

BASSETLAW & DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

Minutes of a Management Committee meeting held at Worksop Cricket Club on Tuesday, 11th April 2006 at 7.15pm.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. J. A. Bennett, J. Leaning, S. Brown, G. Pym

Present: Messrs. J. C. Garton (Chairman), G. Holden (President), M. J. Smedley, P. Neale, C. Drury, C. Adwick, M. Daniels, G. France, K. Lound, D. Graney, G. Jones, J. B. Wilson, J. Heaman, G. Evans, T. Haywood, K. Board, C. R. Martin (Secretary).

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

Matters Arising. It had not yet been possible to contact the ECB concerning a possible Club Development Seminar. The method adopted by the South Yorkshire Cricket League to recruit umpires involved an increase in club subscriptions of £50, with this being returned if a club obtained a recruit, plus a £50 bonus if the recruit officiated in a certain number of matches. Further discussion would be delayed until the next meeting, before which suggestions from Gary France would be circulated.

Correspondence. A further letter from Alan Vollans (Anston C.C.) challenging the decisions of the Disciplinary and Appeals Committees, and claiming the return of the £20 deposited with his appeal against the finding of the Disciplinary Committee, was read, discussed and rejected. It was agreed to include in Rule 7.4 indication as to who would be entitled to claim expenses for attending a hearing. Bolsover C.C. had suffered serious vandalism, but the members were endeavouring to rectify matters. It had been pointed out to them that a number of alternative grounds would be available on 22nd April. Bulwell Cricket Club had been dissolved and a fine of £25 was imposed. Clay Cross Works C.C. had withdrawn its Second XI from Division 7 and the same penalty was imposed. The Secretary informed the meeting of the promptness with which the Fixture Secretary had arranged two additional fixtures for each of the nine teams remaining in the Division. It was agreed that the Secretary supply a letter in support of grant applications being made by Glapwell Colliery C.C. for a new pavilion. A letter of thanks, on behalf of members of the Bassetlaw & District Umpires' Association, for hospitality at the Annual Dinner was read. A donation of £200 was awarded to the Association towards the cost of umpires' insurance. The following clubs were each fined £15 for late return of trophies: Farnsfield, Blyth, Sherwood Colliery, South Normanton, Papplewick & Linby, Milton, Thoresby Colliery. Registrations: L. Baldry (Notts. & Arnold Amateur); C. Adwick (Cuckney), [A(ii)]; A. Timpson (Mansfield & Pleasley), [A(ii)]; M. Whiley (Farnsfield), the club requesting M. Silcock be re-registered A(i) on residency grounds; K. Diedericks (Marshalls) C(iv) to A(i) on residency grounds, documents to be provided; Asif Zakir (Edwinstowe); Asadullah Butt (Cutthorpe); A. Mayer (Kiveton Park Colliery).

Finance. The Hon. Treasurer, Peter Neale, reported that accounts from Worksop Masonic Hall for the Annual Dinner (£2523.10) and Bassetlaw Trophies had been settled leaving a balance of £2284.02. Invoices totalling £8400 had been despatched to clubs. The Immediate Past President, Alan Bennett, had paid for three dinner tickets though only two guests had attended; he had asked that the balance be treated as a donation.

Annual Dinner. The Chairman thanked members of the Committee for their help at the Annual Dinner which he described as a very good occasion and stated that the chief guest, Graham Lloyd, had said how much he had enjoyed it. The Secretary reported that £500 had been handed to him as tombola income, though only about 420 tickets had been sold, and that 10 ties had apparently been taken without payment. It was agreed that no further action be taken and also that for 2007 the price of tickets be increased to £18.

Reports of Meetings. Warning had been given at League Cricket Conference and the ECB Recreational Assembly of action taken by the authorities against clubs in the North Staffs. & South Cheshire League to claim tax and national insurance contributions payable on the earnings of professional cricketers, coaches etc.; this had included claiming back tax for 6 years + penalty payments + interest. The target date of 1st April 2006 for every club to have a Child Welfare Officer in post had now passed and it had been re-emphasised that in the absence of a CWO a club chairman would be held responsible if a problem arose. Clubs had been advised to contact and negotiate with their local water authority if shortages were envisaged. The Kookaburra bat with carbon fibre had been declared illegal and production had stopped, but ECB were recommending that its use be permitted in recreational cricket for 'the duration of a bat's natural life'. At a 'Three Leagues' meeting the wish of the executive committee of the Notts. Premier League to incorporate a team from the Notts. Academy had been explained and discussed; the proposal had subsequently been rejected by the clubs by 9 votes to 3. Sixteen clubs had been represented at a positive meeting held by the B. & D. U. A. with captains of teams in Divisions One and Two to discuss umpire assessment. Refresher courses for umpires with reference to Rule 6.2 (ii) had been held and it was thought that there were now only two who had not complied.

League Administration. In the absence of any other volunteer the Chairman would again take up the role of statistician for Divisions 6-10, but it was agreed to seek someone via the Newsletter to clubs. No progress had been made in the recruitment of an Honorary Secretary.

The **Date of the next Meeting** was confirmed as Tuesday, 9th May 2006 at Worksop Cricket Club at 7.15pm

Any other business. John Heaman had attended the funeral of Eric Shaw (Cutthorpe C.C.) on behalf of the League.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.05pm.

Signed Date