

# **Bassetlaw & District Cricket League**

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## **Minutes of Management Committee Meeting held at Worksop Cricket Club on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 07 at 7.15pm**

Prior to the meeting, Mr. Peter Johnson, Chairman of the Nottinghamshire Premier League spoke about his role and the way in which the NPL integrated with the whole of Nottinghamshire cricket. The issues highlighted were:

- The NPL being at the summit of the pyramid structure with 12 teams competing, who actually belonged to other leagues.
- Future plans would be achieved by listening to clubs and gaining the co-operation of feeder leagues, all supporting one another.
- At the NPL AGM, the clubs themselves make decisions.
- Achievements both on and off the field of play.
- 25 people elected to the Management Committee, complimented by various Sub-Committees
- League rules may need reviewing, with plans to be formulated for succession of official posts.
- Future of the NPL in terms of open cricket and a need to develop a Twenty/20 format
- The formation of a NPL 2<sup>nd</sup> Division which had minority support at this time.
- The benefit of grounds in BL Div 1 being a mirror of the standards required for the NPL would be advantageous.
- League Rules throughout the County being integrated and consistent.
- Joint Presentation Evenings merging with the NPL.
- The potential of regular reviews of local cricket via two annual meetings with the NPL and its two feeder leagues.

Following a number of questions from members attending, Peter was thanked for his presentation to our meeting, with the content to be considered and discussed at a later date.

### **1. Apologies for absence**

Messrs. D. Graney, G. Evans, G. Pym, M. Daniels, S. Brown.

### **2. Present**

Messrs. J. Garton, G. France, P. Neale, B. Norris, J. Heaman, J. Leaning, G. Jones, M. Smedley, R. Martin, T. Haywood, B. Wilson, C. Adwick, K. Board, C. Drury, G. Holden.

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

This was held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 07. The Minutes were passed and signed as a true record.

#### **4. Matters arising**

##### 4.1

The Secretary had discussed with Paul Barker the options for improving the results service to the League, using paper, phone calls, text messaging, e mails and the internet. Paul Barkers view was that he was happy with the current system of voice messages left for him via answer machines, which currently worked well. Richard Martin had produced a summary of some of the advantages of our current systems and of potential changes. In reality, from the available evidence, only one club had reported any problems with the answering service this season.

**DECISION:** The current arrangements were to continue, although the possibility of clubs sending one copy of the Match Result Sheet to Bev Norris and another one to the Worksop Guardian should be considered at the end of the current season

##### 4.2

A telephone call had been received from the Secretary of Welbeck CC, asking the Committee to re-consider the implementation of fines for not notifying results to be calculated in accordance with the number of occasions a 'club team' transgresses, as apposed to a 'club', which would reduce the total amount of fines for any club.

**DECISION:** The current fines in relation to clubs no matter how many teams they had in the league would remain.

##### 4.3

The Secretary had contacted M & P CC to suspend the playing registration of Terry Bell and Mathew Dolman, following financial irregularities between both players and their former club in the South Notts League 'ELKS CC'. The matter had been investigated by the Disciplinary Sub Committee of that League, and their Secretary stated that they did not wish to pursue the allegations any further and would not be supporting the stance of the Elks CC and therefore had no objection to both players resuming their playing registration. The Secretary had communicated this fact to M&P CC.

**DECISION:** Outcome supported by the MC

##### 4.4

A disciplinary allegation from the mother of a 13 year old player from Farnsfield CC whilst playing against Holmewood CC had been resolved by Mike Smedley. The Secretary did confirm that both club Secretaries had been notified and updated, as indeed had the alleged victim's mother. Additionally Peter McKenzie had not got a copy of any umpires report on the game, just a verbal update at the time.

**DECISION:** Noted and for information.

##### 4.5

A Disciplinary Meeting had taken place on the 18<sup>th</sup> June 07 at Worksop CC, involving a player from Farnsfield CC III, Mr.P. Worrall and Mansfield HM IV, Mr. D. Flowers in relation to a game in Div 9 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 07.

**DECISION:** The following outcome was proved:

### **Mr. D. Flowers**

The Spirit of Cricket 7.4 1.2.2 for neglect in the responsibilities of the Captain and criticising an umpire's decision by word and action, and by ending the game prematurely, thus bringing the game into disrepute.

*Penalty in accordance with Rule 7.4 para. 4*

A 2 match ban from 30<sup>th</sup> June to 7<sup>th</sup> July inclusive for the player, and a 6 point deduction from the points total of Mansfield HM IV in Div 9.

