

BASSETLAW & DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

Minutes of a Management Committee meeting held at Worksop Cricket Club on Tuesday, 9th August 2005 at 7.15pm.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. D. Graney, G. Jones, G. Evans, K. Board, A. Duckering

Present: Messrs. J. C. Garton (Chairman), M. J. Smedley, J. A. Bennett, C. Adwick, D. Edmunds, T. Haywood, J. Heaman, J. Leaning, J. H. Goodman, G. Holden, G. Pym, K. Lound, J. B. Wilson, 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. A telephone message had been received from Marshalls C. C. stating that the qualification period for Tim Down was April 2002 to April 2004 and that they were seeking evidence of his presence in this country in 2002 to add to the evidence already in their possession. A proposition that the player be banned from playing with immediate effect and until information is submitted in line with that requested, in the form of a letter detailing residence in this country accompanied by supporting documentary evidence, was passed by 6 votes to 4. Some documentation had been received from Edwinstowe C.C. regarding Garth Brown; this was considered insufficient and a proposition that the player be banned from playing with immediate effect and until information is submitted in line with that requested, in the form of a letter detailing residence in this country accompanied by further supporting documentary evidence, was passed by 6 votes to 4. The Hon. Secretary of Farnsfield C.C. had verbally confirmed the wish of the club to enter a Third XI in 2006, possibly to play home matches at Caunton C.C.; the provision of a third umpire would be required. Rockware Glass C.C. had withdrawn the Second XI from Division Nine and their record had been expunged. Fines of £20 and £15 were imposed for non-fulfilment of fixture and withdrawal from the League. Information had been received that Holmewood M.W. C.C. and Cutthorpe C.C. had applied to join the Derbyshire County League, and the latter were to be asked to confirm this. The Secretary of the County League had confirmed that immediate notification would be given of any future application. A final decision on the constitution of the Divisions for 2006 would be withheld until a later meeting. The League XI had been defeated by the Mansfield League in the Rhoades Trophy by a margin of 54 runs and the Under 25 XI had also lost the annual fixture against the Derbyshire County League. Members of the Committee were invited to attend the umpire recruitment meeting to be held at Cuckney Cricket Club on 16th August. An enquiry was to be made of the Doncaster & District Cricket League as to whether Stroph Sowden was a registered player. The umpire concerned in an alleged instance of deliberate dangerous bowling had not confirmed the allegation.

Correspondence. A copy of a personal letter from Keith Lound, not written on behalf of Anston Cricket Club, to the Secretary of the Bassetlaw & District Umpires' Association concerning bad language used by an umpire was read out and John Heaman stated that a measured response would be made by the Chairman of the Association. A copy of correspondence by which Papplewick & Linby C.C. were seeking recompense from Basford Mill C.C. following the cancellation of the Division Nine game on 2nd July, and a covering letter to the League had been received. No action was to be taken over an allegation by Eckington C.C. that the cancellation of the Division Six game on 30th July by Killamarsh Juniors C.C. was unwarranted as the Secretary of the former club had accepted the cancellation at the time. A change of venue of a Division Ten match from Duckmanton Lodge to Waleswood on 29th August, agreed by both clubs, was approved. A letter from Bridon C.C. complaining about a very poor pitch at Waleswood on 30th July was read; no report had been received yet from the umpires, but the Secretary would notify Waleswood and respond to Bridon. Lengthy correspondence from umpire, Harry Dobson, Clumber Park C.C. and Everton C.C. was read and it was agreed that, with a letter of apology from

Everton for the inappropriate language used by their captain to Clumber Park, no further action be taken. Copies of correspondence concerning alleged foul and abusive language used by the Chairman of the Derbyshire Premier League to umpires Ian Fowler and Jason Lambert at a Presidents Trophy had been received. Copies had also been sent by John Leaning to the League Cricket Conference for their comments and any actions they felt appropriate. A request had been received from the secretary of the B.&D.U.A. for financial assistance towards the purchase of a digital projector costing £470 to facilitate umpire training; a grant of £150 was agreed. Mrs. Sarah Rhodes had been appointed Hon. Secretary of Papplewick & Linby C.C. There had been notification of eight match bans on Nolan McKenzie and Linden Joseph, both of West Indian Cavaliers and the transfers of N. Grabowski to Nomads C.C. and S. Rhodes to Duckmanton Lodge, both from clubs outside the League.

Finance. The Hon. Treasurer, Peter Neale reported expenses of £318.16 for the two matches played in the Rhoades Trophy competition. The final payment for Handbook advertising had been received leaving a balance of £6618.44

Statisticians' Reports / Cup Competitions. The following fixtures had not been fulfilled: **16th July** – Division Nine – Thoresby Park II v Rockware Glass II, Rockware Glass fined £20.; **30th July** – Division Nine – Wadworth II v Holmewood II, Wadworth fined £10, 20 points to Holmewood, 10 points deducted from Wadworth; Tomlins Trophy, Marshalls withdrew and fined £20; Mallen Trophy, Bridon withdrew and fined £20. Due to the postponement of the Rhoades Trophy game against the Mansfield League and other club commitments the Mallen Trophy match between Pilsley and Thoresby Colliery was being played at Mansfield Hosiery Mills C.C. as a twenty over game on 10th August. An update on all other matches was given.

Interim Fair Play and Ground Reports. In the Fair Play awards Basford Mill were currently in the lead with Caythorpe in last place. The mid-season umpires' ground reports were summarised with Blyth, Rockware Glass and Bulwell causing most concern. A letter to Peter McKenzie from the Senior Leisure Strategy and Development Officer of Nottingham City Council concerning pitch preparation at Bulwell was read out and a verbal report from an umpire that there had been a distinct improvement was welcomed.

Meetings. a) Notts. Premier League: questions had been raised about the quality of the Reader Sovereign cricket balls currently in use and the situation being monitored. The rule concerning points allocation was to be re-written with particular reference to that for a tie. b) at Disciplinary Hearings the following penalties had been imposed: Mark Bull (Bolsover), 2 match ban with a further 2 match ban suspended until the end of season 2006; Peter Evans (Notts. & Arnold Amateur), 4 match ban [two of which were imposed by the club]; Steven Crooks (Rose Leisure) and Chris Dunn (Bilsthorpe) each banned for 4 matches with 8 points deducted from each team.

The **Date of the next Meeting** was confirmed as Tuesday, 13th September 2005 at Worksop Cricket Club at 7.15pm.

Any other business. The Hon. Treasurer requested notification of late starts from the Statisticians and asked for expenses claims to be submitted at the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.35pm.

Signed Date