

# Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

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## Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held at Worksop Cricket Club, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2007

### 1. Apologies for absence

Messrs. D. Graney, J. Leaning, G. Jones, M. Smedley, G. Holden

### 2. Present

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

### 3. Minutes of the last meeting

This was held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept 07. The Minutes were passed and signed as a true record.

### 4. Matters arising

#### 4.1

An e mail from Peter Johnson (NPL) asked for confirmation of the proposal for a joint presentation evening of the NPL with the BDCL to incorporate any appropriate clubs.

**DECISION:** This had been agreed and the Secretary had already sent a positive reply.

#### 4.2

Following on from the matter of overs and time from this years Tomlins Trophy Final, an e mail from Peter McKenzie, asked the meeting to consider a change of wording to 7(vi) of the competition rules to read:

*'the batting side shall be awarded six penalty runs for each over begun after the time allowed. For each of any such overs, the umpire at the bowlers end shall signal six runs to the scorers before the first ball is bowled. These shall be recorded as penalty runs. If the batting side passes its opponents total by either the award of Penalty runs and/or runs scored during the over, they shall be deemed to have won the match at that point'.*

**DECISION:** That the MC adopt this solution for a proposed amendment at the League AGM.

#### 4.3

The Secretary had contacted Bolsover CC to confirm the specific details of the agreed action against the club and their player Mr Roddis in relation to the incident with an umpire Mr. Walton. The Secretary of Bolsover confirmed that a letter of apology should have been sent by the player to the umpire, but to date this had not occurred.

The club were to send a reminder to the player.

**DECISION:** The MC would monitor the situation and ensure that the action as agreed, was completed.

#### 4.4

The Secretary confirmed that a letter of apology to the umpire and a cheque for £20 (fine) had been received from Mr Godber a player for Kiveton PC CC following his disciplinary hearing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 07.

No such letter or payment of fine had yet been received from Mr. Spurr, a second player for Kiveton PC CC in relation to the same matter. Enquiries with the Club Secretary revealed that the matter was in hand and would be resolved very soon.

**DECISION:** The matter in relation to Mr Spurr would be monitored to ensure that compliance with the requirements of the Disciplinary Panel was adhered to.

#### 4.5

The Secretary confirmed receipt of a letter from Mike Hall of Retford CC, accepting the position of Vice President of the League for the 2008 season.

**DECISION:** For information only.

#### 4.6

The matter of the cricket balls supplied from the business of Charlie French was fully discussed in terms of compatibility with the rules of the League. Following an exchange of opinion and facts, the following was decided:

**DECISION:** That at the AGM, the proposal be put forward that League Rule 3.8(i) should be amended read:

*.....All balls must be manufactured from English or Australian materials, be of quartered quilt and have an 80 stitch, hand sew seam, or be approved by the Management Committee.*

#### 4.6

The Secretary confirmed that Cuckney CC did wish to provide a 3<sup>rd</sup> XI for inclusion in the League for the 2008 season, to play at Norwood Park, Southwell, along with Killamarsh CC 3<sup>rd</sup> XI proposing to play at Beighton Miners Welfare ground, High Street, Beighton. Blyth had yet confirm their hopes of a 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. The matter of Bolsover experiencing difficulties as a club for 2008 was also raised, although no one had any specific definite knowledge.

**DECISION:** Chris Drury and Keith Board were asked to visit the Beighton ground in relation to Killamarsh's request to verify its suitability. The Secretary was to confirm matters with Blyth and Bolsover. Bev Norris produced a provisional League Constitution for the 2008 season which was agreed by the Committee pending the above enquiries.

#### 4.7

Two disciplinary meetings had been held since the last meeting:

Mr. I. Briggs of Harthill CC for actions whilst leaving the field of play and breaking a boundary marker against Holmewood CC as witnessed by John Heaman.

**DECISION:** I. Briggs was reprimanded and warned as to his future conduct.

Mr. T. Bosworth of Basford Mill CC for allegedly sledging an opponent as outlined in a letter of complaint from the chairman of their opponents club Sherwood CCC.

**DECISION:** T. Bosworth was suspended from all cricket from the first two weeks of the 2008 season, i.e. Sat 26<sup>th</sup> April to Sat 10<sup>th</sup> May inclusive.

The Secretary was asked to ensure that both clubs were fully aware of these decisions.

4.8

The complaint from Edwinstowe CC in relation to the team selected by Cuckney CC in their game on 8/9/07, involving League Rule 2.4(iii), had been actioned by the League Secretary with the Secretary of Cuckney CC being required to explain the process involved in their decision. The League Secretary had received a very thorough and detailed response, which in his opinion was perfectly satisfactory.

