



The Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

founded 1904

MINUTES of the LMC

Date: Tuesday 13th October 15
Time: 7pm
Location: Central Avenue, Worksop

People Present: Brian Rivington (President), Gareth Jones (Chairman), Gary France (Secretary), Tom Munro (Treasurer)
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, Graham Venables, Alison Watts and Bob Little

Apologies: Michael Beard, Mike Aplin, Roger Heath

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 LMC were informed at the last meeting of the intention of Jim Garton to step down from the LMC after almost 30 years of continual service, many of which as Chairman. Under Rule 1.6 (iii), it was proposed that Jim Garton should become a Life Vice President of the League from this point on.
DECISION: This was unanimously agreed in recognition of such a long and committed period of service to the league and local cricket in general.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

2.1
An e mail from the NCB Ltd informed the BDCL that there would be a meeting at Trent Bridge on Wednesday the 21st October, starting at 6.30pm to receive the outcomes of the latest survey of cricket leagues and clubs by the ECB, for potential inclusion where appropriate in League AGM's.
DECISION: Richard Martin and Gareth Jones agreed to represent the BDCL at this meeting.

3. FINANCE & SPONSORSHIP

3.1
Tom Munro gave a full financial breakdown to the meeting regarding the leagues financial situation, also providing a commentary on various sources of income and expenditure throughout the year. A full and detailed record would be provided to the AGM, also signed by the appointed financial examiner.
Currently league finances showed a balance of £9242.31, with various expenses to be paid out in the close season.
DECISION: For information only

3.2

A meeting was held on the 12th October 15 of the Sponsorship Group of the LMC, which discussed a variety of plans for the new season regarding sponsorship and also some current challenges which were effecting the situation in the months ahead. Work was on-going in this respect. In terms of the future before the new 2016 season, it was proposed that the LMC could down-load some sponsorship money for the benefit of all clubs by:

- Offering partial help towards the costs of coaching to develop both boys and girls at BDCL clubs
- Coaches educational costs
- Costs of ongoing coaching association membership
- Provision of some cricket balls for teams in the BDCL Junior and Mansfield Junior cricket leagues.
- Continued financial support of those two junior cricket leagues
- Provision of free handbooks to all clubs
- Look at options to expand a greater participation within the game by girls and disabled young people
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DECISION: The LMC agreed with these proposals to a budget of £2500. Additionally, a full de-brief regarding the value of cricket ball sponsorship across the league was fully explained by Tom Munro, who was asked by the LMC to explain all the facts at the forthcoming AGM to all clubs.

4. DISCIPLINARY ISSUES

4.1

Just the one disciplinary issue remained outstanding from season 2015, regarding a matter affecting a player from Kiveton Park Colliery II back in July 15. The incident in question was still under review by external agencies to the BDCL.

DECISION: The Disciplinary Sub-Committee should not take any further action until a decision had been made and communicated by those external agencies.

4.2

On the 19th Sept 15, the umpires had reported one player from Blidworth CC for certain words, conduct or behaviour at the conclusion of the game at Whitwell which breached the codes of conduct of the disciplinary regulations of the league.

DECISION: In the view of the two umpires the player was reported under the provisions of 'Accumulated Offences' which would be carried over into season 2016, with three similar reports in total, amounting to a three match ban next season should that quantity of AOF be received for the same player. The player had been informed and updated via his club Secretary.

5. UNFULFILLED FIXTURES and LATE SUBMISSION OF RESULTS

5.1

The following fixtures had not been fulfilled since the last LMC meeting:

- Sat 12 Sept – Div 6 Shirebrook v **Teversall II**, Div 7 **Clumber Park IV** v MHM IV and Div 2 **Glapwell II** v Welbeck II.
- Sat 19th Sept – Div 7 **Sherwood 2** v Killamarsh III
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DECISION: Those clubs in bold and underlined above would have 10 points reduced from their end of season league tables and also be fined £10. Their opponents would receive the full 20 points.

