

Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

Sponsored by Wilkinson

Minutes of the Management Meeting

Held at Worksop CC

Tuesday 8th April 08 – 7.15 pm

1. Apologies:

Messrs. G. Evans and J. Leaning

2. Present:

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

3. Minutes of the last meeting:

This was held on Tuesday 11th March 08. The Minutes were passed and signed as a true record.

4. Matters arising

4.1

The LMC were still one member light following the withdrawal of Steve Brown and this fact was discussed.

DECISION: The LMC would carry this vacancy for the time being.

5. Correspondence

5.1

Letters of thanks had been received from Tony Wilkinson, Bill Russell and Jane Islip for their invitations to attend the League Dinner back in March, which the Secretary outlined to the meeting.

DECISION: For information only.

5.2

An e mail from Bill Russell, invited four members of the LMC to attend Trent Bridge on the 15th May 08, for the match Notts v Lancs.

DECISION: The names of those people wishing to attend would be collated and a decision based on fairness would be made as to who would represent the LMC on the day.

5.3

An email from Peter Johnson explained the process of how the PL would inform our Championship clubs of the criteria for entry into the PL, should they aspire to do so. The e mail contained a letter which would be promulgated to those clubs.

DECISION: For information only.

5.4

An e mail from Cutthorpe CC informed the LMC of their change of Secretary. Richard Pye was the person new in the club role.

DECISION: The amendment had been noted.

5.5

An e mail from Peter McKenzie explained the reason why the BDCL Umpires Association would not be seeking any financial support this year from the LMC.

DECISION: For information only.

5.6

Edwinstowe CC informed the LMC that the following two fixtures had changed venue to their Edwinstowe, Forest Corner ground:

- 26th May 08 v Woodsetts III
- 19th July 08 v Blyth II

DECISION: The changes had been noted for Div 8.

5.7

A letter from the Treasurer of Worksop CC informed the meeting of money which was still owing to their club from two players who had since transferred to other clubs.

- James Hubble to Kiveton Park - £50
- Bryn Smith to Firbeck- £50

DECISION: Under these circumstances, both players would not be allowed to play for their new clubs in the 2008 season, until this debt or matter between the clubs had been resolved. The Secretary was asked to contact the relevant people to co-ordinate the solution.

6. Finance

The Treasurer reported the following information:

- The bill for the Masonic Hall in Worksop (League Dinner) had been paid
- The bill for the League Trophies with Bassetlaw Trophies had been paid
- Club invoices for the 2008 season had been compiled and their income would become due very soon.
- The matter of the BT telephone line for League business had not yet been resolved and was 'ongoing'.
- An invoice had been received from the Derbyshire Cricket Board for the annual subscription by the BDCL.

DECISION: The Treasurer was thanked for his report. It was also agreed that the subscription to the DCB would not be renewed this year.

The league financial balance would be confirmed at the next meeting in May.

7. Reports of meetings

7.1

An informal meeting of the LMC had taken place on the 18th March 08 in relation to a review of the formulation of fixtures and other potential changes suggested by Malcolm Daniels. This meeting recommended the following to the full LMC:

(a) Fixtures

- Adoption in principal of the Derbyshire County League system of distributing fixtures to clubs.
- Receipt of fixtures by clubs to be confirmed and notified on a pro form by the 10th October each year.
- Clubs to be allowed up to three amendments (arranged between themselves) and returned on a pro forma by the 31st October each year.
- Div 8 (if 13 teams were involved) not to be included in this process, but to be completed separately.
- Premier League could be included (if they agree).
- Clubs with a 3rd team to be allowed more flexibility (ground availability), but is not necessary for clubs with 4 teams.
- In compliance with the current Rule 2.4(iv), clubs to be sent a letter concerning ground availability. Returns will be required before the end of the season. Changes to Rule 2.4(iv) will be required at the 2008 AGM.

(b) Other matters

- From the 2009 season, all Championship clubs to be registered with the Play-Cricket website and match results posted therein. (Training to be arranged).
- The meeting did not support the free movement of players under 16 years old.
- The meeting did not support the regionalisation of lower Divisions.
- Championship clubs to be encouraged to achieve Clubmark status. (it was the perception at this meeting that this accreditation was required for entry into the NCB PL).
- From the 2009 season, teams/clubs in the Championship Division must provide a competent scorer for all matches. Division 1 teams will be required do so from the 2010 season. Teams will be required to record the name of the scorer on the team sheet handed to the umpires. The penalty for non-compliance will be the loss of 1 point per match. (This will require a rule amendment at the 2008 AGM)
- Sub-Committee's will be free to co-opt people with specific skills as and when required.

These matters were once again fully summarised by the Chairman to the full meeting and discussed.

(a) DECISION: In terms of the recommended changes as to how the fixtures would be formulated, all matters were agreed to be adopted in full, as outlined in every bullet point above. The Secretary to liaise with the Fixture Secretary and communicate the need for change with all clubs, towards the end of May 08 in preparation for the process to begin at the end of the season.

