

Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

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Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held at Worksop CC, Tuesday 13th November 07

1. Apologies for absence

Messrs. G. Evans, R. Martin, J. Heaman (replaced by B.Rivington), M. Smedley, G. Holden, D. Graney.

2. Present

Messrs. J. Garton, G. France, P. Neale, A. Vollans, B.Norris, C. Adwick, G. Pym, K. Board, M. Daniels, T. Haywood, C. Drury, B. Wilson, J. Leaning, G. Jones B. Rivington.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

This was held on Tuesday 9th October 07. The Minutes were passed and signed as a true record following an amendment to the financial report by Peter Neale which was amended to read... *'The respective fines for all clubs were being calculated for sending out prior to the new season'*.

4. Matters arising

4.1

The disciplinary matter involving Richard Spurr of Kiveton Park was still unresolved with no fine having been paid and no letter of apology received. The meeting discussed the various options and implications to date, as this should have been completed by the last day of September 07.

DECISION: That the player and his club be sent a written communication by the Secretary, stipulating that the above should be completed by the last day of November 07 and that failure to do so, would leave the player vulnerable to further disciplinary action being taken in addition to the original penalty imposed.

4.2

A similar matter involving a player Mr. Roddis at Bolsover remained uncompleted. The club had asked the player to send a written letter of apology to the umpire Howard Walton which had not been done. The Secretary summarised the situation that at no time had the BDCL required the player to do anything, and had never imposed any penalty upon him. The League had simply accepted and concurred with the action taken by Bolsover CC, which effectively left the MC in a very weak position to take any action for failure to send the letter. The player was effectively in breach of his clubs requirements and not the League. This matter dated back to the beginning of August 07. An additional factor was that predictably, Bolsover CC would cease to exist over the next few days.

DECISION: Bolsover CC should be contacted by the Secretary and asked to pursue the original agreement.

4.3

The Secretary summarised a meeting he attended with 'First Sport' run by Charlie and Neale French, who were proposing to donate £2 to the league for every cricket ball

purchased from their business by BL clubs, provided the League made the stipulation that during the 2009 season, all balls used within the BL should originate from the First Sport supplier. The ball could carry the branding of the BL and other identification to conform with League Rules.

DECISION: This matter would be discussed further at the January 08 meeting, by which time perhaps more information would be known.

4.4

Chris Drury and Keith Board reported on the standard of the cricket ground at Beighton near Sheffield, which Killamarsh were proposing to use as a 4th XI ground for their young development team in Division 9 next season. There were doubts concerning the suitability of the ground.

DECISION: Following a summary by the Secretary on a development between Bolsover CC and Killamarsh Juniors, the issue of the Beighton Ground may no longer be required and would be discussed later in the meeting.

4.5

The Chairman summarised a telephone conversation he had made with Steve Brown concerning his attendance at MC meetings.

DECISION: Steve Brown would be nominated to continue on the MC at the AGM. Rule 1.4(vii) would be monitored.

4.6

The Secretary informed the meeting of a query from the Umpires Association via Bernie Jarvis relating to the fining of clubs who failed to submit umpires assessment forms during the 2007 season. The umpires were under the impression that clubs would be fined and invoices sent on a monthly basis, rather than a cumulative affect at the end of the season. The Secretary had explained the processes and history involved.

DECISION: Next season, any club fined under this rule will be notified by the Secretary so that each club is made aware of their failure to comply with the rule which will hopefully act as a deterrent.

5. Correspondence

5.1

The final update from Peter McKenzie regarding clubs failing to submit umpires reports during September 07 were:

1st Sept – Bolsover, Farnsfield, Kiveton Park, Notts & Arnold, Papplewick & Linby, Blidworth & Anston.

8th Sept – Bolsover, Farnsfield, Kiveton Park, Notts & Arnold, Papplewick & Linby, Blidworth, Anston, Eckington, Cuckney and Edwinstowe.

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

5.2

An e mail from Peter McKenzie confirmed that Brian Rivington would replace John Heaman as the Umpires representative on the MC. The Secretary also read out an e mail from John Heaman relating to this. The Secretary had already replied to John Heaman thanking him for his contributions over the years.

