

Bassetlaw & District Cricket League
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**Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held at Worksop Cricket Club
on Tuesday 12th June 07 at 7.15pm**

1. Apologies for absence

Messrs. D. Graney and C. Drury

2. Present

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

3. Minutes of the last Meeting

This was held on Tuesday 8th May 07. The Minutes were passed and signed as a true record.

4. Matters arising

4.1

The Secretary gave an update on a Child Protection Workshop presented by David Tighe for the benefit of Club Coaches and CWO's. This took place at Retford CC on the 31st May 07.

DECISION: For information only

4.2

Following on from a meeting held by the Umpires Association for clubs in Div's 1 & 2 to train their respective Captain's to submit assessment forms electronically for umpires in those Divisions, the Secretary gave details of a list of clubs who had failed to submit those documents from the 28th April 07 to the 26th May 07 inclusive. They were Notts & Arnold (5), Everton (2), Farnsfield(2), Ransome & Marles(1) and Whitwell(1).

The Secretary did outline that three clubs had expressed some difficulty with the electronic process in the early weeks of the season, stating that 'error messages' appeared on the screen, followed by closure of access. This was given purely as background feedback. The Secretary had already reminded clubs of the need for the submission of these forms.

DECISION: On this occasion, no further action would be taken

4.3

The matter of Anston 3rd and 4th teams playing at various grounds awaiting completion of their Greenlands ground needed clarification. Alan Vollans stated that the ground was almost complete and certainly from Saturday 16th June 07, their club would be playing at Greenlands.

DECISION: This update was noted

4.4

Glapwell Colliery CC had officially warned their player Lewis Saxby in relation to comments on the threads of the 'Follow On' website where he had criticised an umpire, but to his credit had quickly retracted the statement and apologised on the same forum. The Secretary gave a brief outline of this website and 'thread entries' by various people involved in the game, and recommended to the meeting that the club warning for this player was proportionate and appropriate.

DECISION: No further action would be taken on this occasion.

4.5

The Secretary confirmed that following enquiries into a disciplinary matter involving Craig Dawes of Grassmoor, he was in fact eligible play against Sherwood in the first game of current season and had not breached any rules or directives.

DECISION: Noted and for information.

4.6

The Disciplinary Sub Committee had held a meeting on the 21st May 07 involving Robert Taylor of Ransome and Marles CC. Having considered all the available evidence, the Sub Committee decided that the following offence was proved:

DECISION:

- *Use of foul language on the field of play, but not proved as directed towards an opponent.*

The Sub Committee imposed the following in accordance with Rule 7.4 Para 4:

- * *The player Robert Taylor: a ban of 4 matches, suspended until the end of the 2007 season.*
- * *The team Ransome & Marles of Div 1, a deduction of 6 points, suspended until the end of the 2007 season*
- * *The Captain of Ransome & Marles, Gary Lambert, is reminded of his responsibilities to control the behaviour of his players.*

4.7

The Secretary confirmed that Worksop CC had paid the umpire Ian Batty his expenses for the cancelled game on the 28th April involving Thoresby Park II

DECISION: Noted and for information.

4.8

Confirmation had been received from Cutthorpe CC that their 3rd XI were not playing at Stand Road, Chesterfield, but at Somersall Park. This ground had been inspected by Peter Neale who confirmed that the facilities were not suitable for Bassetlaw League cricket. Keith Board summarised his clubs visit to the ground in early season and concurred with Peter Neale's assessment, in terms of changing facilities, teas, toilets etc. The Secretary confirmed that various dialogues had taken place between himself and Cutthorpe officials who agreed with this summary and were trying to obtain a new ground as soon as possible. The Emergency Committee of the League had already been consulted on the short term future of Somersall Park.

Recently a proposal had been received from the club to use Hasland Park and the toilet / eating facilities at Eastwood Hall linked to this ground, which had also been assessed by Peter Neale as acceptable to the League.

DECISION: That for this season only, Cutthorpe III would be allowed to continue at Somersall Park where necessary, but the proposal to play at Hasland Park met with the approval of the meeting. For 2008, the club should establish a long term venue which must be authorised by the MC before the new season begins. The Secretary to communicate these decisions to the club.

4.9

To date no reply had been received from the Chairman of the NPL regarding meeting representatives of our MC.

DECISION: The Secretary would continue to make arrangements.

4.10

Bev Norris had established that there was in fact no problem in relation to comments on the results sheets relating to time and overs in the game between Edwinstowe v Mans & Pleasley in Div 2 (28/4/07) as endorsed by the umpires

DECISION: No further action was required.

