



The Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

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MINUTES of the LMC

Date: 12th may 15

Time: 7pm

Location: Central Avenue, Worksop

People Present:

Gareth Jones (Chair), Gary France (Secretary), Michael Beard. John Leaning, Mike Aplin (rep. NCB PL), Gary Bardhill (BDUA), Jack Tarr, Alan Vollans, Ian Batty, Malcolm Daniels, Jim Garton, Richard Martin, David Parnham, Richard Swann and Alison Watts.

Apologies:

Brian Rivington (President), Tom Munro (Treasurer), Graham Bullock, Bob Little, Malcolm Hall, Trevor Haywood, Roger Heath, Glenn Pym, Graham Venables.

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

Consideration in the future for a more flexible approach towards very young players or very senior players, being able to migrate across clubs without being tied to one club via a strict registration policy, was a consideration to assist keeping games on and the creation of a wider opportunity to play in some cases and was something for a review at the end of the current season.

DECISION: The League Secretary would research the rules and processes of other leagues and present options for consideration at the September 15 LMC meeting, should any proposal wish to be considered at the November AGM.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

2.1

The LMC would support and monitor the situation at Mansfield CC in relation to their 3rd and 4th eleven teams in Div 5 and 8 respectively, should significant difficulties develop with player availability. The club Secretary had already been given guidance about future participation in these Divisions by the League Secretary and the club was working towards finding solutions.

DECISION: For information at this stage.

2.2

A difficult legal situation had arisen at Mansfield Hosiery Mills CC and their 3rd / 4th XL ground at Kingsway Park where the provision of teas was currently impossible due to ongoing external issues to the club. Previous support and guidance had been provided to the club from the League Secretary for future games at this location.

DECISION: The LMC accepted that teas could not be provided on this ground until further notice, having been fully briefed about the circumstances. MHM's should inform all visiting teams of the situation, and visiting players should be asked to provide their own teas until this matter is resolved. A similar arrangement should be adopted by any umpires allocated to this ground upon reminder from their Appointments Secretary.

2.3

In the game South Normanton v Blidworth II, (Saturday 9th May 15) the umpires appointed to the game turned up at the ground and found that the game had been cancelled by South Normanton, but had not informed the umpires. A report from the umpires had been submitted to the League Secretary.

DECISION: In accordance with club rules and LMC policy, both umpires should receive their expenses for the day via league funds and the League Treasurer should invoice South Normanton for the cost of both umpire expenses (£80).

3. FINANCE & SPONSORSHIP

3.1

The League Treasurer was absent, but had confirmed that League finances were in order at almost £8000 and that further income was yet to be received regarding the annual dinner.

DECISION: It was also suggested that in the near future the finance and sponsorship group should reconvene and begin the planning of appropriate 'downloading' of sponsorship finds to clubs in the near future.

4. DISCIPLINARY ISSUES / UNFULFILLED FIXTURES

4.1

To date there had been no disciplinary issues reported.

4.2

The following fixtures had been unfulfilled. The teams being unable to raise a team are highlighted and underlined in bold:

- **Sat 2nd May 15 – Div 5 – Wiseton v **Mansfield III***
- Sat 25th April 15 – Div 5 – **Mansfield III** v Anston III
- Sat 2nd May 15 – Div 7 – Clumber Park IV v **Clipstone II**

DECISION: The teams who could not raise a team would be fined £10 and have 10 points reduced from their Divisional total and their opponents would be allocated 20 points. In the game at Wiseton (identified by * in italics) on the 2nd May 15, one umpire had been allocated to the game and had arrived, along with the Wiseton team. The telephone call from Mansfield CC to inform people of their inability to raise a team was reported to have been received at 1.08pm with the game due to start at 2pm.

Additionally, Wiseton CC should be provided with the cost of the teas as prepared for the game from League funds £33 and Mansfield CC invoiced for the £33 back into League funds on behalf of Wiseton CC. Also, the sole umpire in attendance should be paid £15 from League funds and the subsequent £15 added to the invoice to Mansfield CC to cover the umpire's attendance expenses.

5. LATE OR NON – SUBMISSION / RESULTS & SCORCARDS

5.1

The League Secretary summarised the situation so far this season regarding the results of matches each week and the subsequent submission of scorecards (the old Green result sheets).

- Without ALL results being submitted by 10am (as per league rules) on the Sunday following the game, league tables cannot be produced
- Without accurate completion and submission of ALL scorecards within 48 hours of the game, averages, statistics and player registration issues cannot be properly completed.

