

BASSETLAW & DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

Minutes of a Management Committee meeting held at Worksop Cricket Club on Tuesday, 14th November 2006 at 7.15pm.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. K. Board, G. Jones, T. Haywood

Present: Messrs. G. Holden (President), J. C. Garton (Chairman), M. J. Smedley, P. Neale, B. Norris, C. Adwick, G. Evans, J. Leaning, J. Heaman D. Graney, M. Daniels, C. Drury, G. France, J. B. Wilson C. R. Martin (Secretary).

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

Matters Arising. Following internal disciplinary hearings held by Marshalls C.C. Andrew West had been banned from two matches with a further two match ban suspended until the end of the 2007 season; the captain of the team, Paul van den Heuval had been exonerated. It was decided that a 12 point deduction of points be imposed, suspended until the end of the 2007 season, and the club be instructed to remind the captain of his responsibilities under the Spirit of Cricket. Ransome & Marles III would be playing home matches at Upton Cricket Club. Keith Board had accepted the office of Vice-President for 2007. Stephen Chalke had been engaged to speak at the Annual Dinner for a fee of £300. The suggested amendment to the way in which umpires' fees should be decided would be discussed with the Bassetlaw & District Umpires' Association before any proposition was tabled for the 2007 AGM.

Correspondence. Documentation had been received for the next meeting of the League Cricket Conference to be held at Chester-le-Street on 2nd December; an apology for absence would be recorded. A letter from Cutthorpe C.C. concerning the Stand Road ground and stating that Mrs Barbara Murray was the new secretary of the club and would be nominated to the umpires' panel was read out. A letter expressing the concerns of the Bassetlaw & District Umpires' Association committee at the admission of Cutthorpe III was discussed and the Secretary asked to respond. A policy document on the use of websites had been obtained, amended by the Secretary for use by clubs generally, and would be submitted for approval. Following the reading of a letter from John Leaning concerning the ambiguity of the position of Umpires' Appointments Secretary it was agreed that the principles of allocating umpires in 2007, as outlined to the meeting by the Chairman, would be circulated to clubs with the first rota, and that any correspondence from umpires or clubs to John in his official capacity should be brought to the attention of the Management Committee. Both officers had spoken to Paul Barker regarding comments on a website and no further action was to be taken. A request from Harthill Cricket Club for no fixture on 2nd June was approved. Mark Whitlam was the new Secretary of Marshalls C.C. and Jayne Robson of Worksop C.C. The AGM of the Nottinghamshire Premier League would be held at Trent Bridge on 30th November, an apology would be sent and Richard Martin nominated to represent the Bassetlaw League on the Management Committee. SurrIDGE of South Leeds Stadium wished to speak to the League about sponsorship and would be given the name and 'phone number of the Chairman. The Yorkshire C.B. was holding a meeting on 15th November concerning the loss of adult cricketers and clubs in the county.

Finance. The Hon. Treasurer, Peter Neale, confirmed that the excess of expenditure over income for 2005-06 could be accounted for by the funding of the Fair Play Award. Since the drawing up of the balance sheet a telephone account of £52 32 had been paid and the Corporation Tax return, a nil response, submitted.

Fair Play Award / Ground Reports It was decided that no minimum number of umpires' marks should be stipulated to qualify for the Fair Play Award and therefore that the top three positions were 1. Rockware Glass, 2. Blyth, 3. Lea Park. It was also agreed that the process was flawed and the award should cease after this year. Three clubs, Rockware Glass, Manton and Bilsthorpe had an average pitch

mark below 2 and a report had been received from an umpire concerning the very late preparation of a pitch for one match at Manton. Five clubs had a facilities mark average below 2: Ransome & Marles, Holmewood, Papplewick & Linby III, Anston III and Worksop III. Bolsover C.C. would be contacted regarding the condition of the changing facilities for umpires.

Constitution of the Divisions for 2007. Duckmanton Lodge had lost the use of the ground at Calow and were negotiating to play at Youlgreave. It was agreed, after a number of clubs to the east of the area covered by the League had been canvassed, to permit this for one season with those clubs visiting Youlgreave before the end of July. A request from Anston C.C. for its 4th XI to be placed in Division Ten was approved and Waleswood Sports II were promoted to fill the subsequent vacancy in Division Nine. A request from Woodsetts for the Divisions to be reduced to nine with most having twelve teams was not agreed, nor that the matter be discussed at the AGM.

Reports of Meetings. An excellent Club Development presentation had been given by officers of the ECB, but attendance at the meeting had been poor with only 14 clubs represented boosted by a good number of League officials. Umpire training at Winsick was being attended by an average of 32 people per week over the two sessions. A suggestion at a meeting of the Senior Cricket Committee of the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board that a second Division be added to the Premier League had not been supported.

Annual General Meeting. The agenda for the meeting, along with an erratum slip, was distributed and a number of the propositions, which would be proposed by either the Chairman or the retiring Secretary, discussed. The Secretary reported that he had not received as much statistical information as usual, that the annual report might reflect this, and that it was unlikely that the averages would be available.

Administration 2006-07. It was confirmed that the retiring Secretary, Richard Martin, would edit the Handbook and administer the registration of players. The organisation of the Annual Dinner would be undertaken jointly by him and the new Secretary, Gary France.

Dates of the Meetings in 2007. Subject to unforeseen circumstances these would be the second Tuesday of each month other than December. 9th January, 13th February, 13th March, 10th April, 8th May, 12th June, 10th July, 14th August, 11th September, 9th October, 13th November.

Any other business. The Chairman especially thanked the Secretary, Richard Martin and the Treasurer, Peter Neale for their efforts during the year, and also paid tribute to the other officers and members of the committee for the professional, and not personal, manner in which the business of the League had been conducted. George Evans tendered his apologies for the meetings to be held in January and February 2007.

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

Signed Date