5.2

The following teams had provided their results in the following matches late (after 10am)

- 12th Sept 15 Kiveton Park CCC II and Waleswood II
- 19th Sept 15 Killamarsh 1st XI

DECISION: All teams would have 1 point deducted from their Divisional totals

6. PROCESS / MANAGEMENT – 2016

6.1

The League Secretary highlighted various aspects of how the league manages:

- ❖ Umpires Assessments
- ❖ Results
- ❖ Scorecards
- ❖ Unfulfilled fixtures
- ❖ Associated reduction of points
- ❖ Communication with clubs regarding the four above issues
- ❖ Updating and/or accuracy of Play- Cricket League Tables in comparison with the leagues own Divisional tables which are produced and updated each week.

DECISION: The League Secretary would write a policy document in keeping with current League Rules to clarify current good practice, identification of where improvements could be made, who is going to be responsible for those improved actions and the timescales involved. The policy would be produced in good time before the January 2016 LMC meeting circulated to LMC members for consideration, to allow people to volunteer or be selected to ‘make this happen’

7. UMPIRES ISSUES

7.1

Gary Bardill explained a number of issues happening during the Autumn and Winter:

- Clarification of the umpire actions and policies regarding the allegations of certain bowlers throwing, rather than bowling the ball
- Umpire Allocations to league games whether in pairs or singular
- Over rates
- Law changes for 2016
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DECISION: The LMC would be updated on developments, as indeed would the clubs via the League website and Newsletters during the close season.

8. LEAGUE AGM – SATURDAY 21st NOV 15

8.1

Basic arrangements for this meeting were discussed, along with proposals for changes to certain rules and the population of the LMC, plus the various roles required within that committee.

DECISION: The final decisions and some fine tuning of the plans for the AGM would be made at the November LMC meeting. The Agenda and full supporting documents would be circulated to all concerned by the League Secretary during the week commencing Monday 26th October 15.

8.2

Linked to the AGM were ongoing potential changes to the Divisional structures of the BDCL which were awaiting decisions by a variety of clubs about the future of their teams, some leaving, some joining and some merging. The full picture was still in a state of flux and the LMC would hold all options open including the merging of Div's 7 & 8 if necessary to provide sufficient fixtures throughout the season.

DECISION: The LMC preferred to make a decision on the structure of the Divisions at their final meeting of the year in November and clubs would be asked to respect the need for the league to move on and plan for 2016, so that fixtures could be processed in December.

9. BDCL ANNUAL DINNER / PRESENTATION NIGHT

9.1

This was planned to be held on Saturday 19th March 16. To date, some basic plans had already been made. However, the LMC were concerned about the current format of the evening, in certain cases a reduced or dwindling attendance (even by those winning awards) costs and timings, linked to dates for future years. A lengthy debate ensued, with many opinions expressed.

DECISION: Further debate and thought was needed. The League Secretary was asked to communicate the thoughts of the LMC to all clubs in an Autumn Newsletter, asking for their opinions about the future of the league dinner and presentation night in keeping with the various aspects raised.

Other matters in this Newsletter should include, league trophies, sponsorship projects, AGM arrangements 2015, match day teas and changes to clubs within the league, affecting Divisions and fixtures.

10. REPORTS OF OTHER MEETINGS

10.1

Richard Martin reported on a recent meeting of the NCB PL and some registration rule changes affecting Academy Players when this team plays their 'parent club'.

Malcolm Daniels reported on changes to some personnel at the Cricket Board and also to their website.

DECISION: For information at this time.

11. AOB

The League Secretary raised the matter of teas during league games. Whilst there had been a debate in recent years about whether formal teas should still be provided by home clubs between innings, the majority of clubs still believed that they were an important part of the league, should continue and be provided in ALL league games. Sadly in certain games, with some clubs primarily in the lower Divisions, a trend had developed whereby some club captains had used the practice of ringing the opposing captain before the games and giving an excuse for why no teas would be provided.

DECISION: The LMC were obligated to follow the majority voting of all clubs at every AGM. Teas were a matter stated at recent AGM's that all home teams should provide teas.

The League Secretary was asked to raise this issue in his report at the forthcoming AGM and also include the subject in the Autumn Newsletter.

The LMC did not wish to impose penalties for not providing teas unless absolutely necessary and would ask all teams and clubs to do the right thing, do what is asked of them and respect the opposition by complying with what the majority of clubs had clearly stated that they wished cricket teas to continue, as they had throughout the history of the league.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.35pm

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