So far this season, the vast majority of clubs and their teams are doing the right thing and the above issues are going fine. However, there are some clubs whereby problems are being created.

DECISIONS:

Penalties for failing to submit the result by 10 am are at the discretion of the LMC. As from Saturday 16th May 15, for consistency and to allow the process to work properly:

- ✚ Any team / club who fail to submit the result of the game in accordance with league rules on to Play-Cricket by 10am the following Sunday will have 1 point reduced from their Divisional total.

Additionally, once again the penalty for failing to properly complete a scorecard is at the discretion of the LMC and they have decided that from Saturday 16th May 15, the League Statistician will remind all clubs of whatever the error is on the scorecard and ask that it be corrected and finalised by a certain date. If the scorecard was completed wrongly and there has been no response to the reminder, the following sanctions will be implemented:

- ✚ Where the mistakes or omissions are deemed of a minor nature – 1 point deduction for the team who has responsibility for the submission of the scorecard.
- ✚ Where the mistakes or omissions are deemed of a serious nature – 3 point deduction for the team who has responsibility for the submission of the scorecard.
- ✚ Where the scorecard has not been submitted at all – a 5 point deduction for the team who has responsibility for the submission of the scorecard.

The League Secretary was asked to communicate all of these issues and decisions to all clubs as soon as possible via e mail and the league website.

6. BDCL – FUTURE CHANGES

6.1

The League Secretary summarised the up to date situation regarding a variety of questionnaires and surveys which had been sent to players, umpires and clubs from a variety of sources in recent times. Currently, some basic options regarding the playing conditions within various Divisions of the league and the population of the Divisions (10/11/12 teams) was under review, with opinions and feedback being returned for analysis before the 30th June 15.

Additionally Michael Beard had researched other similar issues and presented a report, merged with a SWOT analysis of the league (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Weaknesses) for LMC member's consideration. Michael also summarised his report along with some individual concerns and options, especially about youth cricket and the Bassetlaw Junior League.

DECISION:

- ✚ The LMC would await all returns to the club surveys (as above) sent to umpires, players and clubs which had a deadline of the 30th June 15.
- ✚ In tandem with the above, Michael Beard was provided with the authority to formulate a small group of people involved with the BDCL to also consider and recommend any changes for the future and report back to the LMC with those recommendations, plus supporting evidence before the end of the season.
- ✚ From the above two pieces of work, the LMC would consider the evidence available, make some considered judgements and present any relevant findings to the AGM for approval through its normal democratic processes.

7. UMPIRE ISSUES / ASSESSMENTS

7.1

The arrangements for umpire assessments were in place throughout the season, in various formats in keeping with BDUAs plans and policies. Unfortunately due to a technical difficulty with the League

Website, the facility for Captains in the Championship and Division 1 was unavailable for use for another few weeks. The restoration work of this process via the league website was ongoing.

DECISION: For information at this stage. The League Secretary would inform all relevant clubs when Captains Assessment of Umpires was fully available once again.

8. REPORTS OF OTHER MEETINGS

8.1

Malcolm Daniels had travelled to Trent Bridge on the 5th May 15, to represent the BDCL LMC at an OSCA award evening, where an award was presented to the league for its work in reviewing its rules and playing conditions to support greater participation in the game. Our league was also asked to complete a report to the ECB linked to the award.

DECISION: For information only.

8.2

A recent meeting of the Recreational Council at Trent Bridge had discussed:

- Standardisation of ground rental costs for representative youth or junior games.
- Recent Groundsman Courses in April 15 which had been poorly attended.
- End of season presentation of NCB PL trophies and the location of an event.
- Eligibility of clubs to enter the NCB PL and the criteria required both internally and externally on their ground conditions was in the process of being examined and communicated to all involved parties, including clubs in the BDCL Championship.

DECISION: For information at this time

9. AOB

9.1

All clubs and players are encouraged to ring the League Helpdesk telephone number on Saturday mornings if they have a query about anything concerning their game taking place on that particular Saturday. The mobile number of the League Help Desk is below and can be found on the rear cover of the League Handbook towards the bottom of the book adjacent to a green telephone symbol:

 **07444 322 905**

This number is available every Saturday morning from 9am until the start of matches for any query. Please do not ring the League Secretary on Saturday mornings. The Help-Desk number has been created for this specific reason and for ease of contact through a dedicated mobile number.

DECISION: For information only.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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