

Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

Sponsored by Wilkinson

Minutes of the League Management Committee meeting

Worksop CC

Tuesday 10th June 08

1. Apologies:

Messrs. J. Garton, B. Wilson, C. Adwick, M. Hall, G. Pym, C. Drury.

2. Present:

Messrs. G. Jones, G. France, K. Board, P. Neale, M. Daniels, R. Martin, B. Rivington, T. Munro, J. Leaning, T. Haywood, G. Evans, A. Bennett, A. Vollans, B. Norris.

3. Minutes of the last meeting:

This was held on Tuesday 13th May 08. The Minutes were passed and signed as a true record.

4. Matters arising:

4.1

The Secretary confirmed that a letter had been sent electronically to all league clubs informing them of the changes to the way in which fixtures would be formulated for the 2009 season. This related to the current Rule 2.4(iv). The same information had also been placed on the League Website.

DECISION: For information only.

4.2

The decision concerning the future of all Killamarsh teams participating in the BDCL had been discussed at an Emergency Meeting of the LMC. The outcome was endorsed as follows:

DECISION:

- The 2nd XI of Killamarsh Juniors CC will be removed from the League, with the Championship Division operating with 11 teams during the 2008 season. The results of all previous games and the arrangements for all future fixtures this season involving this team, will be expunged from the records to ensure fairness to all other teams in the Championship Division.
- Killamarsh Juniors CC will be fined the sum of £400 for failing to fulfil its fixtures in the Championship Division during the 2008 season and consequently failing to comply with the decision of the LMC that they should do so.
- Killamarsh Juniors CC 3rd XI will remain in Division 4 to fulfil the clubs fixtures, but will not be eligible for promotion from that Division at the end of the 2008 season.

- Killamarsh Juniors CC 4th XI will remain in Division 5 to fulfil the clubs fixtures, but will not be eligible for promotion from that Division at the end of the 2008 season.
- The ground of the former Killamarsh Juniors CC 2nd XI (Championship team) and current 4th XI (Division 5 team) situated at Villas Road, New Bolsover is currently unsuitable for League cricket in any form following an inspection of the ground and playing area on Wednesday 21st May 08. (*It certainly does not comply with League Rule 3.14*). The club will be provided with a list of issues which must be addressed before any form of Bassetlaw League cricket can be played on this ground and will be the subject of frequent inspection. The LMC reserve the right to impose further sanctions upon Killamarsh Juniors CC which may potentially affect their current 4th XI playing on this ground.

4.3

An alternative venue for the League Dinner was discussed further. Red Brick House, Mansfield Woodhouse was available on the date, although the cost was high and understood to be in excess of the £23 per head estimated at the Ye Olde Belle, Barnby Moor. The cost at Welbeck CC was yet to be established.

The Secretary briefly presented the various categories of the county OSCA awards to the meeting which seemed very transferable as a criteria for presenting the Wilkinson Trophy in future years to someone connected with a club who had contributed in a positive sense away from the field of play.

DECISIONS: The matter of a venue for the League Dinner would extend to the next meeting. The Secretary would keep the OSCA categories on file and communicate the criteria to clubs later in the year asking them to nominate a person within their club for the award based on the above criteria and the LMC would decide the winner who would be presented with the Wilkinson trophy at the League Dinner each year.

4.4

It was agreed that Malcolm Daniels would speak with Tony Wilkinson during the remainder of June 08 concerning any potential improvements to the League through any financial support.

DECISION: For information only

4.5

Decisions on the definitive promotion and relegation issues for the 2008 season had yet to be decided, with various enquiries from clubs concerning 2nd teams and ground availability yet to be confirmed.

DECISION: Referral to the July meeting

4.6

In relation to the concerns raised about the players selected to play for Cuckney III against Notts & Arnold IV in Div 8 on Monday 5th May 08, the Secretary had been informed that 5 players from the Cuckney team had significant experience in their championship winning team of last year (former Div 1) and had been selected due to the club having a 2nd XI fixture on the same Bank Holiday, along with various originally selected players dropping out of the team. Many of the higher standard players identified, did not bat or bowl with Cliff Adwick being the Captain of Cuckney III on the day.

DECISION: The explanation was accepted with no further action to be taken.

5. Correspondence:

5.1

The Umpires Association wished to clarify the colour of the under clothing or 'skins' allowed to be worn by players during League matches, as recent examples had highlighted various colours other than white.

DECISION: The 'skins' under clothing should be white in keeping with League Rule 3.11 wearing of apparel.

5.2

Clumber Park 3rd XI wished to appeal against the removal of 3 league points from their total due to the umpires making this decision in relation to a slow over rate during their game at Harthill CC on Monday 17th May 08. The results sheet showed that the umpires had recorded the bowling / fielding of the Clumber team to have taken a full 20 minutes in excess of the 2 hours 45 minutes allowed and that a proportion of those 20 minutes had been taken into account due to various lost or retrieved balls which also had to be dried on many occasions. The umpires had been contacted by John Leaning and their explanation had been provided.

