

BASSETLAW & DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

Minutes of a Management Committee meeting held at Worksop Cricket Club on Tuesday, 10th January 2006 at 7.15pm.

The Chairman opened the meeting by wishing all present a Happy New Year and welcoming Malcolm Daniels (Vice-President), Stephen Brown and Gary France, who were each present for the first time.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. G. Holden (President), J. A. Bennett, C. Adwick, C. Drury, D. Graney, T. Haywood, P. Neale

Present: Messrs. J. C. Garton (Chairman), M. Daniels, K. Board, S. Brown, G. Evans, G. France, G. Jones, K. Lound, G. Pym, M. J. Smedley, J. B. Wilson, B. Norris, J. Heaman, J. Leaning, C. R. Martin (Secretary).

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

Matter Arising. Oaklands (East Drayton) C.C. had agreed to retain that name for the 2006 season to prevent confusion with the existing East Drayton C.C. prior to a likely amalgamation of the two clubs later in the year.

Correspondence. A letter had been received concerning a local authority consultation document, copies of which are available on line or at local offices and libraries. A letter from the Secretary of the Bassetlaw & District Umpires' Association concerning the criticism of the umpires of the match between Papplewick & Linby and Blidworth was read and it was agreed that the statement in the Annual report given at the AGM should close the matter. Correspondence between Notts. & Arnold Amateur C.C. and Peter McKenzie questioning the fairness of the Fair Play Award was referred to and a sub-committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and B.& D.U.A. representative was formed to meet and to discuss the matter with Peter. A letter from Steve Blagg was read and it was agreed that it was not a satisfactory apology to the umpires of the match between Pilsley II and Worksop III; one of the players involved had not yet submitted any letter, and it was also thought that a letter from the club to each umpire would help. A deadline of 1st February was placed for receipt of such letters. Notification had been received that Wilkinson would sponsor the League to the tune of £1200 per annum for the next three years and a formal letter of thanks was to be sent. A request from the Bassetlaw & District Junior League for £250 per annum was left on the table pending receipt of its most recent balance sheet. Clumber Park C.C. had requested a change in the fixture making process for Division Ten, in which they have two teams, and a compromise solution had been accepted. A letter of resignation from the post of Statistician for Divisions Six to Ten had been received from John Leaning. A request for details of the League to be published in the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board Handbook had been dealt with.

Finance. There was no report as the Treasurer, Peter Neale, was on holiday.

Election of Vice-Chairman. Mike Smedley was unanimously re-elected as Vice-Chairman.

Appointment of Sub-Committees, a statistician and a registrar. The current members of the Emergency and Selection Sub-Committees were re-elected en bloc. There were no volunteers to occupy the positions previously filled by John Leaning and Joe Goodman.

Annual General Meeting. The Secretary summarised the amendments to rules made at the AGM, and the voting figures for each.

Reports of Meetings. a) League Cricket Conference: a document referring to the Disability Discrimination Act currently under discussion had been received; clubs should ensure that overseas players had CRB clearance and Alison Faiers had replaced Rebecca Ledingham i/c CRB matters at ECB; in the Rhoades Trophy, for which Premier Leagues were no longer eligible, the Bassetlaw League XI would play the Mansfield League XI, at home, on or before 23rd July with an amendment having been made to the rule re the payment of umpires; the ECB Welfare Management Group were to produce a discussion document concerning players younger than the under 14 age group playing in adult cricket. b) Notts. Recreational Council/County Board; three clubs in the county,

Mansfield Hosiery Mills, Ransome & Marles, and Edwinstowe, all members of this League, would each receive £6500 to carry out coaching in schools under the 'Chance to Shine' scheme and it was agreed that the payment of the coaches would not compromise their 'amateur' standing; Blyth had been granted Focus Club status; a grant had been made to the B.& D.U.A. towards the cost of the equipment for training courses; there was a vacancy on the Recreational Council. c) Discipline: Kevin Vollans had been suspended from a total of eight matches, an appeal was pending. d) B.& D.U.A.: Tony Wilkinson had accepted office as a Life Vice-President and had talked entertainingly about his life and his love of cricket at the December meeting. At the January meeting Keith Lound had presented a fascinating insight into the game of Goalball for the blind and visually impaired. The attendance at the Hasland training course had been high and 22 had passed GL6; 15 had attended the opening night of the course at Worksop. e) Focus Clubs/Premier League Clubs/NCB Officials had been invited to meet Derek Brewer, the Chief Executive of Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club, who had shown great enthusiasm for close co-operation between the first class and recreational game. A similar meeting was to be organised for other clubs.

Fixture Secretary's Report. Fixtures for nine of the ten Divisions had been made by early December, but the Hon. Fixture Secretary, Bev Norris, had only received availability dates for the ground used by Papplewick & Linby 3rd XI in Division Eight on 7th January; a programme had been produced, but required a little tidying. Due to teams in Divisions Six to Ten playing only 18 matches there were currently very few games scheduled for Bank Holidays, and only one Sunday fixture.

Tomlins Trophy. There were only 17 entries for the competition and the draw was made

Mallen Trophy. 15 clubs had indicated a wish to take part in a Twenty20 competition and a motion that such a competition be arranged was approved. One more club would be sought, playing regulations drawn up, and the clubs invited to a meeting to discuss them, and the format for fixtures.

Umpires' Appointments Secretary's Report. 19 clubs had not returned an Umpire Nomination Form, nor had many umpires with only just over 60 availability forms received. The new umpire from Mansfield & Pleasley C.C. had proved very elusive and the club secretary was to be informed that the matter was to be settled by the date of the March meeting or the membership of the club's 4th XI would be reconsidered. The suggestion that umpires might recruit an assistant, to stand at square leg, would be discussed with the B.& D.U.A., but any such person would require CRB clearance. It was agreed to make this an agenda item again at the March meeting. Steve Garratt had retained his place on the First Class Umpires Reserve Panel.

Annual Dinner. The identity of the Guest Speaker was still not known and it was agreed that consideration be given to increasing ticket prices in future to widen the choice of speaker available. John Leaning was chosen to propose the vote of thanks to the retiring President. The following would be invited to attend as guests of the League: Derek Brewer, Eric Martin, Les Jackson, Stewart Burrows, Kevin Young, Andrew Watson, Joe Goodman, David Edmunds, Tony Wilkinson and a representative of each of the Nottinghamshire Premier League, the Worksop Guardian and the Chad.

The **Date of the next Meeting** was confirmed as Tuesday, 14th February 2006 at Worksop Cricket Club at 7.15pm

Any other business. The meeting was informed that the Basford Mill ground, being in the precincts of Nottingham City Hospital, was now a no-smoking area. The speaker at the meeting of the B.& D.U.A. on 4th February, which would be open to non-members, would be the international umpire, Darrell Hair

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

Signed Date