

BASSETLAW & DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

Minutes of a Management Committee meeting held at Worksop Cricket Club on Tuesday, 9th March 2004 at 7.15pm.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. J. A. Bennett, G. Evans and M. J. Smedley.

Present: Messrs. J. C. Garton (Chairman), J. B. Wilson (President), A. H. Wilkinson, C. Adwick, K. B. Board, C. Drury, D. Edmunds, J. H. Goodman, D. Graney, T. Haywood, G. Jones, J. Leaning, K. Lound, G. Pym, P. Neale, J. Heaman, G. Holden, C. R. Martin (Secretary).

The **Minutes of the last Meeting** were read, passed and signed as a true record.

Matters Arising. Farnsfield Cricket Club had agreed to host the Under 25 match against the Derbyshire County League on 8th August commencing at 1.30pm; Mr. G. Holden would appoint two umpires.

In the absence of a third volunteer the Chairman and secretary would represent the League at the Three Leagues meeting on 10th March.

The wording of the proposed amendment to Rule 3.5 was approved.

The dispute between the Nottinghamshire Premier League and Cutthorpe Cricket Club was in the process of being settled.

Mr. Tony Wright, Bassetlaw District Council, had agreed that the League should await information from the E.C.B. regarding Child Protection courses.

A team had been selected to play at Edwinstowe Cricket Club on 11th April.

Correspondence. A cheque for £500 had been received from Mr. Barry Gibson in respect of the Fair Play Award. An invitation from Worksop Cricket Club for representatives of the League to attend a presentation and match on April 18th in memory of Mr. Steve Corbridge was read; the Chairman and Mr. J. Leaning agreed to represent the League. A copy of a letter from Papplewick & Linby C.C. to Hucknall C.C. confirming the suspension of Matthew Dear until 24th May had been received. Registrations: J. Hill (Thoresby Colliery), R. Gower (Mansfield & Pleasley). A letter from the E.C.B. concerning racial equality was discussed and it was agreed to circulate its contents and a model Club Constitution to all clubs, and to propose the inclusion of a statement in the League rules at the A.G.M. Information from the Notts. Cricket Board and the Derbyshire Cricket Board concerning C.R.B. checks would be circulated as appropriate. Proposed amendments to the constitution of the Derbyshire Cricket Board were passed to Mr. C. Drury who would represent the League at the Board A.G.M. Instructions to Willow Sportswear Ltd. for the provision of sweaters and caps was endorsed and it was agreed to order 12 caps with special badges incorporating 'Centenary 2004'. An I.O.G. course would be held at Mansfield Hosiery Mills C.C. on 4th April. Changes to the Laws of Cricket were to be circulated to umpires by the B.D.U.A. and clubs would be advised to purchase revised editions of the Laws. Information was given regarding the B & Q community awards.

Finance. The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. P. Neale reported receipt of an account from Whittington Moor Printing Works Ltd. for score sheets and letter heads, payments of affiliation fees to the Notts. Cricket Board and the Derbyshire Cricket Board, and a balance of £6328.23. After detailed discussion it was agreed to seek further information on insurance for the League and to reach a decision at the next meeting.

Annual Dinner. The Secretary reported that the number of tickets dispersed for the dinner was approximately 220. Mr. Shaun Gunn from Wilkinson, and Mr. David Tighe and Mr. Andrew Watson had been added to the list of guests. Responsibilities on the evening were allocated and it was agreed to have 400 envelopes for the tombola, for which the Chairman would purchase a number of prizes, and a separate £1 raffle for a bat.

Natural Justice. The Secretary outlined a situation concerning a dispute between another league and one of its clubs with regard to the constitution of the Divisions, in which it had been alleged that the club was not receiving ‘natural justice’ in the form of an appeal hearing. It was agreed that it was not practical for clubs to be allowed a hearing whenever displeased by decisions of the Management Committee but, in any contentious matter, written views should be sought before a decision was reached.

Reports of Meetings. The Chairman spoke of the visit made by four officers to B.T.Pensions Cricket Club at Calow when an assurance had been received that the administration of the club was not entrusted to any of the former A.G.D. Cricket Club committee. A letter was read out confirming the names of two umpires prepared to serve actively on the list and the application to enter two teams was approved subject to this commitment being honoured.

The committee of the B.D.U.A. had suggested amended wording to Rule 6.4 (i) to indicate that the provision of two umpires was a requirement for every season and Mr. G. Holden stated that there was a shortage every Saturday, including more than twenty on 24th April. It was decided that a formal letter should be sent to each club which provides no full umpire enquiring as to their intentions towards alleviating the situation.

The Secretary reported on a discussion at the E.C.B. Discipline Standing Committee when it had been suggested that the Board should undertake a more active role in administering disciplinary procedures throughout the country. It had been agreed that, to achieve this, all leagues and clubs would have to affiliate and to accept E.C.B. Directives, safety guidance, child welfare procedures and, in particular, to implement the E.C.B. Model Disciplinary Rules. Frank Kemp, the Cricket Operations Manager, had stated that the technology was available for a national registration system. The Recreational Forum was to be asked to indicate if this was how it wished to proceed.

Centenary. It was agreed to present commemorative medallions to the players and officials taking part in the match between Whitwell and Retford on 17th April. The appointed umpires were Messrs. M.J.Smedley and C.R.Martin.

The **Date of the Next Meeting** was confirmed as Tuesday, 13th April 2004 at Worksop Cricket Club at 7.15pm.

Any other business. Sheffield United C.C. had enquired informally about membership of the League for its 2nd XI and 3rd XI and the necessary documents had been sent to the club.

The procedural details for the registration of players were clarified.

Refresher evenings were to be held at the New Inn, Winsick on 5th and 12th April which would cover the recently introduced amendments to the Laws.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.25pm.

Signed

Date