5. Correspondence

5.1

A letter from the Secretary of Holmewood CC informed the meeting of that club's intention to withdraw from the B&DCL for the 2008 season and join the DCCL. Additionally the work of David Plant in servicing the website requirements of the League would also cease. The Secretary outlined the importance for next year of the League having an up to date website in keeping with modern requirements, which may also incorporate a more streamlined electronic process of recording match results and also of notifying Paul Barker rather than leaving messages on an answer phone.

DECISION: The intention of Holmewood CC was noted. The Secretary, Fixture Secretary and Paul Barker should liaise to consider any improvements to the notification of results systems.

5.2

A letter from Peter McKenzie thanked the MC for their support of Insurance costs which the Umpires Association incur and outlined the purposes of the cover.

DECISION: Noted and for information.

5.3

Updates by e mail on players registered with clubs in 'other than Category A(i)':

Bolsover CC - Hasnan Kazim C(iv), Grassmoor - Steevan Dsouza A(iv),
BlidworthCC – Rehan Riaz C(iv), Worksop – Nandika Ranjith C(iv)

DECISION: Noted and for information only.

5.4

Paul Barker had provided a list of clubs who had failed to notify their results in accordance with Rule 2.7(iii). They were:

28/4/07	Welbeck III, Bolsover II, Worksop iv, Cutthorpe III
5/5/07	Welbeck iv
12/5/07	Wiseton, WorksopII, Clumber Park II, Welbeck iv
19/5/07	Worksop I, Thoresby Park I, Welbeck II
26/5/07	Welbeck iv
28/5/07	Welbeck II

Glenn Pym described problems encountered by Worksop CC, when the caller was left with an engaged tone for long period of time on the answer machine and suggested text messaging as an alternative to making phone calls and leaving voice messages.

DECISION: All above clubs should be fined and not wait until the end of the season. Paul Barker should be asked to notify transgressions at similar intervals hence forth. The rate of fines to replicate any transgressions as : 1st - £5, 2nd - £10, 3rd - £15, 4th – £20 .

Also the decision at 5.1 was applicable regarding this issue.

5.5

The Secretary informed the meeting of a phone call received from the captain of Notts & Arnold Amateurs, informing the league that the club wished to withdraw from the Mallen Trophy Twenty/20 Cup this year, due to a lack of players.

DECISION: The club should be fined £20 for each game in the competition which was not fulfilled (Four games).

5.6

A lengthy e mail had been received from Gary Edginton who represented the Elks CC in the South Notts League, who was also a Divisional Rep. He had outlined difficulties which this club had encountered involving two players, Terry Bell and Daniel Dolman, and claimed that League fees, Club membership and Match taxes were owed by these players to the sum of around £200. Both players had transferred to Mansfield & Pleasley in the B&DCL, following a request for transfer received by Gary France and a text message from the club agreeing to the transfer.

The e mail sought the support of the B&DCL until this disagreement was resolved with the club and the South Notts League.

DECISION: M&P CC should be notified and informed that both players registrations for playing in the B&DCL would be suspended until such time as the MC was satisfied that this matter had been resolved with the Elks CC, with the Secretary being asked to communicate with all parties involved, to seek a resolution.

6. Finance

6.1

The Treasurer reported a current financial balance of £7545.10

This did not include the cheque to Rockware Glass dated the 31//307 for the Sportsmanship Award which had not yet been cashed by the club.

Payment from 7 advertisers was still awaited.

Some clubs still had outstanding League fees not yet paid despite telephone reminders. They were Basford Mill and Retford, with the deadline having past on 31/5/07.

DECISION: Both clubs should be fined in keeping with Rule 1.2(ii).

7. Reports of Meetings

7.1

Richard Martin summarised issues from the NCB.

Disciplinary forms had been standardised and accepted across the county.

The Fixture Bureau was now an electronic facility.

An Operational Management Group had been formulated to monitor performance of cricket development throughout the County.

John Heaman informed the meeting that for Div's 1 & 2, the names of the attending umpires will be provided to the away teams as well as the home teams.

Gary France stated that the NCB now had a full time CWO. His name was John Leafe, who was available for advice and referrals where necessary.

8. Disciplinary Matters / Unfulfilled Fixtures

8.1

Cancellation of matches. Div - 9 Ransome & Marles v M & P. Cancelled by R & M due to a lack of players.

