

Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

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Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held at Worksop CC on Tuesday 11th Sept 07 at 7.15pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Messrs. C Adwick, D. Graney, G. Evans, B. Wilson

2. PRESENT

Messrs. J. Garton, G. France, P. Neale, B. Norris, J. Heaman, J. Leaning, G. Jones, R. martin, K. Board, M. Daniels, A. Vollans, T. Haywood, C. Drury, G. Holden.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

This was held on Tuesday 14th August 07. The Minutes were passed and signed as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1

The Minutes of the Meeting between the NPL, the SNL and the BDCL had been circulated by the Secretary, with The Chairman also summarising the content of the meeting

DECISION: The BL would welcome joint Presentation Evenings with the PL. Other potential changes to the playing conditions within the current Division 1 are documented in the Appendices to these Minutes

4.2

It had been established that all outstanding fees to umpires Jon Eaton, Trevor Mitchell, P. Baggaley and RS Broadley had been resolved via contact through respective clubs.

DECISION: For information only

4.3

The matter of captain's making decisions in the absence of umpires where games start late or are interrupted by poor weather, in terms of when play should start or recommence based on player safety was an issue where it was felt that guidance should be issued in a written format by the League.

DECISION: Documented in the Appendices at the rear of these Minutes

4.4

Rule 6.4 and its correlation to Rule 1(iv) had been reviewed, discussed and proposed for amendment many times in relation to clubs, teams and umpires.

DECISION: The wording of these issues were agreed by the meeting as read by the Chairman and are documented in the Appendices at the rear of these Minutes

4.5

The matter of Firbeck CC joining the League in 2008 was discussed further, along with Worksop's current 3rd XI effectively becoming Firbeck CC.

DECISION: As agreed at the previous meeting, Firbeck CC would enter the League at the position earned by Worksop III at the end of the 2007 season, which effectively was Div 6, having earned promotion from Div 7.

4.6

The Secretary confirmed the winners of the Mallen Twenty/20 Trophy to be Marshall's CC and the winners of the Tomlins Trophy to be Thoresby Colliery. Following on from the Tomlins final, the Secretary had received a phone call from Mark Barlow, the Captain of Cuthorpe CC at the Tomlins final, who discussed strong views and opinions on what he thought was the umpires misinterpretation of the rule 7(vi) relating to time and the number of overs bowled, which had created some difficulties at the end of the match. The meeting also had some concern in relation to the actions of a Cutthorpe player A. Butt, after being given out LBW, during this match.

DECISION: The Secretary should reply to Cutthorpe appropriately by letter, giving an explanation and including advice in relation to the named players' actions. Additionally, future appointed umpires should be briefed concerning the trophy playing conditions to avoid any repetition of what happened.

4.7

(a) A disciplinary meeting had been arranged in relation to the behaviour of a Bolsover CC player A. Roddis for Monday 20th August 07. This had in fact not happened, due to the disciplinary Chairman, Mike Smedley accepting the clubs own disciplinary decisions on this occasion. Bolsover had replied to the umpire Howard Walton and apologised, along with banning the player for two matches, which was confirmed had taken place.

(b) A recent development on this incident had occurred when Howard Walton rang the League Secretary on Saturday evening (8/9/07) to complain that he had just visited Bolsover CC again that evening and had confronted the player A Roddis and asked him why he had not received a letter of apology from him, and had subsequently received verbal abuse once again from the player.

DECISION:

(a) The meeting felt that a League Disciplinary meeting should still have gone ahead, but accepted the events on this occasion as having to stand. In future, as a principal, the League would always hold a Disciplinary Meeting, once it was established that there was sufficient evidence against any player.

(b) The meeting agreed with the Secretary's concerns that an umpire should apparently take action himself and confront players, weeks after reported incidents. It was agreed that the matter should be raised with the Secretary of the Umpires Association. Additionally, the Secretary of Bolsover should be contacted to clarify whether a letter of apology from their player had been requested and also to clarify the current position.

4.8

A disciplinary meeting had taken place on Monday 3rd Sept 07 in relation to the behaviour of two Kiveton CC players R. Spurr and M Godber from the game against

N & AA on the 4th August 07. No person from Kiveton CC attended the hearing. The umpire was in attendance.

DECISION:

M. Godber: For showing verbal dissent and using foul and abusive language directed at an umpire.

Banned from all cricket from Sat 26th April 08 to 17th May 08 inclusive. He is fined the sum of £20, to be paid to the BDCL by September 30th 07. He should also send a letter of apology to Mr. I Fowler (the umpire) via the League Secretary by the 30th Sept 07.

