



The Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

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MINUTES of the LMC

Date: Tuesday 8th Sept 15

Time: 7pm

Location: Central Avenue Worksop

People Present: Brian Rivington (President), Gareth Jones (Chairman), Gary France (Secretary), Tom Munro (Treasurer)
Mike Beard, John Leaning, Gary Bardill, Jack Tarr, Allan Vollans, Ian Batty, Malcolm Daniels, Jim Garton, Malcolm Hall, Trevor Haywood, Richard Martin, David Parnham, Glenn Pym, Richard Swann, Bob Little and Alison Watts.

Apologies:

Mike Aplin, Roger Heath and 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

The Secretary reminded everyone about the need to maintain cricket ball sponsorship throughout the league as an important element of our sponsorship structure and plans, now that the end of the season was approaching. The meeting discussed various options and suggestions.

DECISION: Tom Munro on behalf of the league sponsorship group would collate further information and report back to the LMC at their October meeting.

1.2

Trevor Haywood informed the meeting of a replacement for the Wilmott trophy, (a league trophy which had become damaged through age) and also the purchasing of two umpire trophies for presenting to the two umpires in the Mallen T20 final this year.

DECISION: For information at this stage.

1.3

Mike Beard informed the meeting that his review of various aspects of cricket across North Nottinghamshire was on-going and would be extended into the winter months. It was believed that certain aspects of the review would already be incorporated into the 2015 league AGM document.

DECISION: For information at this stage.

- ❖ At this stage the meeting reviewed and discussed many pieces of information, facts and an e mail from Mansfield Hosiery Mills, regarding the deduction of a total of 4 points from their total in the Championship Division. These deducted points related to a combination of a late result and also non-submission of Umpires Assessments. The meeting took a long time to debate the issues, before making its decision:

DECISION: The 4 points deduction from the Championship Division would remain in place for Mansfield Hosiery Mills CC. The League Secretary was asked to convey this decision to the club as soon as possible.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

2.1

A letter from Jim Garton, informed the meeting that he would not be seeking re-election to the LMC after the current season, after almost 30 years of service to the league. The meeting accepted Jim's decision with regret, but accepted his reasoning with great recognition and thanks for his long term commitment to the league.

DECISION: For information at this time

2.2

An e mail from Glapwell CC confirmed the withdrawal of their 3rd XI from Division 7 and the BDCL.

DECISION: The League Secretary had already discussed this with the club Secretary. The LMC agreed that the club will be fined the sum of £55 for the withdrawal of this team which was a sum in keeping with other teams in recent months or years concerning a withdrawal from the league. All records for this team and its matches with other clubs from previous games and league table inclusion in season 2015 would be 'expunged'.

2.3

The meeting discussed a fine of £10 previously imposed on Whitwell CC for a failure to fulfil a fixture in the Mallen T20 fixture v Firbeck CC many months ago, after the League Website had posed that Firbeck had withdrawn from the competition.

DECISION: The requirement to pay the fine should be removed, due to the circumstances of the fixture being communicated as not going ahead by the league.

2.4

The meeting was in receipt of a report from the two umpires in the game MHM II v Farnsfield II in Div II in which they reported that Farnsfield II had taken too long to bowl their overs (beyond 2.75 hours) and that 1 point was recommended to be taken from their divisional total.

DECISION: Farnsfield II would be reduced by 1 point from their Div 2 total

2.5

Roger Heath informed the meeting that he did not wish to seek re-election to the LMC for season 2016.

DECISION: Roger was thanked for his contribution to the LMC

3. FINANCE & SPONSORSHIP

3.1

The Treasurer circulated a summary of recent income versus expenditure 15/7/15 to 8/9/15.

At the date of the meeting, the league accounts were at a balance of: £9614.97

Plans were also to be made in the weeks ahead for a meeting of the Sponsorship Group to begin the plan for season 2016.

DECISION: For information at this point.

4. UNFULFILLED FIXTURES

4.1

The following fixtures had not been fulfilled since the last meeting, with the team in bold not being able to raise a team:

Sat 15th Aug 15

Woodsetts II v **Glapwell III** (Glapwell had already been fined for withdrawing this team from the league)

MHM IV v Killamarsh III

Sat 29th Aug 15

MHM IV v **Sherwood II**

Sat 5th Sept 15

Waleswood v **Blidworth II**

Ollerton v Farnsfield III

Sherwood II v Clumber Park IV

DECISION: The teams in bold (other than Glapwell III) would be fined £10 and have 10 points reduced from their Divisional total. Their opponents would receive 20 points from the fixture.