Div 9 – Notts & Arnold v Woodsetts. Cancelled by Woodsetts, due to a lack of players.

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

8.2

An e mail had been received from Sue Bramley, the mother of a 13 year old player of Farnsfield CC. This lady is also the Junior Secretary and deputy CWO of that club.

The e mail described a series of events where her son was verbally abused by players from Holmewood CC in a recent match. She did not wish the League to take any action, and went into great detail as to her reasons, but asked that clubs be reminded of player behaviour towards young players. Both Club Secretaries had been contacted by Mike Smedley, and had been asked to write a letter of apology for their respective players behaviour in this game which had been done. There had been two umpires in attendance, A. Cope and C. Chapman. Peter McKenzie had been in receipt of a letter from A. Cope concerning this game, although no formal complaint had been made by either umpire.

DECISION: The Secretary should write to both clubs on behalf of the MC in relation to this incident. Peter McKenzie should be asked to supply the League Secretary with a copy of the umpire's letter. The Secretary should write to the original complainant, updating her of the action taken by the MC. The Secretary to remind all clubs in a future Newsletter, concerning the responsibility of senior club members when playing with and against junior players.

8.3

The game on the 19th May 2007 at Kingsway Park between Mansfield Hosiery Mills and Notts & Arnold in Div 9 was abandoned with the agreement of both Captains due to anti-social behaviour by spectators, who were apparently under the influence of alcohol. The Secretary read a report from the Hosiery Mills, with updates from George Evans and Malcolm Daniels from their perspectives.

DECISION: The reason for the abandonment was accepted. Both teams to be allocated 6 points each, together with whatever bonus points had been accrued at the time the game ended.

8.4

The game between Mansfield Hosiery Mills and Farnsfield in Div 9 at Kingsway Park had been abandoned by the Hosiery Mills Captain, following a disagreement with a Farnsfield player who was umpiring at the time. Various reports from people on both sides had been received by the Secretary, with two of these being read to the meeting. The Secretary and Mike Smedley had already arranged a Disciplinary Hearing of the Sub-Committee in relation to this matter for 7.30pm Monday 18th June 07 at Worksop CC.

DECISION: This meeting to go ahead, with Peter Neale and John Heaman joining Mike Smedley to formulate the Sub-Committee on this day.

9. Mallen Trophy – Twenty/20 arrangements for 15/7/07

9.1

The following arrangements were agreed by the meeting:

DECISION: Both semi-finals to start at 12 noon, the final at 3.30pm with a different wicket for the final. Four umpires should be appointed for the day, with £25 expenses paid to all four. The League should provide the balls for the final. The hosting club Notts & Arnold were asked to provide a buffet. A BBQ could be provided at that clubs discretion. Dorothy Pope and members of the Mallen family should be invited by the Secretary. Following information provided by the Secretary, the meeting agreed that Retford CC should host the 2008 Mallen Trophy Twenty/20 final in 2008, in recognition of 150 years of playing on their current ground.

10. Development of Mallen Twenty/20 Trophy to Clubs in Div 5 to 9 incl

10.1

The Secretary summarised the historical trend of generally only clubs in Div's 1 & 2 participating in the League Cup Competitions. It was very feasible that clubs with only one team in the lower Divisions did not relish competing against teams from Div's 1 & 2 and therefore competing against overseas and professional players. There were 13 such clubs with only one team in Div's 5 to 9 inclusive. If they agreed to play in their own cup competition, an example could be the Wilkinson Trophy Twenty/20 Cup for that particular competition.

DECISION: The Secretary was asked to write to all relevant clubs in Div's 5 to 9 with only one team to gauge their views.

11. Date of next meeting – Monday 10th July 07 – 7.15pm at Worksop CC

12. Any other business

12.1

Bev Norris reported a results sheet in the match Worksop v Cuckney in Div 1 on the 26th May 07 which identified a slow over rate for Worksop and contravention of Rule 3.3 (iii).

DECISION: Deduction of points for Worksop (Rule 3.3 (vi))

12.2

Richard Martin informed the meeting of how he had spent the money collected from clubs and other people for his years as Hon. League Secretary, by updating his computer equipment and collection of Wisden Almanac's.

12.3

Malcolm Daniels spoke of the potential for 'spare umpires' to be available via the North Lindsey League, although John Leaning was aware of this issue.

DECISION: Noted and for information at this time.

12.4

The Chairman spoke of the funeral of Renee Shelton, wife of former MC member Bill Shelton, and the attendance by members of the MC.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.35pm

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