### **Mr. P. Worrall**

The Spirit of Cricket 7.4 1.2.5. directing abusive language towards an opponent thereby bringing the game into disrepute.

*Penalty in accordance with Rule 7.4 Para.4*

A 2 match ban from the 30<sup>th</sup> June to 7<sup>th</sup> July inclusive for the player and a 6 point deduction from the points total for Farnsfield III in Div 9.

### 4.5

The Secretary updated the meeting on the current arrangements for the Mallen Twenty/20 finals day at N & AA on the 15<sup>th</sup> July. Another ground was needed due to wet conditions at N & A, and therefore not being able to accommodate all games on the same day.

The first arranged Mallen game between Cuckney CC and Thoresby CC had ended after 12 overs due to rain. Cuckney believed that the game should be re-played, Thoresby Coll believed the result should be 1 point each. An initial Emergency Committee decision had been made that the game should be replayed, although it had since come to light that a similar game between WI Cavaliers and Papplewick & L earlier in the season had been recorded as 1 point each.

Additionally, the game between Kiveton CC and Cutthorpe CC had been abandoned 3 times with permission granted to extend the deadline due to an initial willingness from both clubs to play out the fixture to a result. A telephone call from Kiveton CC prior to the meeting stated that they could not complete the fixture due to congestion of fixtures and availability and asked for the allocation of 1 point each. Cutthorpe still wished to play.

To date the only team known to be through to the semi's was Marshall's CC. There was a problem concerning how results were sent and recorded, due to the rules being interpreted in different ways by many clubs. There had also been problems with clubs 'self appointing' umpires with one example being an umpire with no CRB clearance! Finally Retford CC had asked for the Final next year to be played on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 08 at their ground.

### **DECISIONS:**

- Bev Norris and Paul Barker would confirm the other 3 semi finalists.
- Richard Martin would confirm an alternative ground
- The games involving Cuckney, Thoresby Coll, Kiveton and Cutthorpe would be 1 point each.
- A review of the rules of this competition, including the appointment of umpires would be undertaken by the MC in time for this years AGM.
- The 13<sup>th</sup> July was confirmed as next years finals date, with Bridon CC being the ground for the other semi final to accommodate ease of travelling.

## **5. Correspondence**

### 5.1

A letter from the Secretary of the Durham Coast League, reference the Cedric Rhoades Trophy game on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 07, had been received, concerning arrangements for the day, ground and directions from Durham.

**DECISION:** Prior to the meeting following consultation, it had been agreed to change the ground from Worksop CC to Cuckney CC due to ongoing flooding problems involving the Environmental Health Dept. The Secretary had already answered all other questions and was in contact with the League Secretary and team Captain Ian Hauxwell in view of the ongoing rainy weather.

### 5.2

The Secretary read an advisory statement relating to flooded cricket grounds and the risk of contracting Leptospirosis.

**DECISION:** Noted and for information.

### 5.3

A compilation document from the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board relating to current players in receipt of disciplinary measures was read to the meeting by the Secretary.

**DECISION:** Noted and for information.

### 5.4

A letter from Bill Russell, President of the Nottinghamshire CCC invited the Chairman, Secretary and two other members of the BL Committee to be his guests at the Notts v Somerset game at Trent Bridge on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 07.

**DECISION:** Following circulation of the information by the Secretary to all MC members. Jim Garton, Gary France, Brian Wilson and Malcolm Daniels had shown an interest in attending with this reply sent to Bill Russell

### 5.5

A letter from Whitwell CC, wished to nominate Mr. Tom Munro, a member of that club and also an umpire onto the MC of the League for the 2008 season.

**DECISION:** Noted and for information.

## **6. Finance**

The Treasurer reported a current financial balance of £8166.44

Club account invoices had been resolved, with ongoing discussions with Glassworks CC in relation to their cheque for £300 for their fairplay/sportsmanship award. Some outstanding bills related to trophies for the Mallen and Tomlins final and the Derbyshire Cricket Board.

The process of fines relating to the late return of League trophies by some clubs for engraving had created some doubt in terms of who was responsible, as some trophies had been 'loaned out' by the originating club to another club who perhaps wished to present it on an internal basis within that club prior to the League dinner in March, culminating in its late return.