R. Spurr: For showing dissent to an umpire by gesture and continuing the dissent.

Banned from all cricket from Sat 1st Sept 07 to Sat 8th Sept 07 inclusive and also on Saturday 26th April 08.

He is fined the sum of £20 to be paid to the BDCL by Sept 30th 07.

He should also send an appropriate letter of apology to Mr. I Fowler (umpire) via the League Secretary by the 30th Sept 07.

4.9

The Secretary confirmed that Mike Hall of Retford CC had accepted the invitation to become Vice President of the League next year.

DECISION: For information only

4.10

The balls available for sale from the business run by Charlie French had been 'tested' in games by various members who generally reported the balls to be of good quality. They were priced at £10.50 each with £2 per ball being offered as a donation to the Bassetlaw League.

DECISION: Charlie French to make contact with clubs himself to offer the sale of the cricket balls.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1

An e mail from Peter McKenzie identified the following clubs as having failed to submit umpire assessments during August 07. (*Amended list from John Heaman*)

4 Aug - Notts & AA, Bolsover & Anston

11 Aug - Notts & AA, Bolsover

18 Aug – Anston, Farnsfield, Ransome & Marles

25 Aug – Farnsfield, Whitwell

27 Aug – Farnsfield, Blidworth, Kiveton Park

DECISION: All of the above clubs to be fined in accordance with Rule 6.5(i)

5.2

An e mail from Cuckney CC stated that they were considering a 3rd XI team to be entered into the BL for the 2008 season.

DECISION: The Secretary to confirm their intentions

5.3

An e mail from Edwinstowe CC made an official complaint regarding Cuckney CC and their selected team in the game Edwinstowe II v Cuckney II on 8/9/07 during which they allegedly contravened Rule 2.4(iii) due to three regular first team players being selected for the 2nd XI game which was a promotion fixture.

DECISION: The Secretary to make enquiries with Cuckney CC concerning the facts surrounding the selection of the players.

6. FINANCE

The Treasurer reported a current financial balance of £7420.07

Rockware Glass CC had still not presented their awarded cheque for the 'fairplay' award from March of this year, with two advertisers in the Handbook also yet to pay. Some expenses had been paid to umpires (Disciplinary Meetings) and to the Tomlins Final in general terms

7. RULE 2.4(iii)

7.1

The Secretary informed the meeting that he had sent a reminder to all clubs towards the end of the season, to be mindful of this rule and to select players accordingly. Whilst the Rule had good intentions, upholding its principals would always be difficult, with some Leagues adopting a 'percentage approach'. 'Each Club shall fulfil its fixtures with teams selected on merit, subject to player availability'

DECISION: The rule to be kept as printed, with any alleged breach investigated on the available evidence.

8. REPORTS OF MEETINGS

8.1

The Chairman summarised the content of an Informal Meeting of the MC which was held on Tuesday 4th Sept 07 at Worksop CC.

The following headings were discussed on the Agenda:-

Potential changes to Div 1, Rules 6.4 and 1.1(iv), process of result sheets, league website, assessment of umpires and a review of the Mallen Twenty/20 Rules and playing conditions for 2008.

DECISION. Included within the attached appendices. The development of a League Website would be steered by Malcolm Daniels, along with a Club Development project. Malcolm would update the MC periodically on any relevant developments.

9. UNFULFILLED FIXTURES

9.1

The following fixtures had not been fulfilled in Div 9 on the 25th Aug 07:

Clumber Park (iv) v R & M III – (R & M could not field a team)

Notts & AA (iv) v MHM (iv) – Notts & AA could not field a team

DECISION: R & M(iv) along with Notts & AA(iv) to be penalised in accordance with Rule 2.5(vi).

9.2

A letter from John Heaman described a Harthill player Ian Briggs, throwing his bat and gloves after being given out, followed by kicking and breaking a boundary marker in the game between Holmewood and Harthill on the 8th Sept 07.

DECISION: A meeting of the Disciplinary Sub Committee should be held on a date arranged by the League Secretary at Worksop CC. Malcolm Daniels would chair the Committee, with Trevor Haywood and Gareth Jones formulating the Committee.

9.3

A letter received from the Chairman of Sherwood Colliery CC, detailed an incident in the match between Basford Mill II v Sherwood Colliery II in Div 8 on the 1st Sept 07, whereby a bowler for Basford Mill (T Bosworth) allegedly said to a Sherwood batsman (Tino Kupera a black coloured Zimbabwean player), words of a racist nature. The Secretary read the content of the letter to the meeting.

