

BASSETLAW & DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

Minutes of a Management Committee meeting held at Worksop Cricket Club on Tuesday, 12th April 2005 at 7.15pm.

The Chairman opened the meeting by formally welcoming Mr. Alan Bennett and Mr. Geoff Holden to their first meeting as President and Vice-President respectively.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. D. Graney, K. Board

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

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

Matters Arising. The Chairman extended thanks to the Secretary and, in his absence, to the Immediate Past President, Mr. Tony Wilkinson, for the manner in which they had coped with a number of problems at the Annual Dinner. It was agreed that letters be sent to Clumber Park C.C. and Blidworth Welfare C.C. concerning conduct on the evening, that a dress code of lounge suits / blazers / smart casual with no jeans be insisted upon, that there be no smoking during the meal until after the loyal toast, and that representations be made to the Masonic Hall regarding the p.a. system and the time taken for courses to be served.

Correspondence. Mr. Barry Gibson had written to say that it would not be possible for him to continue to sponsor the Fair Play Award. The Secretary was asked to write a letter of thanks and it was agreed that for the 2005 season the award should be funded by the League, with £250 awarded to the winning club, £150 to the second and £100 to the third. Ollerton Colliery C.C. would be able to field only one team this season and it was agreed that the club be allowed to fulfil the Division Ten fixtures leaving only 11 teams in Division Four; a fine of £15 was imposed as per Rule 1.1(iv). Problems were being experienced with the care of the ground at Clay Cross Works C.C. and the future of the club was in doubt; Hasland Park was suggested as a possible alternative venue. Information had been received from ECB concerning league affiliation, young player guidelines, wicket-keeping gloves, child welfare, the OSCAs where nominations should be made electronically by 15th June, and the discipline recording system for which the necessary information regarding current sanctions had been sent. The Division Ten fixture Edwinstowe III v Woodsetts III on 2nd May would be played at Edwinstowe instead of Walesby. The availability of the ground at Walesby later in the season had been brought into question due to football and the club would keep the League informed. A considerable amount of correspondence from the Derbyshire CB on child welfare matters had been received. A letter of thanks from Mick Glenn for the hospitality afforded him at the Annual Dinner was read, and also a letter of apology for non-attendance from Gordon Foster. The Press Association had requested details for publishing results of Division One matches on Ceefax; this had been supplied and the results would be gathered by Dougie Meldrum of Thoresby Colliery C.C. It had been confirmed that Mr. Barrie Stuart-King had been replaced as Chairman of ACU&S by Mr. David Burden and that the Club Cricket Conference was no longer to have a Chief Executive. It was decided to continue to use the current method for player transfers rather than a form received from the League Cricket Conference. Registrations [all C(iv) except where shown] : R. Strum (Cuckney); M.Cox (Teveral); H. Basson (Killamarsh); A. Timpson [A(ii)] (Mansfield & Pleasley); Saeed Bin Nasir (Pilsley); Asif Zakir (Edwinstowe); Asadullah Butt (Cutthorpe); D. Irving, R. Hope [A(iii)] (Thoresby Colliery); M. Silcock, P. Franks [B(iii)] (Farnsfield); J. Miller (Bridon).

Finance. The Hon. Treasurer, Peter Neale reported income of £460 from the tombola and £155 from the bat raffle at the dinner for which the invoice for food and wine from the Masonic Hall was £2678.25. The cost of repairs to trophies, engraving etc was £469 96 and four clubs had been fined £15 for late return of trophies. The insurance of the League was in place. The invoices to clubs totalled £8248 and 19 had already paid. 21 handbook advertisers had been invoiced at £20 each and 13 had settled. The balance in hand was currently £4858.44 plus £101.97 in the Past Presidents' Dinner account.

Statistician / Press Secretary. Mr. Andrew Duckering had expressed an interest in the post of Statistician; the Secretary had sent him some details of the requirements of the post and was awaiting a response. It was suggested that the drawing up of league tables could be shared by a number of people if the post was not filled. An accord had been reached with Mr. Paul Barker in regard to his umpiring appointments and he had rescinded a resignation from the post of Press Officer which had been submitted at the end of March.

Meeting with Clubs. 18 of the 34 clubs called to attend a meeting to discuss the shortage of umpires had been represented and it was agreed that the absentees each be fined £20. The gravity of the situation had been explained and possible avenues for progress considered in a constructive manner. Having heard the report the Committee identified a number of suggestions to be pursued and agreed that each club be asked to submit a strategy for recruiting umpires with a further meeting to be held at the end of the season.

Reports of other Meetings. Two meetings had been held to assist Blyth Cricket Club to resolve a discipline problem with Mr. Martin Court and to attempt a reconciliation between the club committee and a group of the members. No subsequent response had been received from the club, but the Secretary had been informed by Mr. Court that his suspension had not been lifted and he had been invited to meet the club committee in the near future.

At the AGM of the League Cricket Conference all the officers had been re-elected. Emphasis had been laid on the need for every club to have a Child Welfare Officer, that in the absence of such an officer the club chairman could be held liable, and that for 2006 each CWO would have to be properly qualified. An instance of young players being invited to a fictitious net session had been brought to the attention of the Recreational Council of the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board and the need for security of registration details stressed. It had been agreed that a League Welfare Officer was an unnecessary level of bureaucracy. The ECB's Strategic Plan was expected to be published shortly. All officers had been re-elected at the AGM of the Derbyshire Cricket Board. Two members of the committee of the Bassetlaw & District Umpires' Association had volunteered to submit themselves to a number of trial boundary assessments and captains' reports with a view to introducing a more comprehensive scheme in 2006.

The **Date of the next Meeting** was confirmed as Tuesday, 10th May 2005 at Worksop Cricket Club at 7.15pm.

Any other business. The match between the Bassetlaw Junior League and the Joe Lumb Competition for the Eric Adwick Trophy would be played at Kiveton Park Colliery on Sunday, 24th April.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.25pm.

Signed Date

