

BASSETLAW & DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

Minutes of a Management Committee meeting held at Worksop Cricket Club on Tuesday, 3rd October 2006 at 7.15pm.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. G. Holden (President), J.A.Bennett, G. France, J. B. Wilson, K. Board, D. Graney, G. Pym

Present: Messrs. J. C. Garton (Chairman), M. J. Smedley, P. Neale, B. Norris, C. Adwick, G. Evans, J. Leaning, J. Heaman T. Haywood, M. Daniels, C. Drury, G. Jones, S. Brown, C. R. Martin (Secretary).

The Chairman read a letter from the Secretary in which he expressed his sincere appreciation for the Dinner held in his honour at the West Retford Hotel, for the cheque presented to him, and for the bouquet presented to his mother.

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

Matters Arising. A recommendation that dots be placed on a pitch to mark the danger area was included in the current Handbook and notes regarding the positioning of the stumps and the re-marking of the pitch between innings would be added.

Correspondence. Written confirmation had been received from the Valley School of the hiring of the Hall for the Annual General Meeting. Edwinstowe C.C. and Woodsetts C.C. had each submitted applications for the re-election of their Third Elevens to Division Ten and these were approved. A query from Anston C.C. concerning the eligibility of Luke Dawson (Eckington) to play on 26th August had been answered by the Secretary and his action was endorsed. A letter from the Bassetlaw & District Umpires' Association was discussed and it was agreed that deduction of points for non-return of captains' reports would not be supported, that for 2008, a proposition be put to make the umpires' match expenses a decision of the Management Committee, that the use of covers should be at the discretion of clubs and a sanction against those who failed to use them was not appropriate, and that a note about umpires' changing facilities be included in the Special Instructions to Clubs. Wadworth C. C. had stated their commitment to fielding two teams in 2007. Holmewood Miners Welfare C.C. had confirmed that they would remain in the League for the time being, probably until 2009 at the earliest. A request from Notts. & Arnold Amateur C.C. for Bank Holiday fixtures to be discontinued and replaced by Sunday fixtures or an extended season was not supported. Following receipt of an umpire's report a Disciplinary Hearing had been convened to look into allegations of verbal abuse by two players of Marshalls C.C. This would be held on 13th October with Messrs. Mike Smedley, John Heaman and John Leaning forming the panel. Retford C.C. had nominated Patrick Berridge to serve on the umpires' panel.

Finance. The Hon. Treasurer, Peter Neale, stated that the closing balance at the end of the Financial Year on 30th September 2006 was £4653.10 as against £4815.84 a year ago, but that £500 of this was committed to the Fair Play Award. He briefly reported on the major items of income and expenditure and that the accounts were now with the Honorary Independent Examiner, Roger Heath. Peter was thanked for his diligence and expertise in managing the financial affairs of the League.

Reports of Meetings. At a meeting of the Recreational Council of the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board a Code of Practice concerning offensive material on websites had been agreed and this would be adopted for use by the League. The Secretary reported on some items discussed at the meeting of the League Cricket Conference held near Cheltenham on 30th September including the winners of the President's Trophy and the Rhoades Trophy, money to be distributed to Leagues involved in long journeys to matches, the opportunity to raise funds via advertising on a League website, a change in the priorities for the issue of work permits, new Fire Regulations for club premises, the progress of the ECB Officials'

Association, and two disciplinary matters. Chris Drury stated that, at a meeting of the N.E. Derbyshire Group, it had been reported that the Chesterfield Junior League was suffering from a shortage of administrators. John Heaman informed the meeting that 15 people had attended the first night of the umpiring introductory course at Winsick.

Rule changes for Season 2007. The proposed rule changes previously tabled were reviewed and a number of minor changes made to some of the wording. At the request of Anston C.C. it was agreed to propose the amendment of the qualification for a batting award to 50% of a team's scheduled match programme, rather than 12 innings. Amendments were to be proposed to the rules of the Mallen Trophy concerning re-arrangement of rained-off matches and the appointment of umpires. Propositions had been received from Holmewood Miners' Welfare C.C. amending Rule 2.7 and proposing a new Rule 2.8 to require clubs to post full details of matches on the play-cricket website in 2007.

Constitution of the Divisions for Season 2007. Applications from three clubs to enter additional teams in the League for 2007 were approved. It was agreed to maintain ten Divisions with Welbeck Colliery IV being placed in Division Eight, and Cutthorpe III and Ransome & Marles III in Division Ten. At the request of Notts. & Arnold Amateur C.C. the Third XI was placed in Division Eight and the Fourth Eleven in Division Ten with additional promotions of other teams being made to facilitate this. With 111 teams Divisions One to Five would have twelve teams, Divisions Six to Nine ten teams and Division Ten eleven teams. The ground to be used by Cutthorpe C.C. had been visited and the Secretary was to make enquiries about the ground to be used by Ransome & Marles C.C.

Election of Vice-President. Martin Anthony of Everton Cricket Club had declined the invitation to be the Vice-President in 2007 and it was agreed to invite Keith Board, who had been Secretary of Waleswood Sports C.C. for 25 years, and a valued member of the League Management Committee, to fill the post; Keith subsequently accepted.

The **Date of the next Meeting** was confirmed as Tuesday, 14th November 2006 at Worksop Cricket Club at 7.15pm

Any other business. The Chairman reported that he had experienced a very enjoyable day at Lord's on the occasion of the OSCA awards ceremony and that Alan Vollans of Anston C.C. had received the lifetime service to cricket award. Stephen Chalke and Malcolm Ashton were suggested as possible Guest Speakers at the Annual Dinner and the Secretary would follow it up. The Secretary also informed the meeting that he had not been elected to the new ECB Cricket Discipline Commission when lots were drawn after a tied ballot. The Bassetlaw Junior League Under 17 team had beaten the Sheffield Junior League in the annual Eric Adwick Memorial match

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.30pm.

Signed Date