

Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

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Minutes of the League Management Committee Meeting

Workshop CC

Tuesday 8th July 08

1. Apologies:

Messrs. M. Daniels, A. Vollans, T. Munro, G. Pym

2. Present:

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

3. Minutes of the last meeting:

This was held on Tuesday 10th June 08. The Minutes were passed and signed as a true record.

4. Matters arising:

4.1

The meeting discussed the various options for a new venue for the League Dinner in March 09. Considerations were given to the Ye Olde Belle Barnby Moor, Red Brick House Mansfield Woodhouse, Welbeck CC and a recommendation from the Chairman for South Forest, Edwinstowe at £14 per head.

DECISION: The South Forest venue appeared to be a good opportunity and would be progressed in the weeks ahead by the Chairman and Secretary.

4.2

The issues of which positions in each Division within the League would amount to promotion and relegation were discussed, along with the information that a potential Nottinghamshire Academy team may be formulated in the near future and may be requested to enter the BDCL.

DECISION: There were too many variables at this time to make a definite formal announcement to clubs concerning promotion and relegation positions. The Secretary had already circulated guidance for clubs to seek to be in the top two places and to avoid the bottom two places of their respective Divisions for promotion and relegation matters. Bev Norris was asked to prepare a potential wording of a new rule on this subject for the next meeting, so that it could be considered as a proposal from the LMC at the next AGM.

At this stage, in principal, the LMC had no objections to the participation of a Notts Academy team in the BDCL, although the finer detail of the proposal would need further consideration once established.

5. Correspondence

5.1

A letter from the scorer of Killamarsh 4th XI explained her actions in a recent game whereby the umpires had mistakenly allowed a bowler to complete a 14th over in a league match and asked for guidance should the problem re-occur.

DECISION: The Secretary had replied outlining the laws of the game with a copy having been sent to the Club Secretary.

5.2

A letter from Milton CC, described how their game against Edwinstowe at Edwinstowe on Sat 5th July 08 was called off due to rain, but an inspection of the pitch later in the afternoon by a Milton club member had found the wicket covers in place, the wicket and outfield dry and fit for play.

DECISION: The LMC could not instigate action in these circumstances. Milton CC should be advised that if they have doubts concerning the validity of a called off game, they should insist upon travelling.

5.3

An enquiry had been received to check the registration of K. Afzaal for W I Cavaliers.

DECISION: The registration of the player was correct, valid and current.

5.4

Bev Norris had completed a list of fixtures and clubs from which he had not received any Match Result Sheets. This information had already been circulated to all clubs by the Secretary, asking them to reduce the list by sending in a copy of the sheet and also as reminder to complete the sheets for the rest of the season.

DECISION: The list would be reviewed at the August meeting. If clubs had not responded and completed what was asked by that deadline, fines in accordance with League Rules would be instigated.

5.5

An e mail from Peter McKenzie drew attention to a recent entry on a local website which criticised umpires, alleged cheating by the opposition with very disparaging and offensive remarks about the LMC. The Secretary had already circulated guidance to clubs on this subject via a recent Newsletter, and the club concerned had offered advice and a warning to its players.

DECISION: No further action was required.

5.6

The Secretary summarised an e mail from the Capt of Anston 1st XI in relation to certain frustrations when submitting umpires reports and the lack of a receipt or proof of sending via an electronic method, which led to him being fined by his club.

DECISION: Brian Rivington was asked to take the comments and views to the next umpires meeting, and the League Secretary was asked to guide the Anston Captain to Bernie Jarvis if he had questions about the assessment process.

