

BASSETLAW & DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

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

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. J. A. Bennett, D. Graney, C. Adwick, K. Board, G. Holden, G. Jones

Present: Messrs. J. C. Garton (Chairman), M. J. Smedley, C. Drury, D. Edmunds, G. Evans, T. Haywood, J. Heaman, J. Leaning, J. H. Goodman, 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. The Secretary confirmed that he had spoken with Paul Barker with regard to ensuring a clarity as to the source of controversial items on websites, so that Paul's own views were not necessarily construed as those of the League. The Chairman reported on a meeting he had held with officers of the League Cricket Conference and the Chairman of the Derbyshire Premier League concerning the latter's comments to two of our umpires. It was agreed to await the response of the Bassetlaw & District Umpires' Association. John Heaman reported on the excellent number (40) who had enrolled on the umpires' course at Winsick.

Correspondence. A formal letter of application from Farnsfield C.C. to enter a Third XI was considered, the status of the nominated third umpire was to be followed up. An application from Mansfield & Pleasley C.C. to enter an Academy XI would be subject to provision of a third umpire, but a request to place this team in Division Eight was turned down. Letters of application for re-election to the League had been received from Woodsetts C.C. [Third XI] and Harthill C.C. [Second XI] and were approved. Mansfield Hosiery Mills C.C. had nominated Stephen Brown for a seat on the Management Committee. Peter McKenzie had submitted formal confirmation of propositions the B.& D.U.A. wished to put before the AGM and also the umpires' marks for fair play, pitches, outfield and facilities. The Fair Play Award winner was Basford Mill C.C. who would receive the James Maude Bowl and £500 as published in the League Handbook; the sharing of the money agreed earlier to be introduced in 2006. Mansfield Hosiery Mills had already been contacted about conditions at Kingsway Park and concern was also expressed about facilities at Welbeck Colliery (Worksop College ground).

Finance. The Hon. Treasurer, Peter Neale presented the accounts for the year ending 30th September 2005 which showed a balance of £4815.84, an increase of £386.71. An increase in subscription from £15 to £25 per team, the first increase for 20 years, was being recommended to cover anticipated additional costs in the future. It was agreed that nominal fines should be imposed by the Disciplinary Committee as part of sanctions following a guilty verdict to cover the costs of the hearing. A vote of thanks to the Treasurer, and to Roger Heath, the independent examiner, for their exemplary work was fully supported.

General Purposes Committee Report. Discussion took place on the propositions to be put to the AGM with a small amendment being made to the draft for Rule 3.6(i); a proposed alteration to the draft of an amendment to Rule 5.1 was defeated. The Secretary would contact the ECB to clarify some confusion over the status of young players in matches played in September. The decision to retain ten Divisions was endorsed and a constitution agreed placing Ollerton Colliery in Division Nine, the additional teams from Mansfield & Pleasley C.C. and Farnsfield C.C. in Division Ten, possibly to be joined by Milton C.C. 3rd XI. No changes were proposed for the Tomlins Trophy competition, but it was decided to canvass clubs with the idea of making the Mallen Trophy a 20/20 competition with the following arrangements:

- small, regionally-based leagues followed by semi-finals, played on nearby grounds, and a final on the same day.

- regional matches to be played on Sunday am, Sunday pm, or an evening during the following week
- artificial pitches for group matches if desired.
- old balls to be used.
- club umpires for group matches; league appointments for semi-finals and final.
- £200 prize for winners; £100 for runners-up.

Reports of other Meetings. a) League Cricket Conference. The ECB wished to maintain a national disciplinary register and Leagues were asked to notify them of all sanctions imposed. A list of solicitors specialising in defending clubs against legal action following damage to adjacent property would be made available. In 2006 Leagues would be required to supply their own balls for President's Trophy and Rhoades Trophy matches. The National Recreational Cricket Conference was being wound up. £5M was available for loans to cricket clubs.

b) Notts. Cricket Board Recreational Council. An agreement had been reached for all disciplinary suspensions to specify starting and ending dates, with players being banned from all cricket between those dates. The following proposition will be put to the AGM of the Cricket Board in January: All affiliated clubs shall appoint a Child Welfare Officer. c) Bassetlaw & District Umpires' Association. Consideration was being given to League Rule 6.2(ii) which requires new umpires to be assessed on their knowledge of the Laws of Cricket and Bassetlaw League rules.

Umpires. The Chairman would speak on this subject at the Annual General Meeting and a reminder was given that a 3 hour video is available..

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

Any other business. Malcolm Daniels, Chairman of Mansfield Hosiery Mills C.C. was nominated as Vice-President of the League for 2006 and the Secretary would approach him. Keith Lound informed the meeting that Sky TV were offering ECB affiliated clubs a 50% reduction on the monthly subscription.

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

Signed Date