

BASSETLAW & DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

Minutes of a Management Committee meeting held at Worksop Cricket Club on Tuesday, 14th September 2004 at 7.15pm.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. A. H. Wilkinson, G. Jones, P. Neale, D. Graney, J.H.Goodman, G. Holden

Present: Messrs. J. C. Garton (Chairman), J. B. Wilson, D. Edmunds, J. A. Bennett, K. Board, J. Leaning, K. Lound, J. Heaman, M. J. Smedley, B. Norris, C. Drury, C. Adwick, T. Hayward, C. R. Martin (Secretary).

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

Matters Arising. No nomination had yet been received from the Bassetlaw & District Umpires' Association to fill the vacancy of Hon. Appointments Secretary. It was agreed to invite Mr. Geoff Holden to be the Vice-President of the League in 2005. Reports were given on the Mallen Trophy Final, in which Killamarsh Junior C.C. had beaten Pilsley C.C., and the Tomlins Trophy Final, in which Thoresby Colliery had beaten Mansfield Hosiery Mills.

Correspondence. Details had been received concerning the next meeting of the League Cricket Conference. The uptake by clubs of Community Amateur Sports Club status was poor; in this area clubs received rate relief already. A letter from Rockware C.C. concerning a player selected to play for Welbeck Colliery III, and a response from the latter club, were considered and the Secretary was asked to make a suitable reply. Following letters from Bilsthorpe C.C. and Blidworth C.C., and reports from the Chairman and Secretary, it was agreed that the Division 6 match between Thurcroft II and Bilsthorpe be recorded as a weather draw with 6 points awarded to each side. Bulwell C.C. had failed to notify the umpires of a cancellation on 14th August and the Secretary's action in instructing them to pay each official £20 was endorsed. The club had also failed in the same respect on 21st August but, the chairman of the club had been present at the ground and had paid the umpire. It was agreed that a fine of £20 be imposed on the Bulwell club for failure to abide by League Rules and further fines of £30 would be imposed for failure to submit six results sheets, and £5 for causing a late start to the match at Ollerton on 1st August. W. I. Cavaliers C.C. had failed to contact Harthill C.C. regarding a cancellation of their Division 3 game on 21st August. It was agreed that 20 points be awarded to Harthill, 0 points to Cavaliers who should also pay £20 towards the expenses incurred by the Harthill players. A reminder that cancellations without any travelling must be by mutual agreement would be communicated to W.I. Cavaliers. Manton C.C. were fined £5 for causing a late start to the match against Thoresby Park II on 21st August. The following clubs were each fined £10, deducted 10 points and 20 points awarded to their opponents; Anston IV (v Notts. & Arnold Amateur V, 21st August), Marshalls II (v Rose Leisure, 4th September), Notts. & Arnold Amateur V(v Papplewick & Linby III, 11th September). It was agreed to take no action following an umpires report regarding 'late' overs in the Division Two game between Pilsley and North Wheatley with Leverton. Disciplinary action had been taken against N. Carter (Anston), two match ban (self-imposed) plus four matches suspended for two years; A. Hall (Bilsthorpe), reprimand; D. Beastall (Thoresby Park), four match ban commencing 4th September plus six matches suspended for two years with an 8 point deduction from the Thoresby Park team in Division Three. A hearing was to be called to enquire into the alleged use of foul and abusive language to an umpire by K. Vollans (Anston) and would be heard by Messrs. M. Smedley, K. Board and J. B. Wilson. The application from Clumber Park C.C. to enter a fourth eleven in the League was approved.

Finance. In the absence of the Hon. Treasurer, the Secretary reminded officials to submit claims for expenses.

Final League Tables. There were a number of amendments to the points total for some teams due to disciplinary decisions and failures to fulfil fixtures. As no Bassetlaw team had been relegated from the Premier League, a maximum of two teams would be relegated throughout the Divisions. The Secretary reported that Sheepbridge C.C. were considering moving to another League, that Worksop C.C. may enter a fourth eleven and Edwinstowe C.C. a third eleven. It was agreed to formalise the constitution of the Divisions for 2005 at the next meeting.

Umpires. The Secretary stated that he would consider how the decisions reached earlier requiring those clubs not nominating umpires to provide a square-leg umpire for matches might be administered. He also reported discussions with the President regarding financial rewards to umpires and the provision of Panama hats with bands in the league colours of maroon and gold.

Reports of Meetings. The Carpenter Report suggesting amendments to the corporate governance of ECB was under consideration by the Notts Cricket Board. A situation which had arisen between umpires F. Gould and J. Lambert had been resolved by the B.D.U.A.

The **Date of the next meeting** was confirmed as Tuesday, 11th October 2004 at Worksop Cricket Club at 7.15pm.

Any other business. Suggested amendments to Disciplinary Procedures were discussed and approved with advice to be sought from ECB regarding a member of a disciplinary panel attending an appeal against its findings. It was felt that a League hearing, as against a club hearing, had the advantages of being a deterrent, umpires seeing action to be taken, and the deduction of points being possible. The Secretary was to review the rules on registration of players and members were asked to consider any further amendments they thought were required. The Eric Adwick Memorial Match against Sheffield Under 17 had been lost by 50 run; it was to be an annual event and thanks were expressed to the Bassetlaw & District Umpires' Association who had presented a trophy.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.30pm.

Signed Date