

## **BASSETLAW & DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE**

Minutes of a Management Committee meeting held at Worksop Cricket Club on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2005 at 7.15pm.

**Apologies for absence** were received from Messrs. G. Holden, C. Adwick, G. Jones

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

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

**Matters Arising.** Messrs Goodman, Drury and Martin agreed to meet representatives of the Derbyshire Cricket Board at Worksop Cricket Club on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am. The Secretary was to expect a call from Mr. A. Alexander regarding a League Website. The Secretary had written to Blyth C.C. on 20<sup>th</sup> January with regard to the disciplinary matter concerning Mr. M. Court, but had not received a reply. It was reported that the move of Oaklands C.C. to East Drayton had been approved at a visit to the new venue. Correspondence regarding the cost of the handbook, and club insurance, was passed to the Hon. Treasurer. Duckmanton Lodge C.C. had been warned as to the consequences of failing to provide two umpires with CRB clearance and representatives of the B.D.U.A were pursuing the matter. About 75 umpires had responded to the President's offer of a Panama Hat and an order was to be placed.

**Correspondence.** Confirmation had been received from ECB, via the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board, that all clubs should appoint a Child Welfare Officer by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2005 and enquiries were to be made of other leagues regarding the appointment of a League Child Welfare Officer. It was noted that any disciplinary matter concerning an under 18 player should be referred to ECB via the County Board. Following a request from the Chairman of the B.D.U.A. an attempt would be made to draw up a current list of cricket balls which complied with the League rule. Notification had been received that Awards for All funding would be significantly lower in the coming year. Documents relating to the Annual General Meetings of the Derbyshire Cricket Board and the Yorkshire Cricket Association were passed to Mr. Chris Drury and the Chairman respectively.

**Finance.** The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Peter Neale, reported that Old Whittington C.C. had settled outstanding dues, and the current balance stood at £4435.60. The invoices were being prepared for early despatch after the Annual Dinner and adverts for the Handbook were well in hand with 20 expected.

**Umpires.** Following a report from the umpire recruitment sub-committee and a wide-ranging discussion it was agreed that, in the coming season, the priorities would be: i) two umpires for each match in Division One; ii) one umpire to every other match, subject to constraints; iii) two umpires to those matches involving teams from clubs who were fulfilling their commitments to the umpires' panel. It was further agreed to call a meeting of representatives of clubs not providing the requisite number of umpires to be held at Worksop Cricket Club on an available date [Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> March], to request clubs to hold recruiting meetings with support from the League and B.D.U.A., to place adverts in newspapers when courses were being staged, and to propose an increase in expenses paid to umpires to £25.

**Annual Dinner.** Messrs. H. L. Jackson, S. Burrows and K. Young were unable to attend. Messrs. A. Watson and G. Gooch had accepted and replies were awaited from others. Tickets, which were in great demand, were distributed to those present.

**Reports of Meetings.** 1) At a meeting of the re-constituted Notts. Premier League Management Committee amendments to overseas player qualification had been proposed, and a sub-committee formed to recruit a Chairman and Vice-Chairman. 2) At the AGM of the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board all current officers had been re-elected. 3) Bassetlaw & District Umpires' Association: a group had been formed to carry out match assessments on umpires; in recent higher level examinations all seven candidates had passed. 4) It had been reported to the N. Derbyshire Focus Group that the facilities at Clay Cross Works C.C. were being vandalised.

The **Date of the next Meeting** was confirmed as Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2005 at Worksop Cricket Club at 7.15pm.

**Any other business.** The Secretary reported that the production of the new Handbook was progressing; he also outlined the proposed development of the registration system. In response to an observation that club officials were not fully conversant with the details of the ECB Young Player Regulations it was agreed to reinforce them in the next newsletter, though this had been done previously.

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

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