

BASSETLAW & DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

Minutes of a Management Committee meeting held at Worksop Cricket Club on Tuesday, 8th November 2005 at 7.15pm.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. D. Graney, J. Leaning, G. Jones

Present: Messrs. J. C. Garton (Chairman), J. A. Bennett, M. J. Smedley, C. Adwick, K. Board, G. Holden, C. Drury, D. Edmunds, G. Evans, T. Haywood, J. Heaman, J. H. Goodman, 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 strong action taken by the Chairman and Hon. Umpires' Appointments Secretary with regard to the abuse received by umpires Ian Fowler and Jason Lambert from the Chairman of the Derbyshire Premier League had been welcomed, and the matter was to be considered closed. It was agreed to amend the Fair Play League taking account of marks awarded by the umpire of the match Rose Leisure v Bilsthorpe, which evidently had not been received, and which resulted in Rose Leisure being placed 13th and Bilsthorpe 23rd. The ECB had confirmed that the age group in which a young player was categorized by his age at midnight on 31st August applied to the whole of the following year. Malcolm Daniels, the Chairman of Mansfield Hosiery Mills C.C., had accepted the Vice-Presidency of the League for 2006 with great pleasure. The Secretary had written to Nick Wilkinson inviting his company to continue sponsorship of the League, but no response had yet been received. It was confirmed that it was the usual practice to assess new umpires on the Laws of Cricket and the Rules of the League.

Correspondence. Consideration was given to lengthy correspondence from the Secretary of the Bassetlaw & District Umpires' Association and Ransome & Marles Cricket Club concerning comments in a newspaper article about the match between Papplewick & Linby II and Blidworth Welfare. It was agreed that the umpires, as sole arbiters of conditions, had acted correctly within the Laws of Cricket and the Rules of the League and had the support of the Committee and the B.& D.U.A. Farnsfield C.C. had confirmed that David Hodgkin would act as their third umpire in 2006, and that the Third Eleven would play home matches at Norwood Park, Southwell. Mansfield & Pleasley C.C. had nominated Michael Carmody as their third umpire and were also encouraging Bob Hume to undertake a CRB check. Rockware Glass C.C. had lost many of their senior players since the end of the season and a request that they play in Division Nine in 2006 was approved. The following teams would be promoted from Divisions 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 respectively to fill the vacancy in Division 4; Thoresby Colliery II, Rose Leisure, Whitwell II, Anston III and Papplewick & Linby III. Oaklands (East Drayton) C.C. had requested a change of name to East Drayton C.C. and this would be accepted provided that the position with regard to the existing East Drayton club was clarified. Mick Spivey would be acting as Secretary of Kiveton Park Colliery C.C. from 24th February to 4th May. Worksop Cricket Club had requested a reduction of Divisions to nine with an increase in the numbers of teams in the smaller Divisions. This was rejected for next season but, as in the past, would be reviewed annually. Holmewood C.C. had confirmed that the club was on a waiting list for entry to the Derbyshire County League. John Leaning had tendered his resignation from the post of Statistician for Divisions 6 – 10. The form of words agreed with the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board for the imposition of a player suspension was to be *'the player is banned for ...matches commencing on and ending oninclusive, and will additionally cover all recreational cricket between those dates.'* Notice had been received of the next meeting of the League Cricket Conference to be held at Moseley C.C. on 3rd December.

Finance. AGM agendas containing the Financial Statement for the year ending 30th September 2005 were distributed and the Hon. Treasurer stated that there had been little change other than receipt of some fines. Recompense for Rhoades Trophy umpires' expenses had not been received and the Secretary would raise the matter at the quarterly meeting of the League Cricket Conference.

Annual General Meeting. Commenting on the absence of the names of David Edmunds and Joe Goodman from the Management Committee for 2006 the Chairman, on behalf of all the members, paid a very warm tribute to both for their contributions to the affairs of the Committee and the League over the last 16 years. Two small errata on the agenda were noted and the following agreed to speak to proposals for rule amendments, the Chairman, the Secretary and the Treasurer.

Reports of Meetings. a) Notts.Cricket Board Youth Committee: A reminder had been given that CRB checks would have to be renewed after three years, that reminders would be sent out, and that the process would be somewhat simplified. b) Notts. Cricket Board Development Committee: no end of season work had been done at Bulwell C.C. but, in future, work on the ground was to be monitored every three months to stimulate action, and the contractor was to train some volunteer ground assistants. c) ECB Regional Assembly: John Pickup (Cheshire) and Bob Jackson (Durham) would represent the recreational game on the ECB Management Board; Development Officers were to become permanent members of the ECB staff with a clear career path; Premier League clubs who included under 21 players in their team would receive an enhanced grant. d) ECB Discipline: Reporting of penalties imposed on players via the play-cricket website was to be extended; the circulation of a national tariff was being considered. e) N. Derbyshire Group: A course on Child Protection had been run; a meeting of the Focus group had not been well supported by Bassetlaw clubs.

The **Date of the next Meeting** was confirmed as Tuesday, 10th January 2006 at Worksop Cricket Club at 7.15pm with subsequent meetings proposed for 14th February, 14th March, 11th April, 9th May, 13th June, 11th July, 8th August, 12th September, 10th October and 14th November.

Any other business. The Chairman thanked all present for their efforts during the year, paying particular tribute to the Treasurer and the Secretary. The Hon. Fixture Secretary, Bev Norris, reported that a number of clubs had not submitted a fixture proforma and the Secretary stated that he would contact each. It was agreed that, in the Divisions with only 10 teams, Bank Holidays and the playing dates in April would be avoided where possible. Richard Martin informed the meeting that, in 12 months time, he would not seek re-election as Honorary Secretary, that he was tired after 20 years in the office, but that he would be happy to serve the League in some other way in the future. George Evans commented on the pressure that was being put on club officials as the administration of the game became more extensive.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.00pm.

Signed Date