



The Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

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MINUTES of the LMC

Date: 11th August 15
Time: 7pm
Location: Central Avenue, Worksop

People Present: Brian Rivington (President), Malcolm Daniels (Chairman), Gary France, Michael Beard, John Leaning, Gary Bardhill, Alan Vollans, Ian Batty, Jim Garton, Trevor Haywood, Richard Martin, David Parnham, Richard Swann and Bob Little.

Apologies: Gareth Jones, Tom Munro, Mike Aplin, Jack Tarr, Malcolm Hall, Roger Heath, Glenn Pym, Graham Venables, 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
Part of the close season discussions and decision making with the BDUA would be the interpretation of the current ECB policy on bowlers allegedly throwing, rather than bowling.

DECISION: The Secretary would place this as an Agenda item to prepare a proportionate response to such allegations, from season 2016.

1.2
A sponsorship meeting of the BDCL Finance and Sponsorship was still being planned to discuss the future direction of sponsorship, who would be involved and the various options for downloading certain benefits to BDCL clubs for season 2016.
DECISION: Once arranged, the details and proposals of the meeting would be disclosed to the LMC for their consideration and approval.

1.3
The league fixture of the BDCL Under 25 team v Derbyshire County League Under 25's did not take place on the 26th July 15 due to heavy rain.
Additionally the winner of the Mapperley Sports T20 Final with NAA representing the BDCL in that final was won by Wollaton CC.
DECISION: For information only

2. CORRESPONDENCE

2.1
A letter from the Wilkinson Company explained the changes to the processes when applying for sponsorship support as far as the BDC is concerned.
DECISION: The League Secretary had already replied with a supporting letter of application.

2.2

Recent reports from umpires had outlined certain pitches at certain clubs which had possibly not been to a basic standard expected of league cricket.

DECISION: Plans were in place to monitor the playing suitability of similar pitches on the same squares from now until the end of the season. If the pitch in question was a 'one off rogue pitch' then the LMC accepted that such things can occur, but would discuss the issues in more depth with the relevant clubs if there appeared to be a pattern of poor quality pitches reported, raising the risk of injury. The approach would be to agree what could be realistically done to improve the situation should there be more than one instance of a dangerous pitch reported at the same ground.

2.3

A letter of appreciation had been received from Anston CC regarding the prompt action of a Thoresby Colliery player, Martin Cheshire in rendering first aid to a young player of Anston CC during a recent game in the Championship Division.

DECISION: For information at this time.

3. FINANCE & SPONSORSHIP

There was no report on this Item due to the Treasurer not being available for this meeting.

4. DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

4.1

The League Secretary updated the meeting on the current completed and uncompleted disciplinary hearings.

- A hearing on the 28th July related to a report from umpires regarding conduct of James Favill of Marshalls CC in a BDCL game on the 11th July. It was found that this player had used foul and abusive language towards an umpire. The following penalties were imposed: **DECISION:**

- The player should send a letter of apology via the League Secretary
- The player would be banned from playing in ALL cricket matches from 1st Aug 15 to Fri 14th Aug 15 inclusive
- A suspended 2 week ban would also be imposed against the player until the end of the 2016 season.
- Marshall CC would be deducted 6 points from their Divisional total.

The following hearings were yet to be concluded:

- A hearing planned for 17th Aug 15 involved a player from Milton CC in a game in the BDCL on the 1st August 15
- A hearing planned for the 19th August 15 involved a player from Clipstone CC in a game in the BDCL on the 25th May 15
- A hearing involving a player from Kiveton CC regarding a game in the BDCL on the 3rd July 15 had been open and adjourned to allow other enquiries to be completed by external agencies
- A hearing had been planned for the 7th Sept 15 regarding various players from Thoresby Colliery in a Div 8 game which also involved other players from Mansfield CC

5. UNFULFILLED FIXTURES

5.1

The following fixtures had not been fulfilled due to the team in bold being unable to raise a team:

- Sat 1 Aug – Div 8 Mansfield IV v **Thurcroft**
- Sat 8 Aug – Div 1 Harthill v **WI Cavaliers**
- Sat 8 Aug – Div 7 **Glapwell III** v Clipstone II
- Sat 8 Aug – Div 7 Killamarsh III v **Sherwood II**
- Sat 8th Aug – Div 8 Wiseton II v **Anston IV**

DECISION: The team in bold and underlined would be fined £10, have 10 points reduced from their Divisional totals, with the opposition being awarded 20 points in keeping with the rules of the league.

6. LATE SUBMISSION OF SCORECARDS OR RESULT SHEETS

6.1

The following results from BDCL matches since the meeting in July were recorded as being submitted late by the home clubs (after 10am on the Sunday following the game):

18th July

Clumber Park II
Mansfield (Div 1)
Papplewick & Linby III

25th July

Thurcroft
Waleswood II

1st Aug

Clumber Park II
N&AA III
Woodsetts III

8 Aug

Clipstone (CH)
Woodsetts III

DECISION:

All of the above teams would have 1 point deducted from their Divisional totals

7. UMPIRES MATTERS & ASSESSMENTS

7.1

It was reported that Anston CC and Mansfield Hosiery Mills CC had failed to submit an umpire's assessment in their BDCL game on the 8th August 15.

DECISION: Anston and MHM in the Championship would be deducted 1 point each for non-submission of an umpire's assessment.

7.2

Reports were provided of declining player behaviour and the retirement of certain umpires as a result. Further concerns were expressed about the volume of games without any umpires, the subsequent allegation of poor player behaviour in those games and some of the issues where only one umpire is allocated

DECISION: An end of season meeting with representatives of the LMC and the BDUA would be planned to discuss these issues in more depth and agree appropriate action for season 2016.

8. REPORTS OF OTHER MEETINGS

8.1

From various meetings of the NCB Ltd the following issues were outlined:

- The appointment of a dedicated fundraising role
- A poor response to the most recent ECB National Survey
- The costs and implications of achieving qualified club coaches at various levels to inform clubs in terms of how this can be achieved.
- Changes of personnel in some roles
- Maintaining the policy of U12's not allowed to play in senior cricket
- Safeguarding courses during the winter at various locations throughout the County

DECISION: For information at this time.

9. AOB

9.1

It was reported that the Secretary of the League Cricket Conference Neil Edwards had recently passed away.

9.2

The need to replace a league trophy was discussed (WILMOTT) and authorised.

DECISION: Trevor Haywood would make the arrangements with SB trophies.

9.3

Michael Beard reported that the second meeting to review a variety of aspects of cricket across North Nottinghamshire was in the process of being arranged and his full report would be submitted for the LMC to consider. It was envisaged that the content would be better suited towards the 2016 AGM, rather than the impending one this coming November.

DECISION: For information only.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

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