

BASSETLAW & DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

Minutes of a Management Committee meeting held at Worksop Cricket Club on Tuesday, 13th June 2006 at 7.15pm.

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

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, 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. Members were asked to consider whether to co-opt anyone to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Keith Lound. Clay Cross Works C.C. had paid the annual dues, including the subscription for the Second XI which had been withdrawn before the start of the season. John Heaman had checked the umpiring of Jon Eaton, but Philip Crane had not yet officiated.

Correspondence. Helen Pack, the ECB Regional Development Manager – Midlands had passed the request for a Club Development Seminar to David Leighton the National Club Development Manager. It was agreed to support Anston Cricket Club in its application for planning permission to build a practice facility. Interest had also been expressed by the club in the courses for Child Welfare Officers. A letter from Notts. & Arnold Amateur C.C. expressed the feeling that it had achieved its aim of clarifying the situation regarding the last hour in a time match. A claim from the club sent to Todwick Cricket Club for travelling expenses to Todwick when no play was possible due to a waterlogged ground, a letter of response from the home club, and a report from the Chairman, one of the umpires, was considered in his absence and it was agreed that no expenses were due. Comments from Peter McKenzie concerning an error in the documentation for the item on the agenda concerning umpires, and on some of the information in the Handbook was read out. It was agreed that marks to show the danger area on the pitch should become a requirement including those on the bowling crease one foot either side of the middle stump and that reference to tolerance regarding wicket keeping gloves be removed. New shirts obtained by Worksop Cricket Club were contrary to League Rule and Glenn Pym stated that bowlers would not wear them. It was agreed to nominate Messrs. Jim Garton, Geoff Holden and Peter Neale for ECB Outstanding Service to Cricket Awards (OSCA's). The use of substitute fielders without permission by Sherwood Colliery against Caythorpe 2nd XI had been settled amicably at the match following an apology. Mrs Dorothy Pope would attend the Mallen Trophy final accompanied by Harold's daughter Linda, her husband Andy and their little boy; the Secretary would contact Mrs Vi Mallen before 2nd July. The gloves worn by the Blidworth 2nd XI wicket keeper had been checked and approved. Following a report from umpire Colin Shaw, the Secretary had already contacted Welbeck Colliery C.C. regarding administrative problems relating to two matches at Worksop College, and the club secretary would ensure that all parties were fully aware of the venue for 3rd XI fixtures for the remainder of the season. Registrations: Akram Khan (Bolsover) to replace Suleman Qadir; A. Griffiths (Sherwood) to replace C. Butler; D. Cameron (Marshalls) to replace G. Yelland. Transfers: C. Curran [Kiveton Park Colliery to Whitwell], A. Greer [Teversal to Cuckney].

Finance. The Hon. Treasurer, Peter Neale, reported a balance of £6975.08. All clubs had paid the annual dues, the last being received on 13th June, and it was agreed not to impose any fines for late payment. He stated that most of the Handbook advertisers had also paid and that he would soon be issuing reminders to those who hadn't.

Statistician's Report / Unfulfilled Fixtures. A number of reports were noted of teams not providing a scorer, including Division One teams, and it was agreed to issue a reminder to clubs via the next Newsletter. Farnsfield 1st XI had taken 3 hours 18 minutes to bowl 50 overs against Cutthorpe on 10th June and, having made due allowance for stoppages, 3 points were deducted from the team's total. The following teams had failed to fulfil fixtures on 10th June, Thurcroft, Teversal 2nd XI and Wadworth 2nd XI. Each was fined £10.00 with a 10 point deduction and 20 points awarded to their opponents, Waleswood 1st XI, Nomads and Worksop 4th XI respectively.

Umpires. The following recommendations were approved:

- a) an increase in umpires' expenses in line with the decision of the Umpires Association at its next meeting which was likely to propose £28, plus 50% if standing alone, but with no extra payment for Division One;
- b) an increase in club subscriptions from £25 per team to £75 with clubs who have provided the necessary number of umpires for 50% of the matches to be given a rebate of £50 per team at the end of the season.
- c) umpires to be allocated as follows subject to constraints of individual umpire requests
 - (i) Umpires to be linked to teams within each club. Teams to be green (with nominated umpire) or red (no umpire).
 - (ii) Division One matches always to have two umpires, even if clubs don't provide umpires.
 - (iii) For Division Two and below:- Green v Green = Two umpires; Green v Red = Two umpires starting at Division Two and working down as far as possible; Red v Red = No umpire.
- d) no team to be admitted to Division One in future unless the club provides the required number of umpires (Rule 6.4). This rule to apply both to teams seeking promotion from Division Two and those relegated from the Premier League, and to be implemented at the end of season 2007 for season 2008.
- e) for clubs seeking entry to the League, and existing clubs seeking to enter extra teams, a warning to be given that any failure to maintain compliance with Rule 6.4 in future five years will lead to automatic expulsion for the new club or team.
- f) clubs to be asked to nominate at least one person to attend an umpires' course (it will be made clear that this is without future commitment at this stage).
- g) clubs to be asked to contact voluntary agencies as a possible source of recruitment.
- h) Management Committee to examine possibility of speaking to club committees (or AGM's) of clubs not meeting requirements.

Reports of other Meetings. a) Notts. Recreational Council: Training courses were to be run for Club Welfare Officers who had not previously attended, covering 'child protection' and 'time to listen' with certificates of attendance being issued. It had been decided that the selection criterium for young players in District cricket should be the location of the player's club. The meeting was informed that another method was to decide by a majority of the location of club, school and home. b) ECB / Notts. CB Meeting re Pilot Scheme for County Cricket Board Funding: ECB were moving towards an Annual Audit / Action Plan method of funding, giving county boards autonomy on how ECB monies were spent subject to an annual audit. A scheme for club and league affiliation to ECB was being prepared.

Mallen Trophy Final Day. It was confirmed that, on 2nd July, the semi-finals would be played at Cuckney (11.00am) and Kiveton Park (11.30am) with the final at Kiveton (3.30pm); in case of wet weather 16th July was set aside as the reserve date. It was decided to appoint six umpires to cover the matches. Refreshments would be provided at Kiveton between the semi-finals and final. The usual mementoes had been ordered and Glenn Pym would ensure that the Mallen and Pope Trophies were present.

The **Date of the next Meeting** was confirmed as Tuesday, 11th July 2006 at Worksop Cricket Club at 7.15pm

Any other business. It was decided that if a Mallen Trophy group match was rained off the clubs could re-arrange by mutual agreement or a 'no result' would be recorded, one point to each team. Bilsthorpe C.C. had applied to enter a Second XI in the League for season 2007 as a merger with Rainworth C.C., who share the ground, was being proposed. The nomination of two umpires would be an essential condition of entry.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.10pm.

Signed Date