

Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

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Minutes of the Management Meeting held at Worksop CC, Tuesday 12th February 2008

1. Apologies for absence

Messrs. G. Evans and G. Jones

2. Present:

Messrs. J. Garton, G. France, P. Neale, M. Daniels, R. Martin, B. Rivington, B. Wilson, B. Norris, C. Adwick, T. Munro, M. Hall, G. Pym, C. Drury, J. Leaning, K. Board, T. Haywood, A. Bennett.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

This was held on Tuesday 8th January 08. The Minutes were passed and signed as a true record.

4. Matters arising

4.1

Some members felt that the Rule 3.8 in relation to authorised cricket balls and the information on the League website relating to the same may be confusing and unclear. The matter was discussed.

DECISION: The criteria for suitable cricket balls for use in the BDCL was exactly the same as last year with the additional words at the ends of the rule stating, '*or be approved by the Management Committee*'.

To date, the only balls over and above the ones authorised as in previous years were the ones tested from Cricket First, run by the French brothers at Mansfield Woodhouse. The website information would clarify these issues.

4.2

It was confirmed that training for umpires during the current winter months would incorporate the new ruling applicable to teams in the Championship Division concerning leg side wides and fielding restrictions.

DECISION: For information only

4.3

The Secretary had written to Peter McKenzie concerning the new League Rule whereby members of both the LMC and the Umpires Association would meet annually at the end of each season to review and agree the level of umpire's expenses for the forthcoming season.

DECISION: A reply was awaited in due course.

4.4

Bev Norris provided a brief summary of the difficulties he had encountered this year in relation to the preparation of the fixtures, although they were now complete and circulated to clubs. The matter of a replacement Fixture Secretary for 2009 when Bev steps down and a review of the process for fixture preparation was still required.

DECISION: At the March meeting, a date would be set for an informal meeting, with agreed personnel to address the above matters.

4.5

The Secretary confirmed the following:

- Champion of Champions game would be played on Sat 20th Sept 08 at Welbeck CCC, with Sun 21st Sept 08 being the reserve date. The BL would supply the balls with each League supplying one umpire. Start time 12.20pm
- BDC Under 25's v Derbyshire County League Under 25's would be played at Cuckney CC on Sunday 22nd June 2008 starting at 2pm

5. Correspondence

5.1

An e mail from Cutthorpe CC, explained that their 3rd XI would play the 2008 season once again at Hasland Park Chesterfield.

DECISION: For information only.

5.2

An e mail from the League Cricket Conference explained that their next meeting was on Saturday 15th March 08 at Middleton CC. Richard Martin was unable to attend on this occasion.

DECISION: No other MC members were able to attend, and it was suggested that either Mick Layton or Kerry Gough be contacted to collect any BL correspondence and packages.

5.3

A letter from Peter Johnson suggested that the agreement of two meetings each year between the BL, NCBPL and the SNL should continue with one of them planned for either 20/3/08 or 27/3/08 at a venue in the north of the County. He would prepare an agenda with submissions for its content requested.

DECISION: Jim Garton, Gary France and Malcolm Daniels would represent the BL at this meeting once arranged. No items from the BL for the Agenda were submitted. The Secretary would keep everyone informed of the future detail.

5.4

The ECB and the NCB had circulated recent guidance concerning the vetting of overseas players for the 2008 season and the implications for clubs in this respect. The Secretary read the salient points of the document to the meeting.

DECISION: The responsibility for compliance with this guidance rested with club chairman and club CWO's. The BL MC would continue to help and support any of its clubs through advice and appropriate referrals. The existence of the document would be communicated to clubs in an early March Newsletter.

5.5

A letter from Mapperley Sports of Nottingham, asked the BL MC to consider the purchase of its Maestro cricket balls (£10.95 each) which were currently being trialled by members and their clubs from a box of 6 balls supplied by this company. The letter also contained a price list of various grades of cricket balls.

DECISION: A decision was awaited once reports were received from members as to their suitability for league games.