DECISION: A Meeting of the Disciplinary Sub Committee should be held on a date arranged by the League Secretary at Worksop CC, with the same personnel as outlined at 9.2 constituting this Committee.

9.4

A report from an umpire Mr Stuart Broadley (corroborating evidence from Richard Martin) outlined a player from Caythorpe CC, PK Riley, saying to the umpire ‘Your boring us, lets get on with the game’.

This was in the game Caythorpe II v MHM II in Div 2 on the 1st Sept 07.

The Secretary read the report to the meeting.

DECISION: The League Secretary should write to the Secretary of Caythorpe CC and ask that the club to inform the player of the facts and the report and warn / advise him as to his future behaviour on the field of play.

10. Date of Next meeting – Tuesday 9th October 07

11. AOB

11.1

Bev Norris raised the matter of the allocation of bonus points in weather affected matches, Rule 2.6 (b)(ii). The agreed proposal to the re-wording of the rule was:

DECISION: Included within the attached appendices.

There was no other business and the meeting concluded at 10.15pm.

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

Appendices to MC meeting held on 11th Sept 07

Proposed amendments to Rules for 2008

CHANGE TO NAME OF DIVISIONS

- The current Division 1 shall be re-named '*The Championship League*' along with Division 2 being re-named Division 1 and so forth throughout the League.

(Should this change be agreed, this will require amendments to several items in the Handbook where reference is made to 'Division 1')

Rule 3.14 (additional items)

- Umpires are instructed to apply a very strict interpretation in regard to Law 25.1 wide balls, as a guide for leg side wides, lines shall be marked from the bowling crease to the popping crease one foot outside the batsmans leg stump.
- At the instant of delivery, a minimum of four fielders (plus the bowler and the wicket-keeper), must be within an area bounded by two semi-circles, centred on each middle stump. Each with a radius of 30 yards and joined by a parallel line on each side of the pitch. It shall be marked by white plastic or rubber discs. In the event of an infringement, the square leg umpire shall call 'no ball'

Rule 6.4 to read

- Any club wishing to join the League, shall provide one umpire for each team it wishes to enter into the League. All such umpires should be acceptable to the Bassetlaw & District Umpires Association and should not be drawn from the existing pool of umpires.

(The Management Committee appeals to all existing clubs to make every effort to provide at least one umpire for each team entered in the League)

Rule 1.1(iv) to read

- Applications from clubs desiring admission to the League, must be in writing and received by the League Secretary by the last day in March in the year preceding that in which they wish to take part. Before a club is accepted into the League the Management Committee will need to be satisfied with its status, facilities and ability to provide active umpires as Rule 6.4. The Management Committee will decide to which Division of the League an applicant club will be admitted having considered the above criteria.

Note to all clubs

Matches in which no umpire is available

- In such cases, Captains take full responsibility for the conduct of the game. In deciding whether a game should start, be stopped or re-started due to unsatisfactory conditions of the ground, weather or light, every attempt should be made to reach an agreement. Bearing in mind that the safety of players is paramount, should an accident occur which is due to unsatisfactory conditions, then the Captain could be held to be liable. When in doubt, or if the Captains disagree, then play should not take place

Rule 2.7(i)

- Notification of Results – change ‘Worksop Guardian’ to ‘the League Statistician’

Rule 2.6(b) (ii) to read

- Bonus points will be awarded in a match which is not completed.

Mallen Trophy

4. Arrangement of matches to read:

(i) to read:

- Each round of group matches must be completed by dates to be determined by the Management Committee. Within these limits, each match shall be played on a date mutually agreed by the two clubs.

(iii) to read:

- A cancellation due to adverse playing conditions may be made by the home club only in agreement with the away club. Such a match may be re-arranged once a mutual date is agreed provided it is within the designated completion date for that round.

(iv) to read:

- Any matches not completed by the designated completion dates will be declared ‘NO RESULT’

5. Umpires

(ii) to read:

- For all group matches, it will be the responsibility of each club to appoint its own umpire from a pool of umpires drawn up by the Management Committee.

(iii) to read:

- Umpires expenses for the group matches shall be £12 for each umpire.

(iv) to be deleted

6. Match Regulations

(i) to read:

- The tenth (10th) over of each innings shall be declared a ‘GOLDEN OVER’ in which each run scored by the batting side shall be doubled