DECISION: For information only

5.3

An e mail from David Tighe at Trent Bridge, outlined the suggestion that each League should have its own CWO, rather than himself or John Leafe completing the role.

DECISION: No member of the MC was willing to volunteer for this very responsible role and the Secretary was asked to reply by agreeing that this would indeed be another layer of beaurocracy and that the MC were not anxious to see such a role emerge from its current Committee.

5.4

An e mail from Peter McKenzie suggested that the wording from the NPL concerning leg side wides and the actual marking of the pitch be adopted in the handbook by the BDCL. *'.....consisting of two short lines on and at right angles to the popping crease, extending backwards, one foot from each leg stump'*.

DECISION: This would included in the 'Special Instructions to Clubs' section of the handbook under 'The Pitch', should the proposal of leg side wides be agreed at the AGM for teams only in Div 1 / The Championship.

5.5

The Secretary informed the meeting that he had received a request from a club (believed to be Morton in Gainsborough) requesting to join the BDCL from the beginning of the 2008 season. They had been informed that this request was in fact too late for next season, but the usual application pack had been sent for that club to consider its application in more detail.

DECISION: For information only.

6. Finance

The treasurer informed the meeting that the balance sheet replicated the one submitted to the AGM (17/11/07) which had been previously circulated and independently inspected

The final amount of fines calculated for clubs failing to conform to the submission of umpire assessment forms totalled £675 which was to be invoiced. Additionally a total of 25 clubs had also not returned the Declaration Form concerning the payment of players (Rule 1.9), which were also to be invoiced in the usual manner.

7. League Constitution 2008 – AGM Arrangements

The Secretary summarised a report from a joint meeting between Killamarsh and Bolsover, regarding both clubs amalgamating for 2008. Bolsover CC would not exist any more and it was believed that the new Club would be called Killamarsh Juniors. This clearly had the potential to amend the 2008 constitution. The meeting also discussed the Agenda and agreed the plans for the AGM on 17/11/07

DECISION: The Secretary should contact the two clubs and request a final decision for confirmation at this Saturday's AGM, along with the number of teams to be submitted, and details of the grounds involved.

8. **League Website progress**

Malcolm Daniels gave a brief presentation to the meeting on his work to date, relating to a newly proposed League Website and use of the existing Play-Cricket site. Details were provided of assistants, sponsors, advisors and various people who were involved.

DECISION: The chairman thanked Malcolm for this important work and hoped that the project would continue to develop and thrive.

9. **Reports of Meetings** - nothing to report

10. **League Representative on the Recreational Council**

The Secretary explained that there was now a vacancy for this position following the resignation of Mike Smedley, Richard Martin was currently the Chairman of the Council. It would obviously be beneficial if the BDCL had representation in this arena.

DECISION: Interest was shown from Malcolm Daniels and Gareth Jones. Further confirmation would be established at the first meeting in January.

11. **Date of next meeting** – *Tuesday 8th January 2008*

12. **AOB**

12.1

John Leaning asked for guidance from the MC in relation to the appointment of umpires for 2008 in view of a further reduction in the number of available umpires.

DECISION: Referred to the next meeting in January.

12.2

Peter Neale asked for a ‘one word’ amendment in the Handbook concerning Roger Heath and his work at Rule 1.2(vi) to read.....shall be ‘**inspected**’ (rather than audited) by an Honorary Independent Examiner.....

DECISION: The Handbook would be amended with the word ‘inspected’ replacing ‘audited’.

12.3

The Secretary stated that a potential after dinner speaker for next years League Dinner was Ronnie Irani formerly of Essex and England and currently a presenter with Talk Sport radio. The cost however would be £1000. Other options were discussed.

DECISION: It was agreed that the speaker would be Ronnie Irani and the Secretary to arrange.

12.4

The Chairman thanked the MC for their work throughout the year with additional reference to the Treasurer, President and Secretary.

There was no other business, and the meeting closed at 9.40pm

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