(b) DECISION : In relation to the other matters, each issue was agreed in keeping with the recommendation of the Informal Meeting, with the exception of the Clubmark item, as it was accepted that this is not a current criteria for acceptance into the NCB PL.

7.2

The Secretary summarised the salient points of a recent meeting between the BDCL, the SNL and the NCB PL.

- A recent meeting at Lords had debated the validity of Premier Leagues. It was agreed that they were an important development tool in the links between the recreational and professional game.
- It was agreed that all leagues would exchange handbooks and that the PL would communicate with our Championship clubs to explain the criteria for entry into the PL should any club aspire to do so.
- It was established and agreed that joint presentation evenings to (include the PL with the relevant league) would continue.
- Each League summarised its changes and playing conditions for the 2008 season. It was agreed that the two feeder leagues would inform one another as soon as possible concerning any amendments to umpire expenses to maintain consistency.
- The meeting reviewed the structure of recreational cricket across the county, making specific note of the importance of the clubs playing in the lower divisions of the respective leagues. The meeting also discussed the involvement and output of the Recreational Council meetings.
- The formulation of fixtures across the County was debated, with the BDCL summarising its recommendations for changes from 2009 within its own League.
- Stewart Burrows outlined a process of ground assessments which had been completed in the SNL which needed to be rolled out to some clubs in the BDCL Championship. (Marshalls & Waleswood were included within this planning schedule).
- The Clubmark accreditation process was still ongoing, but may be the subject of internal review and change.

The next meeting was arranged to take place on Thursday 11th September 08, somewhere in the South Nottinghamshire area.

DECISION: For information only

7.3

Malcolm Daniels summarised a meeting with Derek Brewer from Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club which spoke of the following:

- The potential creation of a centralised database for all players and CRB registration.
- Umpires training fees.
- Co-ordinated coaching program integrating with schools and a 'chance to shine' involving players from the NCCC.
- Assistance with Clubmark administration for clubs.
- Consistency of playing conditions and rules across the County.
- Keith Tongue had taken over the role of Club Development Officer.

DECISION: For information only

7.4

Chris Drury spoke of a meeting with the North Derbyshire Group at Bolsover which involved school links and the running of the Chesterfield Youth League.

DECISION: For information only.

8. Review of League Dinner and Trophies

The meeting discussed this subject and agreed that it had been a positive success. A list of potential guest speakers for next year was circulated for consideration. The meeting debated and considered the cost of the event, together with the venue and various other aspects. Thanks had been received from Ronnie Irani by telephone for his invitation to the event.

DECISION: The Secretary was asked to include this subject on the Agenda for the next meeting, so that more information could be considered and eventually decisions made. It was agreed that it was important that the *WILKINSON TROPHY* be identified for presentation at the next League Dinner

9. Funding – Grounds / Umpires / young players

Malcolm Daniels informed the meeting of a conversation between himself and Tony Wilkinson, concerning the potential funding or sponsorship involving the BDCL grounds, umpires and young players.

DECISION: This matter should be included on the agenda at the May meeting for further consideration.

10. Review of Bonus Point allocation

The Chairman circulated a statistic analysis of how bowling bonus points had been won in comparison to batting bonus points during recent seasons. The meeting discussed the need for change or otherwise to the allocation of bonus points across the League.

DECISION: This matter would be placed on the Agenda for the May meeting, to allow further assessment.

11. Registered players – 2008

The Secretary stated that the following clubs had registered the following players in 'other than' Cat A(i):

(Whitwell) Mathew Goodwright C(iv), *(Waleswood)* Gareth Davis C(iv), *(Thoresby Colliery)* Thomas Rickarby C(iv), *(Farnsfield)* Mark Silcock A(iv), Paul Franks B(iii), Damien Crowley C(iv), *(Mansfield & Pleasley)* Bradley Senstock C(iv), *(Papplewick & Linby)* Rohan Shah C(iv), *(Woodsetts)* Shane Bush C(iv), *(Ransome & Marles)* Mbassa Gqadushe C(iv), *(Worksop)* Thomas Dangarembizi C(iv), *(Glapwell)* Jeffrey Paul Wharton C(iv), *(Eckington)* Jaun-Pierre De Villiers C(iv), *(Marshalls)* Andrew Coles C(iv), *(Cutthorpe)* Junaid Khan C(iv), *(Bridon)* Timothy Rutherford Muir C(iv), *(Retford)* Chandra Kumara C(iv), *(Edwinstowe)* Wade Townsend C(iv), *(Anston)* Patrick Gada C(iv).

11. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 13th May 08 – 7.15pm

12. Any other Business

12.1

Malcolm Daniels gave an update of the League Website, with maps of the club grounds being included. Additionally, arrangements had been made for the results of matches also to be included in a publication called 'Ballsmania', copies of which were distributed to the meeting with its main circulation being in the Nottingham area, although the meeting had no solutions to increase its circulation in the north of the county.

DECISION: For information only.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.36pm

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