

Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held at Worksop Cricket Club on Tuesday 13th March 2007

1. Apologies for absence

Messrs. D. Graney, G. Jones, S. Brown, G. Holden, K. Board, Glenn Pym.

2. Present:

Messrs. J. Garton, G. France, P. Neale, M. Daniels, A. Vollans, B. Norris, J. Heaman, J. Leaning, M. Smedley, R. Martin, G. Evans, B. Wilson, C. Adwick, T. Haywood, C. Drury.

3. Minutes of last meeting

This meeting was held on Tuesday 13th February 07. The Minutes were passed and signed as a true record.

4. Matters arising

4.1

Cliff Adwick confirmed that Cuckney Cricket Club had been booked for the League AGM in November 07.

4.2

The Chairman summarised a recent meeting attended by himself, Gary France and Bernie Jarvis at Mansfield Hosiery Mills, to discuss recent communications with the League Press Officer Paul Barker. From this meeting, Paul Barker had stated that he would send a letter to John Leaning retracting his comments in a previous letter to him. John Leaning confirmed that this had been done, and that he was satisfied with this action.

Secondly, Paul Barker was asked to refer any criticism's he may have in the future, to the League Secretary to allow the Management Committee to address the issues raised rather than discuss them within a web page in the public arena.

DECISION: Following another letter received by the Secretary, further discussions had resulted in Paul Barker remaining as the League Press Officer, and collating match results via his answer machine.

4.3

The Chairman talked about the need to arrange a meeting in the future with John Heaman to develop the new concept of umpires 'cautioning' players on the field of play in relation to certain laws of the game.

DECISION: DTBF

4.4

Trevor Haywood confirmed that discussions were taking place between the respective Secretaries of Thoresby Colliery CC and Glapwell CC to resolve the outstanding money allegedly owed by a player Richard Hope.

DECISION: The MC would only become involved further, should the respective clubs be unable to resolve the dispute.

5. Correspondence

5.1

An e mail from Duckmanton Lodge, outlined an appeal against the fine imposed upon that club for withdrawing from the League in November 06, just prior to the AGM. The e mail gave the reasons and circumstances leading to their transfer to another ground in Derbyshire and to another League, with the request that the MC consider taking no further action, along with no fine.

DECISION: Due to the mitigating circumstances, the meeting decided that there should be no fine and no other action. The Secretary should notify the club accordingly.

5.2

A letter from the League Sponsors 'Wilkinson' included a cheque to the League in the sum of £1200, with certain requests to disclose how the League uses the company name to publicise the sponsorship. Additionally, no other person from the Company would be attending the League Dinner.

DECISION: The Secretary would submit appropriate evidence to the company of publicity.

5.3

A letter from Sherwood Colliery CC requested certain fixtures to be amended:
Originally: 21st April 07 v WI Cavaliers – re-arranged to 15th September at Sherwood.

Originally: 28th April v Clumber Park – re-arranged to Monday 7th May at Sherwood.

All clubs were in agreement.

DECISION: Permission was granted for the re-arranged fixtures.

5.4

A similar request from Woodsetts via e mail had been received. Their proposal was:

Sunday 3rd June 07 – Woodsetts III v Mansfield & Pleasley IV

Saturday 4th August 07 – Woodsetts III v Ransome & Marles III

Sunday 26th August 07 – Woodsetts III v Edwinstowe III.

The other clubs concerned in these proposals had not yet been informed or asked.

DECISION: The Secretary to inform Woodsetts CC that the MC would only agree to these proposals if the respective clubs were happy and consenting to the changes.

5.5

A letter from the Secretary of the Umpires Association, outlined the need to renew certain Insurance cover for the umpires and the relevant cost of the policies. The Association asked for the support of the MC, by making a donation towards the cost of renewing the Insurance.

DECISION: The sum of £200 would be forwarded to the Secretary of the Umpires Association.

5.6

In accordance with Rule 5.2, Waleswood Sports CC had appointed Gareth Davis as a professional player for 2007.

DECISION: Noted by the Secretary and for registration purposes.

5.7

The next League Cricket Conference was to be held on Saturday 17th March 07 at Middleton CC near Manchester.

DECISION: Richard Martin may attend to represent the BL dependent upon a family health issue.

5.8

The Derbyshire Cricket Board, asked for the support of the League by encouraging all Derbyshire Clubs to allow their coaches to register as part of the ECB CA, as part of their own personal development.

DECISION: The Secretary would outline the facts in the next Newsletter to clubs.

6. Finance

Peter Neale presented a financial summary to the meeting, having recently resolved the League Insurance, telephone account and subscription to the Notts Cricket Board. Annual Invoices to clubs were being finalised and the current balance of League funds was currently £3958.59.

Peter was thanked for his report and there were no questions.

7. Reports of Meetings

7.1

John Heaman spoke of the recent Umpires meeting where David Shepherd had been the guest speaker, and that he had been one of the very best speakers.

8. League Constitution 2008

8.1

Bev Norris presented the options to the meeting of the League having either 9 or 10 Divisions along with a statistical diagram in support of the debate, which was discussed. The Secretary spoke briefly about a developmental possibility for the League to raise the status of Division 1, by re-naming it 'THE BASSETLAW LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP' and creating certain similar playing conditions and rules to that of Premier League cricket, which may better prepare those clubs with such aspirations. All other Divisions could then revert to '1 to 8' respectively.

DECISION: That in principal, the option of 9 Divisions was the preferred choice for 2008. The potential of 'The Bassetlaw League Championship' may be debated in the future.

9. Dinner update

9.1

It was anticipated that there would be an attendance of around 230 people to the League Dinner.

9.2

The Secretary outlined the current position concerning the return of trophies which was ongoing.

The Cliff Willmott Cup awarded to the Champions of Div 2 had been lost by Bolsover CC.

9.3

The meeting then reviewed a variety of jobs which required completion on the night, and who would do them.

The final guest list was confirmed by the Secretary.

DECISION: That any club returning their trophy late, would be fined in accordance with league rules.
The Secretary should arrange for a replacement Cliff Willmott Cup via Bassetlaw trophies.

10. Handbook update

10.1

Richard Martin stated that the majority of the 2007 handbook had been proof read with some minor amendments to be completed. The plan was for the book to be printed on the Monday before the League Dinner.

11. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 10th April 07 at Worksop CC – 7.15pm.

12. AOB

12.1

John Heaman reported that further umpire training was occurring between the 26th March and the 2 April 07.

12.2

Richard Martin reported that documentation relating to an Australian player registered with RHP (Russ Keeley) had been checked and verified for him to play without being registered as an overseas player.

There was no other business, and the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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