DECISION: The 3 point deduction from the League total for Clumber 3rd XI in Div 7 should remain in place.

5.3

Clay Cross CC had drawn to the attention of the Secretary that their nominated umpire Mark Calvert had withdrawn his umpiring services, due to an alleged incident with a player from another club during a recent game and had asked that they still be provided with an umpire during their league fixtures. The Secretary had contacted Mark Calvert to ask of his welfare and to encourage him to properly report any unacceptable behaviour from any players which may have influenced his decision. He declined to do this and did not wish to continue umpiring. John Leaning also reported similar contact with Mark Calvert from the Umpires Association.

DECISION: Unless a report was submitted there was no evidence of any adverse player behaviour and therefore no other action could be taken.

5.4

Various letters had been sent by the Secretary of the NCBPL to clubs in our Championship Division in relation to ground assessments and the criteria which had to be met to be accepted into the Premier League.

DECISION: For information only. The Secretary to keep the letters on file.

6. Finance

6.1

The Treasurer reported the following information:

- There was only one club subscription to the League yet to be paid
- There were only 6 advertisements in the Handbook yet to be paid
- Small expenditure had been made in relation to the representative game at Retford CC on the last BH in May, with thanks being recorded to the players for tolerating such cold, poor weather.
- The Corporation Tax had been paid
- The League Financial balance was currently: **£9836.57**

DECISION: The Treasurer was thanked for his report.

6.2

Malcolm Daniels asked for the sum of £25 to purchase a piece of software for use on the Play Cricket website which would improve its use as an administrative tool for the collection of statistics.

DECISION: This was agreed and Malcolm was provided with £25 cash.

7. Reports of Meetings

7.1

Richard Martin reported on a meeting of the NPL held at Clipstone.

- Only 4 of the 12 clubs were represented
- Sponsorship of the League was being sought
- Responsibilities in terms of personal roles and functions were changing
- The Jack Elliott trophy in relation to a Twenty/20 final at Trent Bridge may potentially happen.

7.2

Recreational Council Meeting

- Some debate had occurred in relation to the geographical boundaries affecting youth cricket districts

7.3

Keith Board reported on attending a meeting at Worksop College where Gary Sobers had been a speaker in relation to school and youth cricket.

DECISION: All for information only.

8. Disciplinary Matter / Unfulfilled Fixtures

8.1

The meeting heard the outcome of a disciplinary meeting involving William Parker a player of Sherwood Colliery CC, when they played Thoresby park CC on the 10th May 08

Offence: Disparaging remarks made towards other players
 Disparaging remarks about umpires
 Continuance of the above

DECISION: That the player be suspended from all cricket from the 6th June 2008 to the 27th June 2008 inclusive. Also an additional one week ban imposed, this being suspended until the end of the 2008 season.

It was also agreed that the disciplinary decisions of League involving players who had transgressed, would be published on the League website, to allow other clubs, players and indeed the public to be aware that the BDCL act responsibly and fairly in relation to complaints of poor player behaviour.

8.2

The Secretary read a report from an umpire in relation to the behaviour of a player for Waleswood Sports CC, Gareth Davies during their game with Edwinstowe in the Championship match on the 31st May 08. Reports had also been received concerning the incidents from umpiring assessors who were also on the ground.

DECISION: A Disciplinary Hearing should be arranged by the League Secretary for 7.30pm Monday 16th June 08 at Workson CC concerning this players behaviour.

8.3

It was confirmed that they had not been any unfulfilled fixtures, although Brian Rivington was asked to clarify the continued involvement of Killamarsh in the Tomlins competition.

9. Mallen Trophy arrangements

9.1

These were discussed.

DECISION:

- Semi final at Bridon CC commence at 11am 13/7/08
- Semi final at Retford CC commence at 11.30am 13/7/08
- Final at Retford CC commence at 3pm 13/7/08
- 2 new balls required for the final
- John Leaning to appoint the umpires for the above 3 games
- Mallen family to be invited
- Arrangements to be made with Marshalls CC and Bassetlaw Trophies for the presentation of the trophies on the day of the final.

The League Secretary to arrange the above

10. Date of next meeting Tuesday 8th July 08

11. AOB

11.1

Richard Martin summarised a paper from the governing body in terms of their proposals to reduce beaurocracy with the Recreational game.

DECISION: The document was available for circulation to LMC members

11.2

Bev Norris described the difficulties some clubs experienced when they sent in results sheets, or in some cases did not send them. Problems relating to the size of the sheets and postal costs for not placing in them in envelopes were described.

DECISION: The League Secretary to remind all clubs within a Newsletter.

11.3

The Acting Chairman summarised the League Match against Retford CC during the recent Bank Holiday period.

DECISION: For information only.

11.4

There was a final debate concerning the assessment of umpires and the differing interpretations of leg side wides by different umpires.

DECISION: A matter for the Umpires Association to clarify in due course.

There was no other business and the meeting was concluded at 9pm

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