

BASSETLAW & DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

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

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. A. H. Wilkinson (President), G. Jones, J. C. Garton, (Chairman).

Present: Messrs. M. J. Smedley (Vice-Chairman), J. B. Wilson, J. A. Bennett, C. Adwick, C. Drury, D. Edmunds, J. H. Goodman, T. Haywood, G. Holden, J. Leaning, K. Lound, J. Heaman, G. Pym, D. Graney, 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. Following the resignation of Old Whittington Cricket Club it was agreed that Basford Mill should retain their place in Division Five, and Ashover II in Division Six. Mansfield Hosiery Mills IV were accepted into Division Ten and the club were to be requested to increase their representation on the umpires' panel; both 3rd and 4th teams would play at Kingsway Park, Kirkby in Ashfield. The Hon. Fixture Secretary, Mr. Bev Norris, suggested that, with an increasing reluctance of clubs to play matches on Bank Holidays, a reduction in the number of teams in each Division to ten might be considered. It was understood that the Guest Speaker at the Annual Dinner would be David Lloyd. The Panama Hat received had been returned and a request made for a sample of ribbon.

Correspondence. The letter from the chairman of Old Whittington Cricket Club giving notice of the club's resignation from the League was read. Cheques relating to fines had been received from Bulwell C.C. and West Indian Cavaliers C.C. A response in support of the Chairman's letter to clubs regarding umpires had been received from the Secretary of the Bassetlaw & District Umpires' Association. Mr. Peter Wynne-Thomas had requested information for the 2005 edition of the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board annual. The Ground Reports had been received from Mr. Peter McKenzie and it was agreed to award certificates to the three clubs with the best progress vis-à-vis pitch markings, Blidworth Welfare, Bilsthorpe and Glapwell Colliery, and to ask the President if his company would issue vouchers to the winners. Farnsfield Cricket Club had enquired about the Committee's view on wearing apparel and a copy of the proposed new rule had been forwarded. A Yorkshire Cricket Board Newsletter had been received.

Finance. The Financial Statement for the year ending 30th September 2004 was examined and found to contain a number of errors and omissions; it was agreed to produce amended copies for distribution at the AGM. The amount received from Bulwell Cricket Club in respect of fines was to be checked. A Corporation tax form had been completed but nothing was payable.

Annual General Meeting. The agenda for the meeting was studied and changes under the heading 'Appointment of Umpires' noted. It was agreed that Mr. Mike Smedley, Mr. John Heaman and the Secretary should share the task of presenting amendments to rules being tabled by the Management Committee. An erratum in the proposition tabled by Ashover Cricket Club was noted and the Secretary would notify clubs of this immediately.

Reports of Meetings. At the recent meeting of the Bassetlaw & District Umpires' Association a presentation had been made to Mr. Geoff Holden in recognition of his services. The cessation of practice 15 minutes before the scheduled start of play should be included in the special instructions to clubs in the Handbook.

The Secretary had met Mr. Michael Beard to discuss the idea of an academy league and Mr. Beard would submit a structured document for consideration by the Committee in the New Year.

A committee meeting of the Nottinghamshire Premier League had been informed of a number of significant changes likely to be adopted for next season including a reduction to 50 overs per innings, amendments to the rules concerning the management structure, overseas players and the inclusion of a discipline tariff. The Derbyshire Premier League had decided to revert to its own cup competition supplemented by four Nottinghamshire clubs by invitation.

Discipline. The document dealing with sanctions likely to be applied for different levels of disciplinary offences was examined and would be adopted for next season with one amendment. It would be produced in poster form for distribution to clubs.

Dates of Meetings for 2005. The following provisional dates were accepted: 11th January, 8th February, 8th March, 12th April, 10th May, 14th June, 12th July, 9th August, 13th September, 11th October, 8th November

Any other business. A Three Leagues meeting was to be held on 11th November which the Secretary and Fixture Secretary agreed to attend.

The requirement for all clubs to be affiliated to ECB was to be held in abeyance until the governing body produces a proposed scheme.

Concern was expressed that, with the clubs in the Premier League commencing their fixtures a week after the Bassetlaw League in 2005, unfair advantage may be taken by their Second Elevens on 23rd April.

Mr. Jim Garton and Mr. Mike Smedley were nominated to serve on an umpire recruitment committee with representatives of the B.D.U.A.

B. T. Pensions Cricket Club, which would now be known as Duckmanton Lodge Cricket Club, was to be contacted with regard to one of the nominated umpires obtaining CRB clearance. All applications relating to clearance for cricketing activities must be processed through ECB.

Sheepbridge Cricket Club had been requested to make a payment to umpire Mr. C. Chapman resulting from its failure to notify him of a cancellation.

Mr. Keith Lound tendered an apology for non-attendance at the AGM

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.10pm.

Signed Date