6. **Finance**

Peter Neale presented the following facts:

- The Dinner Tickets had been paid for
- Three advertisers had been lost from the Handbook, with the potential for one additional new one
- Invoices were being prepared for clubs for the 2008 season
- A considerable amount of difficulty was being experienced in relation to the change of user registration for our telephone line with BT. A resolution was hopeful but seemingly unnecessarily protracted.
- The League financial balance was currently: £6278.87

7. **Reports of meetings**

7.1

Recent umpires meeting:

- Training would be provided for club captains in the Championship and Div 1 in relation to the completion of umpire's assessments.

7.2

Richard Martin reported on the AGM of the Notts CB and confirmed good representation from our perspective via Malcolm Daniels and Derek Smallwood.

8. **Development matters**

Malcolm Daniels presented a number of new issues for the meeting to consider under the following headings, which were discussed at length in some cases:

- *TECHNOLOGY*

Results to be posted on Play-Cricket, starting with Championship, then rolled down a division per year.

This will entail registration on Play-Cricket. (3 offers of training to date - Nov 2007 – Chris Higginbottom; Stef Roberts; Bernadette Brown).

- *YOUNG PLAYERS*

No compulsory registration for players under 16.

This will enable young players without a game to play for any club, thus enabling:-

- a. Surplus players to get a game.
- b. Clubs temporarily short of players to field a side.

Note; Elite young players may still be registered to a club if they or the club so wish.

- *REGIONALISATION OF THE LOWER DIVISIONS*

To cut down travelling.

Probably Div 6 and below.

- *CHAMPIONSHIP CLUBS TO ACHIEVE CLUBMARK- MANDATORY*
This will prepare clubs for Premiership status and improve their infrastructure to ensure longevity and future well-being.
This could roll down as optional or “advisory” in Division 1 the following year.
- *SCORERS*
1 point penalty for not having one.
Fine - £5.00 min.
- *SUB-COMMITTEES*
Sub-committees may co-opt any person they deem fit to contribute whether they be affiliated to a club or not.

DECISION: These items were purely headings for discussion at this time and assessment. These issues would remain on the Agenda for future consideration and would be developed where possible at the informal meeting planned for a date in March.

9. Mallen / Tomlins Trophy update

9.1

The Secretary informed the meeting that he had received two requests from Killamarsh CC and Papplewick & Linby CC to be included as late entrants for both cup competitions. Papplewick had forgotten to send in their fixture proforma and Killamarsh had included their request within a detailed e mail in October concerning their amalgamation with the former Bolsover CC.

The Secretary outlined the work he had completed over the past few weeks to try and fulfil both requests without undermining the integrity of the original draw.

DECISION:

- Tomlins – Papplewick v Killamarsh (Preliminary Round), with the winners away to Cutthorpe, who had originally drawn a ‘bye’
- Mallen – The meeting decided that neither club could be included in the 2008 competition without seriously disrupting the original plans for the draw and indeed the competition.

The Secretary should inform all interested parties of the decisions.

10. Dinner & Handbook updates

A general discussion occurred concerning how the 2008 Handbook was progressing. There were no particular concerns and plans were on time. Arrangements for the Dinner were also reviewed and agreed. The March meeting would conclude early to allow time to deal with outstanding matters.

11. AOB

11.1

The League Insurance was due in March. Peter Neale had compared costs and found an alternative policy with the same cover yet £14 cheaper.

DECISION: The policy with the correct cover and lowest premium should be taken out.

11.2

The meeting discussed the cost of teas throughout the League, which had not changed for many years and whether or not appropriate to raise the maximum amount charged for a team.

DECISION: The maximum of £30 per team was agreed and increased from £27.50

11.3

Malcolm Daniels asked if the information contained within the handbook could be replicated on the Website. Such things as membership clubs, history of the League, personnel constituting the MC and so on.

DECISION: All information within the handbook was already within the public domain and there was no reason why the website should not reflect any information contained within it.

11.4

The chairman repeated the need for members of the MC to send their apologies for any lack of attendance at any meetings and preferably with a reason. The fact that Steve Brown had not attended this meeting with no apology once again was discussed.

DECISION: That Rule 1.4(vii) be implemented in relation to Steve Brown and that the Secretary should contact him to inform him that his seat on the MC should be forfeited.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.15pm

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