5. DISCIPLINARY ISSUES

The following disciplinary issues had been concluded:

- On the 17th Aug 15, (date of hearing) a player from Milton CC, Phil Davies was alleged to have been involved with words, conduct or behaviour in the tea room at Milton which breached the disciplinary codes of the league. This allegation was proven.
DECISION: The player received a 4 week ban from playing between 24th August 15 until the 20th Sept 15. Additionally he received a suspended 4 week ban from playing until the end of the 2016 season and 12 points were deducted from Milton II.
- On the 19th August 15, (date of hearing) a player from Clipstone CC, Lee Wilson was alleged to have been involved with words, conduct or behaviour near the boundary with a spectator at Notts & AA CC which breached the disciplinary codes of the league. This allegation was proven.
DECISION: The player received an 8 match ban from playing from Sat 29th Aug 15 to Friday 18th Sept 15, plus the first three weeks of the 2016 season. Additionally, he received a further 8 week ban from playing, suspended until the end of the 2017 season.
- On the 7th Sept 15, (date of hearing) players from Thoresby Colliery III CC were alleged to have been involved with words, conduct or behaviour in a game versus Mansfield IV CC, which breached the disciplinary codes of the league. This allegation was reported by players from Mansfield IV CC.
DECISION: This allegation was found NOT to be proven. The League Secretary was asked to write to both clubs regarding a statement which was read out to both clubs at the disciplinary hearing.
- A discipline hearing regarding the words, conduct and behaviour of a player from Kiveton Park Colliery II CC in a game earlier in the season had been open and adjourned, pending on-going reviews by external agencies.
DECISION: The disciplinary hearing for this incident would be re-convened, once a clear update had been received from those agencies, regarding their involvement.

6. LATE or NON-SUBMISSION OF RESULTS / SCORECARDS / UMPIRE ASSESSMENTS

6.1

The following teams had submitted their results late since the last meeting:

15th Aug

Lea Park 1st

Waleswood 2nd

22nd Aug

South Normanton 2nd

Thurcroft 1st

29th Aug

Anston 4th

Kiveton Park 2nd

Mansfield 1st

5th Sep

Mansfield 2nd

DECISION: All teams would be reduced by 1 point from their Divisional total

6.2

The following team had failed to submit umpire assessments on the following dates:

22nd August 15 – MHM (CH)

29th August 15 – MHM (CH)

DECISION: 1 point would be deducted regarding each date, as decided earlier in the meeting.

7. UMPIRE ISSUES

7.1

The BDUA Secretary confirmed that their AGM would be held on Saturday 3rd October 15, starting at 2.30pm at Cuckney CC. Additionally, monthly meetings were planned throughout the winter also at Cuckney CC, with all dates and arrangements being shown on the BDUA website.

DECISION: For information at this time.

8. HONARARIUMS – LEAGUE OFFICIALS

8.1

Due to the volume and nature of the work required to deal with Disciplinary Hearings and occasional Appeal Hearings of the PL, it was proposed that the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the BDCL Disciplinary Panel should receive honorariums in line with similar senior positions on the LMC.

DECISION: This proposal was agreed.

9. 2016 SEASON – POTENTIAL RULE CHANGES

9.1

The meeting discussed the population or constitution of the Divisions for 2016 and also took into account a high volume of teams which had withdrawn from the league in recent years. To date, with Caythorpe CC leaving to join the South Notts League and Langwith CC re-joining the BDCL in 2016, the BDCL would have 51 clubs and 99 teams formulating the league.

The meeting also discussed potential rules changes or amendments for 2016, along with the potential for some special conditions of play in the lowest Division to help younger players enter the game, whilst try to keep their interest and progress with the game as they grow with the costs of playing also a consideration. This ethos was the culmination of various questionnaires, surveys and other feedback received from clubs, players and umpires over the past year or so.

DECISION: Members of the LMC would meet on Monday 21st Sept 15 to structure the Divisions for 2016. Additionally in Div 1, should Caythorpe CC finish in the top two places of Div 1 and therefore be eligible for promotion to the Championship, due to that club transferring to the South Notts League for 2016, only the bottom placed team in the Championship would be relegated to Div 1, with the third placed team in Div 1 not being promoted to the Championship in keeping with league rules..

The October LMC meeting would re-affirm any rules changes or amendments for publication and submission to all clubs at the league AGM on Saturday 21st November 15 at Cuckney CC, starting at 2.30pm

10. AOB

10.1

The meeting briefly discussed 2016 processes for submissions and management of Umpire Assessments, Results, Scorecards and also the formulation of Play-Cricket tables, to mirror the tables produced by the League Statistician.

DECISION: This was for further discussion and decision making throughout winter LMC meetings.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.40pm

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