

# **Bassetlaw & District Cricket League**

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held at Worksop Cricket Club on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 07 at 7.15pm

## **1. Apologies for absence**

Messrs. A. Vollans, C Adwick, K. Board and G. Holden.

## **2. Present**

Messrs. J. Garton, M. Daniels, G. France, P. Neale, B. Norris, D. Graney, G. Evans, G. Pym, J. Heaman, J. Leaning, G. Jones, M. Smedley, R. Martin, T. Haywood, C. Drury, B. Wilson.

## **3. Minutes of the last meeting**

This was held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 07. The Minutes were passed and signed as a true record.

## **4. Matters arising**

4.1

The Secretary outlined that a formal written request had been received from the Secretary of Langold and Carlton Juniors Cricket Club to join our League from the 2008 season, and that he had sent them the application form for completion. Their reply was awaited.

**DECISION:** The application would be reviewed once received.

4.2

The Secretary explained that various replies had been received concerning a proposed training or 'workshop' evening in relation to club CWO's and Coaches, which David Tighe had agreed to facilitate. Retford CC had agreed to host the evening. The final arrangements had yet to be made. The Secretary also briefly outlined a reason for the training by quoting an example in a Yorkshire League, where inappropriate action by a club CWO and other club members had resulted in long terms bans from the positions and indeed playing the game itself.

**DECISION:** The Secretary should agree the date and communicate the arrangements and details by Newsletter to all clubs, although the focus was given to clubs in the northern area of the League, due to their initial requests.

4.3

The Treasurer stated that the sum of £150 had been received from Bolsover CC, concerning the loss of the League Trophy (Cliff Wilmott). The Secretary outlined that decisions still had to be made concerning the awarding of the Wilkinson Trophy and James Maude Bowl for this season. The Treasurer also stated that he had the 'Genefax Shield' at home which presumably had not been presented for a number of years.

**DECISION:** The payment from Bolsover was noted. The decision on the Wilkinson and James Maude trophies would be deferred until the end of the season, and Peter Neale was asked to retain the Genefax Shield until further notice.

4.4

John Heaman updated the meeting on the attendance of clubs to a meeting to discuss the arrangements for the submission of electronic umpires assessment forms. The meeting went well with only 6 clubs not attending from the combined Div's 1 & 2.

**DECISION:** The update was noted.

## **5. Correspondence**

5.1

A letter had been received from Arthur Whitehead of Blidworth Colliery Welfare CC, thanking the MC for inviting him to the Annual Dinner.

**DECISION:** Letter Noted

5.2

A letter had been received from the Chairman of Ransome & Marles CC which outlined the difficulties the club was enduring concerning ground facilities following a fire and other damage. The letter asked for the support and understanding of the League in the short term until a solution could be found.

**DECISION:** Letter noted and support acknowledged.

5.3

Various e mails had been received from Anston CC and other visiting teams in relation to the use of their ground at Greenlands, which despite a new pavilion being constructed by the local authority, had not yet been opened due to a lack of utility features. (Water, toilet, electricity etc). Discussions and work was ongoing, whilst Anston CC had agreed temporary use of the ground at Blyth for their teams scheduled to use Greenlands.

**DECISION:** The problems were noted and the MC would monitor the situation.

5.4

Following a letter from Peter McKenzie, the Secretary had printed off a copy of 'chat room banter' via a cricket website from various players in the Bassetlaw League. SAX69 stated after the first game of the season 'If anyone has Paul Barker as an umpire against Cuckney, you will have to hit the stumps especially if it's Butler'.

This written comment attracted a volume of responses by players in defence of Paul Barker, to which 'SAX69 replied in apology, 'I want to apologise to Paul Barker for my actions on here. I was in a bad mood and had time to think about my actions and I am sorry for my words'.

Dean Graney stated that SAX69 was a Glapwell player Lewis Saxby.

