



The Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

founded 1904

MINUTES of the LMC

Date: Tuesday 10th November 15

Time: 7pm

Location: Central Avenue Worksop

People Present: Brian Rivington (President), Malcolm Daniels (Chairman), Gary France (Secretary), Tom Munro (Treasurer)

Michael Beard, John Leaning, Gary Bardill, Jack Tarr, Alan Vollans, Ian Batty, Jim Garton, Malcolm Hall, Trevor Haywood, Richard Martin, David Parnham, Richard Swann and Bob Little.

Apologies: Gareth Jones, Glenn Pym, Graham Venables 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

Richard Martin updated everyone with the details of a meeting which he and Gareth Jones had attended on behalf of the BDCL at Trent Bridge on the 21st October, when the ECB presented their findings regarding a variety of surveys to clubs and players throughout 2015.

A document named 'Get The Game On, a League Blueprint' identified a variety of changes or initiatives for leagues to consider implementing to adapt the game to the needs of the modern player and the modern society.

DECISION: The LMC would consider the document; use the content as a guide to develop the league, along with its own initiatives.

1.2

The potential of a disciplinary hearing involving a player from Kiveton Park Colliery II team, still awaited an update from external agencies regarding any action they wished to take.

DECISION: Once received, the LMC would make a decision about any future action at that stage.

1.3

Richard Martin and Janet King had already started the arrangements for the league dinner in March 2016. An on-going debate within the LMC about the future of its timing and content was on-going, also regarding speakers, costs and format.

DECISION: The 2016 Presentation Night would be held at South Forest, Edwinstowe as usual on Saturday 19th March 16. South Forest would also maintain its sponsorship of the league by sponsoring a Division. The LMC deferred its decision to appoint an after dinner speaker until the January 16 meeting and would also take account of how other leagues arrange similar events.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

2.1

An e mail from the Secretary of the League Cricket Conference, explained the arrangements for a meeting which was due to be held at Sandiacre. Derby in the near future.

DECISION: Richard Martin would represent the LMC at that meeting.

2.2

A further e mail from the new Club Development Officer at the NCB Ltd, introduced himself to the league and explained his role and future developments within the recreational game.

DECISION: For information at this time.

3. FINANCE and SPONSORSHIP

3.1

Tom Munro gave a verbal update on the financial position and recent transactions affecting the AGM information and the current balance, which at the date of this meeting stood at £9126.86

3.2 In terms of sponsorship of the league. Various elements of this plan awaited the outcome of the League AGM. Further correspondence and planning was on-going for season 2016 throughout the winter months to establish the level of sponsorship available, to link with the downloading of financial benefits to all clubs within the league.

DECISIONS: For information at this time. Further decisions will need to be made at the January AGM regarding sponsorship matters.

4. UMPIRES ISSUES

Gary Bardill as Secretary of the BDUA updated the meeting about:

- Changes to the Laws of the Game affecting recreational cricket
- Changes to the County Performance Director for Umpires
- Changes to how umpires will be assessed
- A new Level 1 Course which is due to begin in January 16

DECISION: For information only. Further updates will follow in January 2016.

5. DIVISIONS and FIXTURES 2016

The Secretary updated the meeting about various changes to clubs since the end of the 2015 season. Caythorpe, Marshalls, Roses and Lea Park had left the league.

Lea & Roses CC, along with Langwith CC and Glapwell III were new and returning to the league respectively.

In keeping with league rules and all promotions honoured, with some relegations not transpiring, the LMC found itself showing a total of only 99 teams and 49 clubs. Therefore Division 8 had only 8 teams which was a concern. Ch, plus Div's 1 & 2 (12 teams), Div's 2,3,4,5,6 and 7 (11 teams).

Options: Division 8 teams play the opposition three times creating 21 fixtures, or Div 7 and 8 merge, creating 19 teams in the lowest Division, play one another once, thereby creating 18 fixtures, with the potential of around three or four extra fixtures at random to create 21 or 22 fixtures.

DECISION: At the end of the AGM, clubs with teams in Div 7 & 8 would be asked to vote for their preferred option, with the most voted for option to be implemented for season 2016 and the fixture process could then begin. The League Secretary was asked to update the clubs in Div 7 & 8 about this action before the AGM by e mail.

6. AGM 2015

The meeting discussed the format of the meeting, its plans and the amendments to league rules as received and circulated.

DECISION: The format and content of the plans were agreed.

7. OTHER MEETINGS

7.1

Michael Beard explained the changes to structures with the Bassetlaw & District Junior Cricket League for season 2016, along with some financial support being 'red circled' for club junior development, which could be dovetailed into some BDCL plans as discussed at previous LMC meetings.

DECISION: For information at this time. Further discussions and decisions would be needed in early 2016.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 8.15pm, where after there was a presentation to Jim Garton, following his last LMC meeting, having served on this committee for almost 30 years. Following various speeches, Jim was presented with a wall plaque to document his character, achievements and service to the league over this long period of time. Jim Garton will now be a Life Vice-President of the BDCL.

The next meeting of the new LMC will be on **Tuesday 12th January 2016, at Central Avenue, Worksop, starting at 7pm prompt.**

Signature of Chairman.....Date.....