

BASSETLAW & DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

Minutes of a Management Committee meeting held at Worksop Cricket Club on Tuesday, 12th September 2006 at 7.15pm.

A period of silence was observed in memory of Keith Mansbridge who died on 9th September. Following a playing career at Creswell, Keith had become a very capable and widely respected umpire at League and County Second XI level.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. J.A.Bennett, G. Evans, J. Leaning, J. Heaman

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

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

Matters Arising. The Secretary had written a letter of sympathy to Marshalls Cricket Club following the death of Gary Markham; no notice of a funeral date had been received. The ECB Seminar had been switched to 10th October due to other commitments of Board officers and it was therefore agreed to alter the date of the next Management Committee meeting to 3rd October. Mike Smedley reported on the Rhoades Trophy game against the North Yorkshire & South Durham League which was played at Worksop Cricket Club after being once postponed and once abandoned half way through the first innings; NY&SD League 259 for 6, Bassetlaw League 192 for 7. A sincere vote of thanks was recorded for the efforts of Mike, Gareth Jones and others for getting teams together in difficult circumstances.

Correspondence. The marks for the Fair Play Awards for the first half of the season showed two clubs at the top who only had one recorded mark each. It was agreed to decide later on a minimum number of marks to qualify for the awards, which would be 1st - £ 250, 2nd - £150, 3rd - £100, and to discontinue the awards after this year. Anston Cricket Club had received conditional planning permission for relocation of the net facility and had nominated Alan Vollans to serve on the Management Committee. Copies of letters from each club to the Umpires' Appointments Secretary concerning there being no umpires appointed for a match between Everton 2nd and Misterton on 5th August when the clubs provided eight between them had been responded to by John Leaning. Letters from Notts. & Arnold Amateur Cricket Club regarding there being no umpires appointed for 28th August, and the standards of umpiring on 5th August and 12th August were read out. Responsibility for the former was accepted as an omission by the League, but the Committee felt that the club should have been able to prevent the situation by checking the list sent to them in June. The fact that Cutthorpe 1st XI had not had a new ball available at the start of the game against Marshalls on 19th August was noted. Andrew Duckering had informed the Secretary that he would produce the statistics and averages for the season before relinquishing office. An offer by David Plant to administer the League website was accepted and Bev Norris would contact him. Extensive correspondence had been received following discipline problems during the Division Two match between Bridon and Eckington. At a subsequent meeting of the Disciplinary Committee Tom Dawson (Eckington) was given a two match ban suspended until the end of the 2007 season and Luke Dawson (Eckington) was banned from one match with a further one match ban suspended until the end of the 2007 season. Bridon Cricket Club had banned Wayne Spooner and Darren Spooner for one match each and the committee added a two match ban and a one match ban respectively, each suspended until the end of the 2007 season. Six points had been deducted from the total for each team.

Finance. The Hon. Treasurer, Peter Neale, stated that the total cost of participation in the Rhoades Trophy, including transport and insurance amounted to £1212.98. A telephone account of £61.26 and payment of £40 for teas for umpires, scorers and League officials at the Tomlins Trophy final left a current balance of £5874.22. League officers were asked to submit expenses claims as soon as possible.

Statisticians Report / Unfulfilled Fixtures / Cup Competition. The following teams had failed to fulfil fixtures: Manton [v Everton II], Wadworth II [v Woodsetts II and v Sherwood II], Basford Mill II [v Mansfield & Pleasley III], Edwinstowe III [v Milton III]. A fine of £10 and a deduction of ten league points were imposed for each offence with twenty points being awarded to opponents. Wadworth 1st XI had cancelled against Bridon II on a day

when the 2nd XI had played, the usual points adjustments were made, but a fine of £20 imposed. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the club questioning their commitment and ability to field two teams next season. The following deductions were made for bowling 'late' overs: Eckington 1st XI – 3 points, Bolsover 2nd XI – 2 points, Clay Cross – 2 points. The Tomlins Trophy had been won by Killamarsh Juniors (126 for 7) in a tense match against Mansfield & Pleasley (123 all out). Adam Burgess (Killamarsh) had been awarded the Gordon Mycroft Cup for scoring 57 not out.

Reports of Meetings. The Secretary stated that he had reported favourably on the suitability of facilities at Killamarsh for Premier League cricket to the meeting of the Nottinghamshire Premier League. After representations from a number of people, the Chairman, Ron Goodley had indicated a willingness to withdraw his resignation subject to certain conditions being met. The Bassetlaw & District Umpires Association were to recommend that expenses paid to umpires be increased to £25, that the amount paid be reviewed every two years, and that a two league point penalty be imposed on clubs for failing to submit reports on umpires which could be by surface mail or electronically within four days of the match.

Rule changes for Season 2007. An addition was made to the draft of the proposed new rule 2.3 (vi). Following a suggested amendment to Rule 2.7 (iv) it was decided that a financial penalty was more appropriate than a points reduction for failure to telephone results, or to submit result sheets and reports on umpires. A fine not exceeding £20.00 was proposed and that these penalties should be monitored and imposed monthly rather than at the end of the season. Suggestions that a tighter interpretation of the Law on bowling wide of the wicket be proposed was not supported, nor that of a batsman having to retire on reaching 50 runs in a Twenty20 match, but it was agreed that clubs should appoint an umpire registered with the League for such matches. The question of the provision of 5 feet marks on a pitch and the re-marking of lines at the interval between innings was raised as it was thought that both should be included in the 'Special Instructions to Clubs' in the handbook.

Constitution of the Divisions for Season 2007. The Secretary reported that Clay Cross Works C.C. and Thurcroft Welfare C.C. had expressed reasonable confidence that they would continue next season, and that Killamarsh Juniors were in the process of seeking a ground so that a Third Eleven could be entered; no written confirmation had been received from Welbeck Colliery C.C. concerning a Fourth Eleven. Notts. & Arnold Amateur Cricket Club had submitted a request that, in 2007, its Third Eleven be placed in Division Eight and its Fourth Eleven in Division Ten. The final Constitution of the Divisions would be decided at the next meeting.

Election of Vice-President. It was agreed to invite Martin Anthony of Everton Cricket Club to be the Vice-President in 2007.

The **Date of the next Meeting** was confirmed in accordance with the earlier decision as Tuesday, 3rd October 2006 at Worksop Cricket Club at 7.15pm

Any other business. The Secretary stated that, following a discussion with Gary France on the administration of the League for the 2006 – 2007 close season, he would be prepared to edit the 2007 Handbook and to co-ordinate the registration process; a volunteer to administer the organisation of the Annual Dinner was required. He also stated that he had sought confirmation of the application for use of the hall at the Valley School for the AGM. It was thought that Local Authority attendance at the ECB Seminar was not feasible due to the number of areas covered by the League.

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

Signed Date