**DECISION:** There were no questions for Peter Neale. The club who had gained original possession of any trophy from the League dinner would hold responsibility and accountability over its possession, and agree terms and conditions of its release with any club wishing to borrow it for genuine reasons.

## **7. Umpires and cancelled matches**

### 7.1

A letter from Peter McKenzie of the Umpires Association provided information of which clubs had failed to submit their Umpires Assessment forms during June, as required by Rule 6.5. They were:

- 2 June Farnsfield, Notts & Arnold Amateur
- 9 June Caythorpe, Notts & Arnold Amateur
- 16 June Nil return
- 23 June Bolsover, Notts & Arnold Amateur
- 30 June Nil return

**DECISION:** All the above clubs to be fined in accordance with the Rules on page 41 of the League Handbook.

### 7.2

John Leaning had expressed concern in relation to the number of phone calls received by him on Saturday mornings from various players, because they could not locate the sheets sent to their club secretaries, identifying which umpires were allocated to their games. The purpose of the phone calls invariably related to rained off matches.

**DECISION:** The Secretary would include an appropriate reminder or guide to all clubs in the July Newsletter.

### 7.3

E mails received from umpires where they had not been notified by home clubs of cancelled rained off matches, resulting in them travelling unnecessarily were:

- South Normanton - 16<sup>th</sup> June 07 Umpire - Jon Eaton
- Cutthorpe - 23<sup>rd</sup> June 07 Umpire - Trevor Mitchell
- Weston – 30<sup>th</sup> June 07 Umpires – P Baggaley & R S Broadley

**DECISION:** In accordance with Rule 6.3 (iii), the Secretary should contact the three clubs and ask them pay the respective umpires there expenses for the day.

## **8. Reports of meetings**

### 8.1

John Heaman raised the matter of games where no umpires were present, and there being a dispute concerning when a game should start or re-start due to poor weather or unfit ground conditions. Who would take responsibility for decisions as there was independent arbitrator?

**DECISION:** It was felt that this was a difficult issue to resolve in the time available at this meeting. To be raised at the August meeting.

### 8.2

John Heaman informed the meeting of a desire from the ECB for umpires throughout the League to be graded, although the processes for how this would be achieved were not clear at this time.

**DECISION:** For information at the moment.

## **9. Disciplinary Matters / unfulfilled fixtures**

### 9.1

The Secretary was in receipt of a report from an umpire concerning the offensive words, action and conduct of Mr. N. Birkett, a player for Thoresby Colliery in their

Mallen Trophy game v Bolsover on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 07, which he deemed to be directed towards him as the umpire. An initial disciplinary meeting had been arranged but had been cancelled due to Mr. Birkett being unavailable. The Secretary read the report to the meeting.

**DECISION:** A Disciplinary meeting should be convened for 7.30pm Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 07 for this matter.

9.2

The Secretary was in receipt of a second similar allegation from a further two umpires regarding the words actions and behaviour of Mr. M Walker also of Thoresby Colliery during their 2<sup>nd</sup> XI game against Bridon 2<sup>nd</sup> XI on the 7<sup>th</sup> July 07. The Secretary read the umpires report to the meeting.

**DECISION:** A Disciplinary Meeting should be arranged for 8.15pm Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 07 for this matter. (Mike Smedley – John Heaman – Keith Board making the Sub Committee for both 9.1 & 9.2)

9.3

An e mail from the Secretary of Worksop CC, explained the problems with flooding of their ground at Central Avenue and the linked Environmental Health directives restricting its use in recent weeks and over the immediate future. The fixture with R & M (Div 1) on the 7<sup>th</sup> July was requested to be replayed on another date to the mutual agreement of both clubs, with the game on the 14<sup>th</sup> July against Bolsover (Div 1) already having been arranged to be played at Worksop College, although news just prior to the meeting suggested that the game may now go ahead at Central Avenue.

**DECISION:** The game against R & M on the 7<sup>th</sup> July would remain as 6 points each, ground unfit and not be re-arranged. There would be no issues with the game on the 14<sup>th</sup> July against Bolsover being played on an alternative or the usual ground, but not re-arranged if the ground was unfit.

**The date of the next meeting would be on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 07 at Worksop CC, 7.15pm.**

## **10. AOB**

10.1

John Heaman asked for the Rule 6.4 to be discussed further, and the wording of the Chairman's suggested amendment as read at the April 07 meeting to be debated and agreed.

**DECISION:** Referred to the August 07 meeting.

There was no other business and the meeting concluded at 9.55pm.

Signed.....Date.....