

BASSETLAW & DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

Minutes of a Management Committee meeting held at Worksop Cricket Club on Tuesday, 9th May 2006 at 7.15pm.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. J. A. Bennett, D. Graney, S. Brown,

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

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

Matters Arising. A reply was awaited from the ECB concerning a possible Club Development Seminar. Andrew Duckering had volunteered to act as Statistician for all Divisions of the League. It was agreed that the semi-finals of the Mallen Trophy would be played at Cuckney (11am) and Kiveton Park Colliery (11.30am) with the Final at Kiveton at 3.30pm.

Correspondence. A letter from the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board concerning the incorporation of a County Club Academy XI into the Premier League, which had been rejected by the member clubs of that League, was read out for information. Notice had been received from Welbeck Colliery CC of the club's intention to move to a new ground at Sookholme for the 2007 season. A request from Manton Cricket Club to reverse the two fixtures with South Normanton, agreed by the latter, was approved. A letter from Notts. & Arnold Amateur CC seeking clarification of Rule 3.5(iii) was discussed and it was evident that there had been a misunderstanding between the umpires and the captain during the match against Marshalls on 6th May. The Bassetlaw & District Umpires' Association had sent a letter of thanks for the donation of £200 and also informed the League of members' success in exams and the recruitment of some umpires from the Lincolnshire League. Following notice from an umpire of the unavailability of a results sheet at a match it was agreed to provide each umpire with a sheet when the second appointments rota was distributed. Keith Lound (Anston CC) had tendered his resignation from the Management Committee and also commented on the disciplinary process leading to the action taken against Kevin Vollans; the Secretary would write to Keith to thank him for his services to the League. An update on the facilities available at Ransome & Marles CC following a pavilion fire had been received. It was agreed that John Heaman would carry out boundary assessments on umpires Jon Eaton and Philip Crane to satisfy Rule 6.2(ii). Following a report that the gloves used by the Blidworth 2nd XI wicket-keeper did not comply with the Law the umpires would be asked to check this week and the Club Secretary would be notified. Information had been received that Peter Gibson had failed to fulfil two recent umpiring appointments; John Leaning was aware of this and of the reason, and would contact Peter. Mann Broadbent Ltd had supplied information regarding a League Insurance policy and this was passed to the Hon. Treasurer. Clay Cross Works CC had objected to having to pay the subscription for the Second XI plus a fine for its withdrawal just before the start of the season. Satisfactory documentation had been received to confirm that Mark Silcock (Farnsfield) and Steeven D'Souza (Holmewood MW) qualified as category A(iv) players. Transfers: J. Carlile (Killamarsh to Eckington), Abby Hawkins (Welbeck Colliery to Mansfield & Pleasley). Registration: A. Griffiths (Sherwood Colliery) to replace C. Butler. A request from a touring side for a fixture, referred by Duckmanton Lodge CC, had been responded to. A sheet of fixture amendments and errata had been received from Bev Norris and distributed to committee members; the Secretary would raise with the printers errors in the handbook, one reason for which was the inadequate amount of time allowed for proof reading.

Finance. The Hon. Treasurer, Peter Neale, reported a balance of £4348.64 following receipt of subscriptions etc from 39 clubs, payment from four advertisers, and having settled the account of £3430.76 [Handbooks - £2912] with the printers. Donations, each of £200, had been sent to the Bassetlaw Junior Cricket League and the B.& D.U.A.

Umpires. The current position was 98 umpires on the list with approximately 80 available on each playing date plus 2 or 3 from the Lincolnshire League, a full list of fixtures requiring 108. Papers had been presented by the Chairman and Gary France, a wide range of suggestions to improve the situation were discussed, and a sub-committee formed to make recommendations to the Management Committee, prior to placing proposals to the clubs at the AGM. The sub-committee to comprise Messrs. Garton, Holden, Daniels, Smedley, Adwick, Leaning, France and Heaman.

Reports of Meetings. The Notts. Cricket Board Senior Cricket Committee had re-elected Trevor Wilson as Chairman, with Peter McKenzie as Vice-Chairman. There had been no representatives from the South Nottinghamshire League (who had their own regular meeting on that night), the Mansfield League or the Newark Alliance. Training Courses for Club Child Welfare Officers under the auspices of David Tighe were to be arranged through Leagues and District Councils in groups of 20 to 30 people. Following the refusal of Premier League clubs to admit a team from the Notts. Academy, Ron Goodley had resigned as Chairman of the League, but would stay in post until the next AGM. At a meeting held at the home of Richard Martin, Gary France and he had had a long discussion on the administration of the League, with particular reference to the role of the Secretary. Following their discussion, Gary had put his name forward to take up the office of Honorary Secretary at the AGM in November, on the understanding that Richard, or others wishing to be involved, would undertake some of the administrative work. It was agreed unanimously that Gary be nominated by the Management Committee at the AGM, and the Chairman pledged full support and thanked him most warmly.

Registration of Players. Almost all the clubs had now submitted revised lists of players and the others would be contacted as soon as possible.

The **Date of the next Meeting** was confirmed as Tuesday, 13th June 2006 at Worksop Cricket Club at 7.15pm

Any other business. John Heaman reported that the submission of captains' reports on umpires was going well. One comment received concerned the fact that the captain of the away team had to make enquiries as to the names of the umpires. A discussion took place as to the course of action to be followed if a bowler exceeded his quota of overs and it was agreed that the bowler should be taken off immediately the error was realised, with another bowler completing an over if necessary, but that any runs scored or wickets taken should stand. Papplewick & Linby CC had purchased a quantity of shirts with a coloured half-moon under the arms contrary to Rule 3.11 and it was agreed that, as a compromise, players be allowed to wear them except when bowling, unless covered by a sweater. It had also been brought to the attention of the Secretary that Ian Hardy, a player with the club, had played for Walton-le-Wolds in the Leicestershire Senior League on 6th May, therefore invalidating his registration in this League; the Leicestershire League would be informed. Concern was expressed regarding remarks on the Follow On website concerning the delay in the launching of the League's own site.

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

Signed Date