**DECISION:** The Secretary should formally write to Dean as Glapwell Secretary to ask what action their club intended to take against their player, and that the Secretary should once again remind all clubs of the League policy in relation to such activity.

5.5

A newsletter had been received from the League Cricket Conference dealing with:

- Northern Rock Sponsorship money for a challenge match between the winners of the Presidents Trophy and the Club Cricket Conference Sovereign Cup.
- Legal update for all club via Malcolm Buck LLB

- Sponsorship package for young players to tour Australia in Jan 2008
- Insurance for Overseas players

**DECISION:** The Secretary to forward the details of the Newsletter within the BL Newsletter to all clubs to select their own salient points.

## 5.6

A letter had been received from Mervyn Griffiths, the chairman of Notts & Arnold Amateur CC which explained the clubs disappointment that the League had not allowed their overseas players from Australia Tom Elliott to play until the 3<sup>rd</sup> game of the season, the 5<sup>th</sup> May 07.

The Secretary outlined that he had received a telephone call from Mervyn during the evening of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 07, asking to register Tom Elliott in Category C of the registration process. This was the first time the Secretary had received any communication from the club about the player. Following this call, the Emergency Committee of the League had maintained that the player could not play until the 10 days had elapsed under Rule 5.2(iii).

George Evans explained to the meeting the background of the players arrival in this country and of the various people who were aware of his presence. He also stated that a conversation had occurred between himself and other members of the MC during a previous meeting regarding 'TS ELLIOTT' playing for his club. Some members of the MC recalled the conversation, others did not.

**DECISION:** The Emergency Committee acted in good faith to act in accordance with the rules of the League, and confirmed that any player requiring registration as a Category C player should be completed in writing to the Secretary, as explained in the guidance notes sent out by Richard Martin. This process had also been sent as a reminder to all club Secretaries by the League Secretary in the March edition of the League Newsletter.

## 5.7

A memo from the ECB via Frank Kemp, discussed:

- A request for League information and a handbook.
- Junior cricketers in adult matches
- Play-Cricket.com website
- Disciplinary systems
- Equality issues
- ECB Volunteer Program

**DECISION:** League information and a handbook had been sent as requested. Other matters were noted.

## 6. Finance

### 6.1

The Treasurer reported that to date, 34 clubs had already paid their League fees along with 10 advertisers. The £200 agreed to be paid to the Umpires Association for Insurance premiums had been forwarded, along with invoices paid to the printers.

The current financial balance stood at **£4306.75**

## **7. Reports of meetings**

### 7.1

Bev Norris gave a report on a meeting involving the Notts Premier League. The issues raised were:

- The possibility of creating another Division within the NPL
- The matter of imposing restrictions upon the availability of overseas players rather than professionals was raised.
- The standards of facilities at various grounds within the League was discussed, along with what is expected of new clubs joining.
- There may be an approach to amalgamate a NPL presentation evening with the BL and South Notts League on a bi-annual basis
- The Chairman Peter Johnson had expressed a desire to meet with officials of the BL.

**DECISION:** The meeting was totally opposed to the creation of another Division of the NPL and authorised any delegate at future meeting to say so. The BL would await any requests concerning an amalgamated Annual Dinner. The Secretary should write to Peter Johnson, offering a meeting between himself, Jim Garton, Gary France, Richard Martin and Malcolm Daniels.

### 7.2

Richard Martin gave a report on a meeting involving the Notts Cricket Board. The points raised were:

- Discussions with the ECB Operations Management Group identified the need for improved communication involving the process from 'top down and bottom up'.
- Various appointments had been made into positions of representation throughout the board.
- There was a desire to create a consistent format for disciplinary forms and processes, with examples being circulated. It was accepted that there were slight differences between the content of these forms throughout the various Leagues in the County, with some concern being expressed as to how actions or decisions were communicated.
- It was felt that 'pyramid meetings' between the various Leagues in Nottinghamshire would be beneficial.

