

BASSETLAW & DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

Minutes of a Management Committee meeting held at Worksop Cricket Club on Tuesday, 8th August 2006 at 7.15pm.

The Secretary reported on the death of Gary Markham of Marshalls Cricket Club in a boating accident whilst on his stag weekend and a period of silence was observed in his memory.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. K. Board, G. Jones, C. Drury

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

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

Matters Arising. The Secretary had spoken with officials of Ransome & Marles Cricket club who had accepted the decision not to move Ian Fowler as umpire for the match to which he had been appointed. Details were awaited regarding the ECB Seminar to be held on 3rd October.

Correspondence. The semi-finalists for the League Cricket Conference competitions were read out. The Bassetlaw League XI would play the North Yorkshire & South Durham League in the Rhoades Trophy at Hartlepool on 13th August and the arrangements were outlined; Mike Smedley reported that a number of players had made themselves unavailable. The Under 25 match against the Derbyshire County League had ended in a 3 wicket defeat in the last over. A reprimand was to be issued to Cutthorpe C. C. for its failure to appoint an umpire for a Mallen Trophy match. An umpire, Howard Walton, had submitted suggested amendments to the rules of the Mallen Trophy which would be considered at the appropriate time. Notice had been received of four players suspended by the Mansfield & District League and these would be supported. The Secretary of West Indian Cavaliers C.C. had expressed appreciation for the manner in which disciplinary action against three players, who had also been fined by the club, had been dispensed. Peter Neale had reported on the issue of 5 penalty runs, twice, when a player from Notts. & Arnold Amateur had run down the centre of the pitch and was congratulated for the exemplary manner in which the situation had been dealt with. It was reported that Chris Herbert (Welbeck Colliery) and Paul Barber (Grassmoor) were still using 'illegal' wicket keeping gloves. The clubs would be informed that any repetition would result in sanctions being applied under Rule 3.1(i). A rule imposing a points penalty for the offence would be considered for season 2007. One poor pitch report had been received concerning each of the following grounds, Cutthorpe, Edwinstowe, Misterton, and Bilsthorpe where the cricket club had lost responsibility for the preparation of the pitches. Concern had also been expressed regarding pavilion facilities at Greenlands Park, Anston which would be brought to the club's attention, the Costhorpe ground used by Worksop C.C., which would be followed up by Glenn Pym, and the size of the umpires' room at Notts. & Arnold Amateur C.C. Due to personal reasons Andrew Duckering would be resigning as League Statistician at the end of the current season and an offer by Bev Norris to resume the role for all Divisions was warmly welcomed. Responses had been received from 9 clubs regarding an electronic results service with 4 in favour and 5 against. Transfers: P. James (Bridon to Milton), N. Moxon (Thoresby Park to Teversal), P. Dobson (Bawtry to Everton); Lea Park C.C. had registered an overseas player.

Finance. The Hon. Treasurer, Peter Neale, reported that a gentle reminder had been sent to one handbook advertiser who had not paid. Following payment of the expenses for the home Rhoades Trophy match, the Under 25 match and the coach to Hartlepool, the current balance stood at £6309.77.

Unfulfilled Fixtures / Cup Competition. Papplewick & Linby III and Edwinstowe III had failed to fulfil fixtures and each club was fined £10.00 with a 10 point deduction; 20 points were awarded to each

of their opponents, Worksop III and Woodsetts III respectively. The semi-finals of the Tomlins Trophy would be Killamarsh Juniors v Kiveton Park Colliery and Mansfield & Pleasley v Whitwell.

Rule changes for Season 2007. It was agreed that Eligibility of Players rule for the Tomlins Trophy should be the same as that for the Mallen Trophy and not based on the number of league matches played. Consideration would be given for stating a date in the season after which no player could be registered under Category C, Professional and Overseas Players. The Chairman had drafted new rules concerning provision of umpires for consideration at the next meeting.

Constitution of the Divisions for Season 2007. The Hon. Fixture Secretary, Bev Norris stated that there were currently 108 teams in membership which might be arranged as nine Divisions of 12 teams, with the likely problems of ground availability this would create, or 4 Divisions of 12 teams plus six Divisions of 10 teams. Uncertainty was expressed as to the future of Thurcroft C.C. and Clay Cross Works C.C., but it was believed that Welbeck Colliery C.C. would enter a Fourth XI and a decision on the number of Divisions would be taken after seeking the views of the clubs..

The **Date of the next Meeting** was confirmed as Tuesday, 12th September 2006 at Worksop Cricket Club at 7.15pm

Any other business. It was agreed that, if the League XI were successful in the Rhoades Trophy semi-final, the final of the Tomlins Trophy should be brought forward to 3rd September. Following a request from Marshalls Cricket Club due to the death of Gary Markham, and with the agreement of Bilsthorpe Cricket Club, their Division Six fixture due to be played on 12th August was cancelled and six points awarded to each team. It was agreed that a wicket keeper who had reached the age of 18 was entitled to stand up to the stumps without a helmet. Peter Neale expressed his dismay at the quality of the OSCA acknowledgement received from the ECB.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.15pm.

Signed Date