponsorship money dovetailed in with those objectives, with the need to forge greater links and joined up thinking with the two respective local junior leagues, whose players invariably filter through to the senior BDCL Divisions. Michael Beard agreed to create a piece of work to help achieve this, hopefully for the April 15 LMC meeting, whereby, a further debate, plans and decisions need to be established.

4. 2015 LEAGUE HANDBOOK & MALLEEN T20

4.1

The Secretary confirmed that the 2015 league handbook was being produced on time with minimal problems. Advertisers for both the handbook and the website needed confirmation.

DECISION: Tom Munro would confirm the list of advertisers.

4.2

The Secretary confirmed the details and fixtures of the Mallen T.20 competition with 12 teams participating in a North and South league structure, with the semi-finals on Tuesday evening the 30th June 15 and the actual final being on Sunday 5th July 15 starting at 2pm, with the ground venue yet to be confirmed.

DECISION: For information at this time.

5. LEAGUE DINNER

5.1

The meeting spent a considerable time discussing the arrangements and individual responsibilities through the LMC members for the league dinner and these arrangements were agreed.

DECISION: For information only

6. OTHER MEETINGS

6.1

Richard Martin attended a PL meeting on the 14th Jan 15 and the following issues were highlighted:

- A delay in the implementation of a county wide registration system
- Championship clubs in the BDCL would have assessments on their 'ground status' completed for suitability to the PL by June 15
- Clubmark status is essential for promotion to the PL
- A student bursary may be available for appropriate individual cases to help with transportation to games
- Sanctions against regular poor pitches in the PL
- Paul Johnson to be the PL President for 2015
- PL meetings to be held at various locations for inclusivity
- Richard Martin to continue as BDCL representative on the PL committee. In his absence a deputy may be sent from the BDCL, but would not have voting rights.
- PL T20 finals day would be 26th July 15
- Arrangements for the appropriate PL trophies to be presented at the BDCL dinner on 21/03/15

DECISION: For information only

6.2

A further meeting at Trent Bridge with the ECB was also attended by Richard Martin. The reason for this meeting was to begin a process of:

- Creation of happy, growing leagues with a minimum of cancelled games, abandonments or concessions, to enhance player participation in the game.
- Emphasis on incentives to play, rather than penalties for not playing and aids to that end.

- Use of Play-Cricket data to establish good practice, problems and how or where improvements could be made. A range of statistics was presented to the meeting.
- Further meetings are planned in February and March before the season begins.

DECISION: For information only

6.3

Malcolm Daniels updated the meeting upon the AGM of the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board.

DECISION: Full details were documented on the NCB Ltd website.

6.4

Gareth Jones reported upon a recent AGM of the Bassetlaw and District Junior Cricket League, with less teams and players than in previous seasons.

DECISION: Previous comments from the LMC meeting supported the concerns about player participation, especially at junior level and the need for the BDCL to play its part in seeking to improve in this regard by formulating plans as previously outlined.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7.1

Tom Munro as fixture Secretary, explained some late difficulties with some fixtures involving Anston CC Woodsetts CC, and CuckneyCC which were being addressed with the relevant people at those clubs and other interested parties

DECISION: Tom was asked to update the LMC at their March meeting on all fixture problems, with a brief outline of the solutions found, so that all the fixtures for the season ahead were clear for everyone.

There was other business and the meeting closed at 8.40pm

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