**DECISION:** The disciplinary documents circulated as examples by Richard Martin were accepted to be used by the BL in disciplinary meetings. The Secretary was asked to confirm the situation in relation to Craig Dawes of Grassmoor, and his eligibility to play against Sherwood in the first game of the season. Any punishments issued to professional players in our League for any disciplinary issues could not be transferred into the professional league.

## **8. Disciplinary matters / unfulfilled fixtures**

### 8.1

A letter had been received from Nick Bircumshaw of Glapwell CC, supported by the club Secretary, which outlined a problem in the match between Ransome & Marles and Glapwell on the 28<sup>th</sup> April 07 in Division 1. The writer alleged that his son,

Daniel, a 15 year old player for Glapwell had been verbally abused by a player from Ransome & Marles named Taylor, who had used abusive and obscene language towards Daniel Bircumshaw.

**DECISION:** A disciplinary meeting would be arranged to be held at 7.30pm Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 07 at Worksop CC, with Mike Smedley as Chairman, Brian Wilson and Peter Neale making the disciplinary committee. The Secretary would contact for all relevant parties to attend and circulate documents.

## 8.2

An e mail from an umpire Ian Batty, stated that he had attended the game between Worksop 4<sup>th</sup> XI and Thoresby Park 2<sup>nd</sup> XI on the 28<sup>th</sup> April 07, to find that the ground was closed and the game having been cancelled without him being informed. The e mail went into detail to explain that the Worksop Captain had simply forgotten to inform the umpire of the cancellation.

**DECISION:** Worksop CC to pay the umpire the £25 match expenses. The Secretary to arrange

## 8.3

Information had been received by Richard Martin concerning problems between Farnsfield 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and Holmewood CC in Division 3 on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 07, which may be of a disciplinary nature.

**DECISION:** The Secretary to make enquiries

## 8.4

Updated list of unfulfilled fixtures to date were:

Worksop 4 <sup>th</sup> XI; v Thoresby Park 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI 28/4/07	(Cancelled by Worksop)
Worksop 4 <sup>th</sup> XI v Rockware Glass 5/5/07	(Cancelled by Worksop)
Ransome & Marles III v Woodsetts III 5/5/07	(Cancelled by Woodsetts)
Anston 4 <sup>th</sup> XI v Notts & Arnold 4 <sup>th</sup> XI 7/5/07	(Cancelled by Notts & Arnold)

**DECISION:** The 'cancelling clubs' to be penalised in accordance with Rule 2.5(vi)

**9. The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 07 at Worksop CC – 7.15pm**

## **10. AOB**

### 10.1

Peter Neale raised the point that certain details contained on page 163 of the League Handbook were inaccurate and gave Milton CC as the example.

**DECISION:** It was agreed that this was a printing error. The Secretary should mention the errors on this page in the next Newsletter.

### 10.2

Mike Smedley stated that the practice balls circulated at a previous meeting were not of a good standard.

**DECISION:** This make of ball would not be pursued.

10.3

John Heaman stated that he was aware that Cutthorpe 3<sup>rd</sup> XI had been playing at Somersall Park Chesterfield, as opposed to their stated Stand Road Ground. This ground was unknown as far as the MC was concerned and had not been inspected.

**DECISION:** The Secretary to make enquiries with Cutthorpe.

10.4

George Evans explained some potential difficulties with locally parked vehicles near to their ground and a spate of crime where these vehicles had been broken into with the local police running an operation to solve the problem.

**DECISION:** The Secretary to highlight the problem to visiting teams in the next Newsletter.

10.5

Bev Norris spoke of a couple of problems with the results sheets from the games between, (a) Edwinstowe v North Wheatley with Leverton in Div 2 (21/4/07) and (b) Edwinstowe v Mansfield & Pleasley in the same Div (28/04/07) involving comments from then umpires in relation to time and overs.

**DECISION:** (a) resolved, no action required. (b) Bev Norris to query with the umpires.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9pm

Signed.....

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