



The Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

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MINUTES of the LMC

Date: Tuesday 10th March 15
Time: 7pm
Location: Central Avenue, Worksop

People Present:

Bob Little (President) Malcolm Daniels (Chair), Brian Rivington, Gary France, Tom Munro, John Leaning, Craig Buckingham, Gary Bardhill, Alan Vollans, Graham Bullock, Malcolm Hall, Jim Garton, Trevor Haywood, Richard Martin, David Parnham, Glenn Pym, Graham Venables, Alison Watts.

Apologies:

Gareth Jones, Michael Beard, Jack Tarr, Ian Batty, Roger Heath and Richard Swann.

- Bob Little was thanked by the entire meeting for his work as President of the league during the last 12 months.

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

Trevor Haywood confirmed that the Jack Baddilly Trophy currently missing from Glapwell CC had been replaced in readiness for the 21st March 15 presentation night, via the league engraver at Ollerton.

DECISION: For information. The cost of the replacement trophy would be invoiced to Glapwell CC.

1.2

The potential development of an automated fixture, umpire appointments, results and statistical process currently under proposal for the future was discussed and an explanatory document circulated to all members.

DECISION: The matter would be a substantive item on the April 15 agenda to allow further consideration over the next four weeks.

1.3

The Secretary had produced a SWOT analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) of the BDCL as a means of documenting the current position of the league and its future plans linked to player participation, youth players and games being conceded. A further document had been agreed to be produced to add to the debate by Michael Beard, with an emphasis on improved links with all junior leagues within the BDCL area.

DECISION: Further consideration would be given to the content of all documents in the months ahead once published.

1.4

The Secretary confirmed that the 2015 League Handbook was now at the printers, with an electronic copy also being available.

DECISION: For information only.

1.5

The Secretary confirmed that the 2015 Mullen T20 final would be held on Sunday 5th July 15, starting at 2pm at Papplewick and Linby CC.

DECISION: For information only.

1.6

Tom Munro outlined some fixture related problems with various team and ground availability.

DECISION: Tom was asked for a resolution by the April meeting so that all clubs, teams and umpires were aware of where their fixtures were to be played and on what date. Additionally, based on the amount of changes and problems occurring during the winter months, it was agreed that it would be sensible in future, for the fixtures to be formulated in January each year, to allow winter problems to settle, rather than have disruptive changes enforced, from the planned fixtures and population of Divisions produced in October, the previous autumn.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Confirmation had been received that WI Cavaliers would not be able to provide a team in Div 8 of the BDCL in 2015.

DECISION: For information only.

3. FINANCES AND SPONSORSHIP

3.1

Tom Munro produced a financial report to the meeting, showing an update league balance of £9986.30

DECISION: For information only

3.2

In terms of sponsorship plans, all Divisions now had a sponsor, with Readers sponsoring Div 6 and 7 and Div 8 by 'Direct CNC'.

Last Orders sponsorship has now been continued by 'LWC Drinks'

DECISION: For information only

4. UMPIRES / ASSESSMENTS / APPOINTMENTS

4.1

Gary Bardill and John Leaning addressed the meeting about recent umpire meetings throughout the winter months, umpire allocations linked to fixtures and some further development work with umpire assessments and how those developments would be communicated to the relevant clubs.

DECISION: John Leaning would liaise with Jack Tarr regarding the electronic process, the format of the assessment and some potential changes to the scoring marks on the form.

Once resolved, the League Secretary would be asked to include this information within a pre-season Newsletter, due for publication in early April 15.

5. OTHER MEETINGS:

5.1

David Parnham and Alan Vollans had represented the BDCL at a recent meeting at Trent Bridge with the ECB, which talked about trying to increase the number of people participating in cricket and reducing the number of cancelled or conceded matches.

DECISION: The LMC would review its current registration rules to look at different ways as to how very young teenage cricketers or senior cricketers over a certain age could play for various clubs should there ever be a so called ‘surplus of players’ to assist in the ethos of player participation and keeping fixtures alive, which also linked to player transfers or movement between clubs.

5.1

Richard Martin summarised the key points of a recent Premier League meeting:

- Ground criteria to be communicated to all Championship clubs for entry to the PL
- Confirmation that ‘Clubmark status’ was not required for the BDCL Championship cricket
- Prompt payment of tea money for the catering team on the day
- The League Welfare Officer of the BDCL to represent BDCL clubs in the PL should a relevant incident occur

DECISION: For information only

6. LEAGUE DINNER

6.1

The meeting reviewed all plans for the league dinner taking place on Saturday 21st March 15 at South Forest Edwinstowe and were satisfied that all relevant plans were in place.

DECISION: For information only

7. LEAGUE PROCESSES

7.1

The Secretary raised the issue of recent changes to Player Registrations, Results, Scorecards and League Tables. The meeting discussed the processes involved and were content that plans were in place.

DECISION: The League Secretary would communicate all the various changes and responsibilities placed upon individual clubs to register their players properly and also at the last minute in some cases. The changes and process involving results, scorecards, with the additional benefits of a dedicated HELP-DESK mobile number for use ONLY ON SATURDAY MORNINGS to assist clubs in overcoming any last minute issues before a game was due to be played, would also be documented in a Pre-season Newsletter.

There was no other business and the meeting close at 8.35pm

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