**DECISION:** That Cuckney had been challenged and required to answer the allegation was sufficient and their reply was accepted.

## 5. Correspondence

5.1

An e mail from Mike Smedley was read to the meeting by the Secretary, in which Mike confirmed that he would not be standing for re-election at the next AGM. He thanked the Committee for their friendship and support over 16 years and wished the League every success in the future.

Similarly a letter was also read from Dean Graney who also offered to stand down from the MC due to ongoing work commitments which seriously affected his availability to attend meetings.

The Secretary informed the meeting that Whitwell CC had proposed Tom Munro for appointment to the MC, along with Kiveton CC proposing Alan Bennett.

**DECISION:** Both letters were accepted in terms of their content. A letter of thanks to be sent to Dean Graney and Mike Smedley, for their contribution to the MC over a prolonged period of time. Tom Munro and Alan Bennett were to be included within the Agenda for the AGM in relation to their proposed appointments to the MC for 2008.

The appointment of two replacement registrars, along with a Vice Chairman and linked Chairman of the Disciplinary process would take place at the January meeting.

The Chairman was to discuss other matters with Steve Brown.

5.2

The Secretary confirmed that he had received e mails from both Woodsetts and R & M requesting permission for their respective 3<sup>rd</sup> XI's to be included with the League for 2008, due to them both finishing in the bottom two positions at the end of the 2007 season in Div 9.

**DECISION:** For information only and formulation of the 2008 Constitution.

5.3

An e mail from Thoresby Park CC proposes the following addition to Rule 5.4 – Movement of Players at the forthcoming AGM.....

*'If any player wishes to leave a club but has no immediate plan to join another, his registration should be cancelled by the club without any unnecessary delay and the League Secretary promptly notified in writing or by e mail. If and when the player does decide to join another club, the new club should contact the League Secretary to confirm his/her eligibility and complete the registration process.'*

**DECISION:** The Secretary to include this proposal within the Agenda document at the AGM.

## 6. Finance

The Treasurer reported a current financial balance of £6075.49 ending.

Two advertisers had not yet paid their advertising fee for the Handbook.

The respective fines for all clubs were being calculated for sending out during the winter.

It was agreed that no action should be taken against any club for failing to submit Result Sheets, as it was very possible that some of the sheets were still with the Worksop Guardian.

It was also agreed that the fines for failing to submit Umpires Assessment Forms should be on an incremental scale of 1<sup>st</sup> - £5, 2<sup>nd</sup> - £10, 3<sup>rd</sup> - £15 and 4<sup>th</sup>/thereafter - £20.

## 7. Reports of Meetings

### 7.1

The Chairman summarised the content of a meeting with representatives of the Umpires Association concerning the umpire's fees for next season, along with a proposed process for an annual review of the fee. The meeting discussed the issues.

**DECISION:** The following amendments to the League Rules would be proposed at the AGM in November:

#### **(3) Rule 6.3(1)**

Each appointed umpire shall, not later than the end of the tea interval, be paid the match expenses of £30, the cost to be shared by both clubs concerned.

Should there be no play in the game, following the arrival of both teams and the umpires at the ground, the match expenses of the umpires shall be £15 each, shared by the clubs concerned.

#### **(4) Additional Rule to 6.3**

There shall be an annual review of Umpires Expenses, carried out by a group constituted by Members of the League Management Committee and the Umpires Association, the findings of which shall be binding.

### 7.2

Richard Martin reported on the League Cricket Conference from the 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 07. The following points were highlighted:

- Performing Rights Society were conducting checks on the number of televisions, Sky TV, discos etc concerning compliance.
- Sports Match monies have dried up
- The Derbyshire and Yorkshire Leagues to play in the Rhodes Trophy
- There may be changes in terms of overseas players in 2009 as changes occur within the border Immigration Agency

### 7.3

John Heaman reported the following dates for Umpire Training

- Mon 7 Jan 08 10 weeks at Cuckney
- Wed 13 Feb 08 – Bassetlaw Rules & Regs
- Wed 9 Jan 08 – 5 weeks course for scorers

8. **Date of next meeting – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 07**

9. **AOB**

9.1

Bev Norris outlined a number of clubs who had not yet submitted their averages for the 2007 season.

**DECISION:** The Secretary to send out reminders to those clubs.

9.2

The meeting was saddened to hear of the recent sudden death of a player from Papplewick & Linby CC Mathew Dear, involving a tram in Nottingham City.

**DECISION:** The Secretary to send an appropriate letter to the club Secretary.

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

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