



The Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

founded 1904

MINUTES of the LMC

Date: Tuesday 14th July 15
Time: 7pm
Location: Central Avenue, Worksop

People Present:

Brian Rivington (Chairman), Gareth Jones (Chairman), Gary France, Tom Munro, John Leaning, Jack Tarr, Ian Batty, Malcolm Daniels, Jim Garton, Malcolm Hall, Trevor Haywood, Bob Little, David Parnham, Glenn Pym, and Graham Venables

Apologies:

Michael Beard, Mike Aplin, Gary Bardhill, Allan Vollans, Roger Heath, Richard Martin, Richard Swann 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

Clarification was confirmed that in the match South Normanton v Blidworth II on Sat 9th May 15, the game had been called off due to poor wet weather conditions.

DECISION AMENDED: The meeting was satisfied regarding the weather conditions relating to this cancelation and therefore the correct outcome was 6 points to each team.

1.2

The fixture, Killamarsh III v Clumber Park IV was now to be played at Worksop College on the 22nd August 15.

DECISION: For information only.

1.3

The decision to remove 1 point from Thoresby Colliery in the Championship from the last meeting was re-considered, due to additional information being clarified by the League Statistician. This additional information was presented and discussed.

DECISION AMENDED: The meeting was satisfied that the result had been sent by the club and received on time by the league statistician. Therefore Thoresby Colliery in the Championship would be re-instated the 1 point they had been reduced by from the June meeting..

2. CORRESPONDENCE

2.1

The Secretary informed the meeting of the recent death of Jim Brailsford, former League President in 1987 who represented Chesterfield and Hasland CC.

DECISION: The LMC noted this sad news and expressed their sympathy to Jim's family. The funeral was represented by the LMC.

2.2

The Secretary informed the meeting that Graham Bullock wished to step down as a LMC member with immediate effect.

DECISION: Graham's decision was accepted and he was thanked for his contributions towards the running of the league.

2.3

Concerns had been raised this season from notifications to the League Secretary about bowlers who allegedly throw the ball in their delivery action, rather than the required bowling action. The up to date policy and guidelines concerning such allegation had only recently been received, which significantly changes the input from umpires, the league and indeed clubs.

DECISION: In the time ahead, the Umpire Association would discuss the policy and liaise with the LMC to create a unified response and policy for the BDCL, should instances of this nature occur in the future.

2.4

The LMC were in receipt of a comprehensive application from Langwith CC to re-join the BDCL in season 2017. The meeting considered and debated this application.

DECISION: The LMC agreed that Langwith CC had the infrastructure in place to become a member of the BDCL in season 2016 and would at this stage be allocated a place in Division 7, with confirmation of this offer being required by October 15 from the club.

2.5

A sad incident had occurred recently at East Bridgford CC where their pavilion and other facilities had all been lost due to fire. The NCB Ltd were seeking assistance from the 'cricket family' across the county for this club in whilst in difficulty, with many other donations already having being pledged to assist the club to carry on until more permanent plans could be completed.

DECISION: The BDCL would contribute £50 to the re-generation fund.

3. FINANCE & SPONSORSHIP

3.1

The League Treasurer updated the meeting regarding the financial climate of the league and provided a written summary of recent income and expenditure, which included a prompt payment of sponsorship monies from Kookaburra Reader and their sponsorship deal to the league for using their cricket balls. A meeting was in the process of being planned for the Sponsorship Sub- Committee to meet to discuss and recommend positive ways in which the league sponsorship funds can be used for the benefit of our clubs, with specific emphasis on youth players and their participation. Work at clubs to create a youth team and accessibility to coaching via the NCB Ltd, the focus being on at least one club member having a cricket coaching qualification. Further work along these suggestions was planned, as well as trying to maintain the ethos of free handbooks and keeping the cost of cricket balls as low as possible, proportionately for all clubs.

The current financial balance of the BDCL was: £11,770.90

DECISION: The Treasurer was thanked for his comprehensive summary of league accounts.

4. DISCIPLINARY ISSUES and UNFULFILLED FIXTURES

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

4.1

A disciplinary meeting had been opened and adjourned in the relation to a player from Clipstone Welfare CC and an incident in a game on the 25th May 15 in the Championship, due to referral to an external agency investigation..

DECISION: For information at this stage. The LMC would be updated as developments occur.

4.2

On the same date, and same game, the Captain of Clipstone CC in their Championship team, Ian Woodall appeared before the Disciplinary Sub-Committee on the 15th June 15, the allegation being that he had shown verbal dissent – questioning of the umpires decisions and also used foul and abusive language towards an umpire, with issues surrounding the control of his players.

These allegations were proven and the player received the following sanctions or penalties:

DECISIONS:

- A ban of 4 weeks from 20/6/15 to 17/7/15 inclusive
- A ban of 4 weeks suspended until the end of the 2016 season
- 8 points should be reduced from the Championship total of Clipstone Welfare CC

The meeting took into account the action taken by Clipstone Welfare CC and the fact that the player had played cricket on an unauthorised date following the action taken by his own club.

4.3

A further disciplinary sub-committee meeting had been opened and adjourned regarding a player from Kiveton Park Colliery CC in a game on the 4th July 15 in Division 3, due to a referral to an external agency investigation.

DECISION: For information at this stage. The LMC would be updated as developments occur.

4.4

A further disciplinary meeting was planned for Tuesday 28th July 15 in relation to a player from Marshall's CC during a game on the 11th July 15 in Division 3.

DECISION: An update would be provided at the August LMC meeting.

UNFULFILLED FIXTURES

4.5

On the 20th July 15, Marshalls CC was due to play Clumber Park II CC in Div 3. Marshalls cancelled the game due to wet weather conditions affecting their ground by telephoning Clumber Park CC.

