

BASSETLAW & DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

Minutes of a Management Committee meeting held at Worksop Cricket Club on Tuesday, 11th January 2005 at 7.15pm.

The Chairman opened the meeting by wishing all present a Happy New Year.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. A. H. Wilkinson (President), G. Evans, P. Neale, G. Holden, D. Graney, J. A. Bennett

Present: Messrs. J. C. Garton (Chairman), M. J. Smedley, J. B. Wilson, C. Adwick, C. Drury, D. Edmunds, J. H. Goodman, T. Haywood, J. Leaning, J. Heaman, G. Pym, B. Norris, K. Board, G. Jones, C. R. Martin (Secretary).

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

Matters Arising. Wilkinson vouchers to the value of £100 for the Pitch Improvement Award had been received from the President, and the Secretary had sent a letter of thanks.

Correspondence. A Scorers' Course will commence at Worksop Cricket Club on Tuesday, 22nd February. Following a request from the Derbyshire Cricket Board Child Welfare Officer a meeting of three of their officers with three members of the League management team would be convened. A response had been received from Blyth Cricket Club indicating steps taken to improve the quality of pitches. It was agreed to assist Blyth in dealing with a problem of alleged racist comments if the witnesses were willing to make formal statements; and in general to assist any club in servicing a disciplinary hearing providing it did not prejudice possible League action. More than 50 umpires so far had requested one of the Panama Hats offered by the President. A request had been received from Oaklands (Retford) C.C. to play home matches at East Drayton and the Secretary and Mr. Joe Goodman were mandated to agree this providing an inspection of the facilities proved satisfactory. It was agreed to make a donation of £400 to the Bassetlaw & District Junior Cricket League. Bulwell Cricket Club Second Eleven had withdrawn from Division Nine and a meeting of the Emergency Sub-Committee immediately after the A.G.M. had decided not to promote a team from Division Ten, and to apply the usual sanction. Matters concerning an alternative estimate for handbook printing, and possible cheaper insurance were held over for the attention of the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Peter Neale. Other correspondence received including possible amendments to the Constitution of the Yorkshire Cricket Board.

Election of Vice-Chairman. Mr. Mike Smedley was unanimously re-elected as Vice-Chairman, and would also serve as the League Representative on the Notts Cricket Board Recreational Council.

Appointment of Sub-Committees. The Disciplinary and Appeals Committees would continue to be chaired by the Vice-Chairman and Chairman respectively. The Selection Committee was re-elected en bloc. The name of the Hon. Umpires' Appointments Secretary, Mr. John Leaning, was added to those serving on the Emergency Committee. Mr. Bev Norris submitted a letter to the meeting stating that he would not be continuing as League Statistician for 2005, but in the absence of a nominated Hon. Fixture Secretary would be prepared to continue in that capacity or to assist a new incumbent; he did not wish to serve on the Emergency Sub-Committee.

Annual Dinner. It was agreed to send invitations to Messrs. E. J. Martin, H. L. Jackson, S. Burrows, M. Glenn, K. Young, A. Watson, a representative of each of the Notts Premier League, Worksop Guardian and Chad, and a club stalwart, possibly Mr. Alan Astling; the President had been asked to nominate anyone he particularly wished to receive an invitation. Mr. Joe Goodman agreed to propose the vote of thanks to the Retiring President.

Umpires. Responses from clubs concerning the shortage of umpires were circulated and some discussion took place on actions to be taken against clubs who fail to provide umpires in 2005; this will continue at the next meeting. It was agreed that Duckmanton Lodge C.C. be ejected from the League unless a second umpire with CRB clearance is nominated.

Reports of A.G.M. and other Meetings. 1) AGM.: the propositions of the Management Committee and the Umpires' Association had all been passed and those from clubs defeated; agreed to delay the implementation of the new Rule 3.11 Wearing Apparel until 2006 with the existing rule to remain in force for 2005; nine clubs had not been represented. 2) Notts. Premier League AGM.: currently no Chairman or Vice-Chairman was in office; all clubs to have a seat on the Management Committee; 50 overs per team with each bowler limited to 30% of the overs; joint cup competition with Derbyshire abandoned. 3) ECB Discipline: a national discipline register with sentencing guidance to be set up. 4) League Cricket Conference: a standard transfer form to be produced; League XI not drawn in the President's Trophy, but drawn to play away against the losers of Notts. Premier League v Derbyshire & Cheshire League in the Rhoades Trophy (plate competition); new work permit regulations being introduced which demand a coaching qualification; Secretary informed by a representative of the Derbyshire County League of approaches by Ashover C.C. and Pilsley C.C. 5) Three Leagues: agreed on the principle of all-white clothing; usual exchange of information; only two meetings per annum in future. 6) Notts. Recreational Council: long discussion on child welfare matters. 7) Derbyshire C.B./ECB Child Welfare Officer: all clubs to have a Welfare Officer who is au fait with current regulations or club officers are liable; disciplinary matters involving under 18 players to be referred to ECB initially; emergency umpires may stand 'once or twice a year' with self-certification. 8) BDU: the committee are to consider umpire assessment; 7 out of 8 candidates had passed the first qualification resulting from the course at Hasland; Benita White had died recently.

Individual Prize-winners 2004. Randall Trophy – Adam Burgess (Kiveton Park Colliery); Larwood Trophy – Gareth Beard (Clumber Park); Elvidge Trophy – Nigel Birkett (Thoresby Colliery) & Greg Pearson (Anston) jointly, each having 25 catches and 2 stumpings.

Fixtures 2005 & Tomlins Trophy Draw. The Hon. Fixture Secretary reported that four fixtures had had to be allocated to Sundays with other difficulties being created by the Ashover ground not being available in April or September and Ransome & Marles seeking a free Saturday, but requesting only one match per Bank Holiday. There were only 18 entries for the Tomlins Trophy, the lowest on record, and the draw was made.

The **Date of the next Meeting** was confirmed as Tuesday, 8th February 2005 at Worksop Cricket Club at 7.15pm.

Any other business. The Ashover website had been closed and it was agreed to ask Andrew Alexander, who had indicated a willingness to take over the publication of results, if he would be interested in setting-up and running a Bassetlaw League site. A volunteer would be sought to take over as Statistician for Divisions One – Five and to compile League Tables each week.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.40pm.

Signed Date