

BASSETLAW & DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

Minutes of a Management Committee meeting held at Worksop Cricket Club on Tuesday, 12th October 2004 at 7.15pm.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. D. Graney, G. Holden

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

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

Matters Arising. The Secretary reported that Mr. Geoff Holden had accepted nomination to the office of Vice-President of the League for 2005 with much gratitude. The Bassetlaw & District Umpires' Association had recommended the nomination of Mr. John Leaning as Hon. Umpires' Appointments Secretary and this was supported unanimously.

Correspondence. Following an invitation from the Derbyshire Cricket Board, Mr. John Heaman agreed to represent the League at a meeting at Derby on 18th November concerning Child Welfare. A letter from Mr. Michael Beard (Clumber Park C.C.) concerning the possible formation of a Bassetlaw Academy League was discussed and, though it did not receive support, it was decided to meet Mr. Beard to examine his ideas further. Mr. K. Vollans had been banned from two matches at the start of the 2005 season with a further four match ban suspended until the end of the 2006 season. A second letter from Mr. Mark Dean concerning team selection by Welbeck Colliery on 11th September was read out and the Secretary would respond. The results of the Fair Play assessments by umpires had been received; the top placings were; 1st – South Normanton, 2nd – Manton, 3rd – Holmewood M.W. Unfavourable ground reports were summarised by the Secretary and it was agreed to write to Blyth C.C. concerning the comments about some of the pitches prepared at their ground. Mr. J. B. Wilson had been nominated by Teversal C.C. to serve as a member of the Management Committee. N.S.K.(Newark) C.C. had given notification of a name change to its original one of Ransome & Marles. Sheepbridge Cricket Club had resigned from the League. Anston C.C. and Waleswood Sports C.C. had each applied for re-election for their teams in Division Ten and these were ratified. Edwinstowe 3rd XI and Worksop 4th XI were elected to Division Ten with the latter club to be reminded of its responsibility to provide additional umpires. Mansfield Hosiery Mills were considering making an application to enter a 4th XI. A copy of 'Extra cover', which now covered all three national recreational cricket conferences, had been received.

Finance. The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Peter Neale, reported an excess of expenditure over income of £2069.27 for the Financial Year ending 30th September 2004 with much of this due to the purchase of new caps and sweaters, and the celebration of the League centenary. He expressed concern that the closing balance of £4412.53 would be insufficient to meet all expenses including payment for the dinner, handbooks etc until club subscriptions had been received. He also informed the meeting that Mr. Geoff Holden was preparing envelopes for the tombola at the Annual Dinner.

Constitution of the Divisions for 2005. A draft of the constitution showing 12 teams in each of Divisions One to Seven, 11 teams in Divisions Eight & Nine, and 12 teams in Division Ten, including two from Clumber Park C.C. was approved. A decision was awaited from Mansfield Hosiery Mills regarding inclusion of a 4th XI which would be placed in Division Ten with Wadworth II and Ollerton Colliery II moved up from Nine and Ten respectively to retain 12 teams in the lowest Division. The clubs with a team in Division Ten would be balloted to discover whether each wished to play 20 or 22 matches.

Annual General Meeting. The propositions to be submitted by the Committee were finalised and those from the Umpires' Association and clubs studied and accepted without seeking any amendments.

Reports of Meetings. The AGM of the Bassetlaw & District Umpires' Association had featured the election of Mr. Geoff Holden as a Life Vice-President, the formal unveiling of the Eric Adwick Memorial Trophy, and a demonstration of Table Cricket for the severely disabled. At the League Cricket Conference meeting it had been confirmed that the format for the President's Trophy would be as 2004. The Mansfield & District Cricket League had been accepted into membership and would compete in the trophy competition; the eligibility of players competing in both leagues to be negotiated. At the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board meeting it had been reported that the Carpenter Report on ECB corporate governance was meeting resistance from the First-Class counties. At the North-East Derbyshire Group meeting the short-term future of the Clay Cross Works ground had been confirmed with the owners prepared to pay for maintenance carried out by the District Council.

Umpires. The letter to clubs regarding the nomination of umpires and possible sanctions would be circulated shortly. A sample Panama Hat had been received from Failsworth Hats Ltd which could be obtained with a band in the League colours at a cost of about £18. The umpires committee would be asked to obtain sizes from umpires and Mr. Tony Wilkinson was thanked most sincerely for his generous offer.

The **Date of the next meeting** was confirmed as Tuesday, 9th November 2004 at Worksop Cricket Club at 7.15pm for which the Chairman presented his apology along with a further apology for absence from the Annual General Meeting.

Any other business. The date of the Annual Dinner was confirmed as 19th March and the Secretary said he would contact Ron Goodley to discover the progress made in obtaining a speaker.

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

Signed Date