

## BASSETLAW & DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

Minutes of a Management Committee meeting held at Worksop Cricket Club on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2004 at 7.15pm.

**Apologies for absence** were received from Messrs. A. H. Wilkinson, G. Pym, C. Adwick, G. Evans.

**Present:** Messrs. J. C. Garton (Chairman), J. B. Wilson, D. Edmunds, J. A. Bennett, J. H. Goodman, K. Board, C. Drury, T. Haywood, G. Jones, J. Leaning, K. Lound, P. Neale, J. Heaman, G. Holden, M. J. Smedley, B. Norris, C. R. Martin (Secretary).

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

**Matters Arising.** The Chairman introduced a draft letter to clubs regarding possible actions against those who fail to provide umpires. The contents were fully discussed and Mr. Garton agreed to amend and re-submit the letter. No contact had been by made Neil Peacock (Thurcroft C.C.) offering to join the umpires panel.

**Correspondence.** A letter had been received from Sheffield United C.C. declining the offer of a place in Division Three for their Second XI in season 2005. Copies of correspondence between Notts & Arnold Amateur C.C. and Kiveton Park Colliery C.C. regarding the non covering of the pitch at Kiveton on 26<sup>th</sup> June were read out and it was decided that no further action be taken. Following the reading of letters from Rockware Glass C.C. and Bulwell C.C. it was agreed that the match should remain as a weather draw and that, as the umpires had verbally reported the unfitness of the ground to have been caused by rain in the hour prior to play, the expenses for umpires and teas must be shared by the clubs and the away team must bear the cost of travel. A further letter had been received from Clay Cross Works C.C. regarding the Division Eight match against N.& A.A.C.C. and the Secretary reported that the matter had been fully dealt with in the recent newsletter. Notice had been received of disciplinary actions taken by the Mansfield & District League, but these had all now been served. The ECB had given notice that, for season 2005, all coaches from overseas would be required to have CRB clearance, or its equivalent generated in their own country. Transfers: B. Haynes-Greenwood (Sherwood to Ashover), J. Allan (Sheepbridge to Holmwood), B. Norris (Nomads to Thoresby Park).

**Finance.** The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Peter Neale, stated that all clubs had now paid their annual dues and all advertising monies had also been received giving a balance of £7708.88.

**Discipline.** Mr. C. Marples (Cutthorpe C.C.) had been suspended for four matches, 17<sup>th</sup> July to 7<sup>th</sup> August, for verbal dissent towards an umpire and continued 'sledging' or disparaging remarks towards a player. Eight points had been deducted from the total gained by the 1<sup>st</sup> XI and the captain, Mr. A. Knowles, had received a two match ban and six point deduction, suspended until the end of the 2005 season, for a failure to control his players. Mr. M. Barlow (Cutthorpe C.C) had been suspended for 8 matches, with a six point deduction under Rule 7.4, 1.2.4 'Respect for your opponents'. An appeal against sentence had been lodged and would be heard by Messrs. Garton, Leaning, Haywood and Board on 20<sup>th</sup> July. An umpires' report had been received alleging that Mr. M. Bull (Bolsover Colliery C.C.) had repeatedly disputed an umpires decision; a Disciplinary Hearing had been called with a panel consisting of Messrs. Smedley, Bennett and Leaning. The status of the ECB guidelines on conducting a hearing and applying sanctions was to be distinguished from the penalty tariff circulated to members at an earlier meeting.

**Centenary.** A list of guests who had accepted invitations to the match against M.C.C. at Worksop Cricket Club on 28<sup>th</sup> July was read out with around 70 people, including the players and officials, being catered for. The League team would closely resemble that competing in the President's Trophy competition.

**Reports of Meetings.** The ECB is to produce a Whole Sport Plan (essentially a development plan for 4-5 years) by April 2005 including a coherent administration system based on County Boards. The management structure is under discussion following publication of the Carpenter Report. At the League Cricket Conference it had been stated that each club should have a child welfare officer in place by April 2005. The opinion had been expressed that a League Executive Committee could be held responsible if problems occurred with an umpire who had not been CRB checked and that clubs should protect themselves by having the captains checked, with self-declaration forms being completed by other adults. The response to the wearing of coloured clothing was varied among leagues; it was agreed to ban it in this League from the start of the 2005 season. Milton C.C. and Clumber Park C.C. were to be congratulated on achieving ClubMark status.

**Representative Matches.** The League XI would play the Derbyshire & Cheshire League in the Consolation Trophy at Worksop on 18<sup>th</sup> July with the winners having an away match in the next round. The annual under 25 match against the Derbyshire County League is to be played at Farnsfield on 8<sup>th</sup> August.

The **Date of the next meeting** was confirmed as Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> August 2004 at Worksop Cricket Club at 7.15pm.

**Any other business.** It was agreed that, should Retford C.C. withdraw the 1<sup>st</sup> XI from the Nottinghamshire Premier League, it would be accepted into this League at the appropriate level provided that there were no outstanding financial commitments to the Premier League. Edwinstowe C.C. were fined £5 for failing to submit a result sheet following a cancelled Tomlins Trophy and £20 for non-fulfilment of a Mallen Trophy game. It was agreed that the League pay Umpires D. K. Smith and I. C. Fowler for their wasted journey to Papplewick & Linby for the latter match. West Indian Cavaliers C.C. were fined £5 for failing to submit a result sheet following a cup match.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.15pm.

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