The LMC were presented with a great deal of information from a variety of sources including Clumber Park, all of which provided evidence that that cancelation rules and regulations of the league had not been complied with by Marshalls CC on this occasion.

DECISION: The LMC listened to all the facts as presented to them and debated them in full. Their decision was that Marshalls CC had not followed the cancelation rules of the league concerning this game and therefore had not fulfilled the fixture.

In keeping with league rules, Marshalls would be fined £10, have 10 points reduced from their Div 3 total and Clumber Park II would be allocated the full 20 points from this fixture.

4.6

On the 27th June 15, MHM IV was due to play Clumber Park IV in Div 7 at Kingsway Park.

The League Secretary had received information by telephone from MHM CC via the District Council for the area that the game could not go ahead due to another event at the same location and a risk to the health and safety of other people. This information was received by the league on Friday 26th June, the day prior to the game and Clumber Park CC were informed of this development that the game could not be played due to an instruction from the ground executive, the District Council for the area.

DECISION: The LMC decided that each team should be awarded 6 points each, based on the information supplied to them, inclusive of an e mail from Ashfield District Council explaining the circumstances of the cancelation and also acknowledging the short notice of cancelation.

4.7

In the Mallen T20 on Tuesday 23rd June 15 the following fixtures were not fulfilled:

- Glapwell v Clipstone (Glapwell could not raise a team)
- Firbeck v Whitwell (Whitwell could not raise a team)

DECISION: Glapwell and Whitwell should both be fined £10 each.

4.8

On the 4th July 15, North Wheatley with Leverton II was due to play East Drayton in Div 4. The home team cancelled the game by ringing East Drayton to inform them that the ground was unfit for play due to wet weather conditions. East Drayton agreed to the cancelation, but later reported to the league their frustration that they felt the ground was fit, but accepted that they had agreed to the game being cancelled at the time of the telephone call.

DECISION: 6 points each. The cancelation rules of the league had been followed by all concerned, although the views of East Drayton CC were discussed and taken into account.

4.9

On the 4th July 15 in Div 6, Papplewick and Linby III were due to play Rockware CC.

Rockware CC cancelled the game due their inability to raise a team.

DECISION: Rockware CC would be fined £10, have 10 points reduced from their Div 6 total and P & L III would be allocated 20 points from this fixture.

4.10

On the 11th July 15, Waleswood II was due to play Sherwood II in Div 7.

The game was cancelled by Sherwood CC due their inability to raise a team.

DECISION: Waleswood II would be allocated 20 points from this fixture. Sherwood CC would be fined £10 and Sherwood II would be reduced by 10 points in Div 7

5. POSTING OF RESULTS & SCORCARDS

5.1

The following results had been posted late (after 10 am Sunday) by the following teams/clubs

- 20th June – Caythorpe II
- 27th June – Notts & Arnold Amateur (CH) and Ollerton
- 4th July – Blidworth II, MHM II and MHM IV
- 11th July – MHM (CH), Marshalls and WI Cavaliers

DECISION: The above teams would receive a 1 point deduction in keeping with league rules and the stated LMC policy.

Additionally, on the 4th July, Woodsetts III failed to both supply the result of the game and also failed to submit the scorecard.

DECISION: Woodsetts III would be reduced by 3 points for failure to submit the scorecard for the game and would be reduced by a further 1 point for failing to send the result of the game by 10am Sunday, in keeping with league rules and the stated LMC policy.

6. UMPIRES & UMPIRE ASSESSMENTS

6.1

A report was received from the BDUA about recent incidents involving player behaviour and umpire responses to it. The BDUA were to discuss recent occurrences at a forthcoming meeting.

Additionally the following teams had failed to submit umpire assessments as required under league rules:

- Caythorpe II, WI Cavaliers and Firbeck x 2 games

DECISION: 1 point would be reduced from each team in accordance with league rules for each game where the assessment had not submitted.

7. VICE PRESIDENT 2016 / PRESIDENT 2017

7.1 The LMC considered options and a proposal.

DECISION: Stephanie Roberts of Papplewick & Linby CC was elected to be League Vice President 2016 and subsequently League President 2017.

8. BDCL SURVEYS – ECB QUESTIONAIRES and MICHAEL BEARD REVIEW

8.1

The ECB surveys were nearing completion. The full feedback to the League Secretary from clubs, players and umpires in the BDCL by those who wished to give of their views had been received and the Michael Beard review would extend to the end of August.

DECISION: The LMC would prepare any potential changes to league rules or playing condition in any Division in keeping with the work completed and conclusions reached. The criteria would be to support increased participation in the game and all levels, options for making the game more appealing regarding time and money with an emphasis on what is best for young players coming into the game for the future. Any such proposals would be considered and debated commencing from the September LMC meeting. Ultimately, all clubs would have the opportunity for further debate and voting on any changes at the League AGM in November.

9. MALLEEN T20 TROPHY

9.1

Notts & Arnold Amateur CC had won the BDCL T20 trophy and was due to play in the Mapperley Sports T20 Final at Hucknall on the date of this meeting as part of the process into the PL T20 finals.

Previously, NAA had been deducted 1 point from the competition for failing to submit results for its fixture with Glapwell CC in the Southern League matches. The LMC discussed the importance of geographical zone arrangements for all fixtures throughout the competition to reduce time, cost and travelling problems.

DECISION: For information at this time. The LMC would continue to review the competition and seek ways of greater participation in a T20 BDCL format for the years ahead.

- There were no reports of other meetings
- The BDCL under 25 fixture against the Derbyshire County League under 25's was due to be played at Denby CC in Derbyshire on Sunday 26th July 15 starting at 1pm.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.05pm

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