6. Finance

The Treasurer reported:

- Trophies for the Mallen 20/20 and Tomlins finals had been paid for
- Two fees for adverts in the League Handbook had been received
- Four adverts were still outstanding
- The resolution for certain discrepancies in the printing of an advertisement
- The League financial balance was currently: **£9702.21**

7. Reports of meetings

7.1

Richard Martin reported on the following:

- Role of the recently appointed Community Sports Fund Manager.
- Structure of managers individual responsibilities at Trent Bridge
- The geographical districts of junior cricket
- Developments concerning the structure and training of umpires and scorers

8. Disciplinary matters / unfulfilled fixtures

Gareth Jones explained the outcome of three disciplinary hearings:

8.1

Gareth Davis a player for Waleswood Sports CC

On the 31st May 08

- Disparaging remark about an umpire
- An action that could be construed as bringing the game into disrepute

DECISION: The player would be suspended from all cricket from the 20th June 08 to the 4th July 08 inclusive under Rule 7.4.2.4

8.2

Adam Boucher a player for Papplewick & Linby CC

On 14th June 08

- Dissent towards an umpire by disputing his decision
- Bringing the game into disrepute by removing his players from the field of play.

DECISION: The player would be suspended for two weeks from Friday 4th July 08. This was inclusive of the ban of one match on Saturday 5th July 08. A further one week ban is to be imposed, this to be suspended until the end of the current season subject to further conduct.

8.3

Steven Allcock a player for Eckington CC

On 14th June 08

- No offences against this player were proved

DECISION: That both clubs and Captains be warned as to future conduct. Both clubs should take adequate steps to show future respect and harmony to each other. Both captains should take responsibility for their team's conduct.

8.4

There were no unfulfilled league fixtures.

9. Mallen 20/20 & Tomlins update

9.1 - TOMLINS

The meeting reviewed an update of the Tomlins Trophy to date. The game between Papplewick & Linby II v Killamarsh II had not been played for various reasons. The Emergency Committee had decided that Papplewick & Linby II should proceed to the next round. Subsequently the game between Cutthorpe v Papplewick & Linby II had been conceded by Papplewick & Linby II.

DECISION: That Papplewick & Linby CC is fined in accordance with Rule 2.5 (vi) for failing to fulfil this fixture.

9.2 – MALLEEN 20/20

The meeting heard the updated clubs to compete in the semi finals of the Mallen 20/20 on Sunday 13th July 08. The issue of fixtures being completed after the play by date in the qualifying rounds was also discussed. The potential for a Wednesday evening league throughout June and early July to facilitate this competition was suggested. The meeting discussed the arrangements for finals day.

The meeting was informed that Waleswood Sports CC had not arranged any fixtures in the competition and had conceded all three games in Group B.

DECISION: The potential for a Wednesday evening mid week league would be discussed and developed at further meetings, as it was believed that a learning curve for the competition was still under completion.

Waleswood Sports CC would be fined in accordance with Rule 2.5 (vi) for failing to fulfil the three fixtures in the qualifying rounds.

10. Authorised cricket balls

10.1

The meeting discussed Rule 3.8 and which balls were authorised for use in League matches.

DECISION: All cricket balls are authorised if they are manufactured from English or Australian materials, being of quartered quilt and have an 80 stitch hand sewn seam.

Additionally, the following balls are authorised by the LMC:

- Gunn & Moore Maestro ball – Offered by Mapperley Sport
- CF Sports Test Cricket Ball – Offered by Charlie French Sports
- Lords International County – Grade A – Offered by Lords International Wales

The LMC would not promote individual favour or sponsorship with any sports supplier, and would allow clubs freedom of choice in terms of which of the above balls they would use and to source their preferred supplier.

11. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 12th August 2008

12. AOB

12.1

In the game Worksop v W I Cavaliers in Div 1 (5/7/08), it was described how the players from WI Cavaliers arrived very late for the game which would have meant the game starting late. However at 2pm it rained preventing the start of play.

DECISION: The Secretary should write to the Secretary of the WI Cavaliers advising the club of the need for punctuality to allow League matches to begin on time.

12.2

The meeting discussed the Bassetlaw & District Cricket League Dinner and the attendance of the NPL representatives to formulate a 'joint presentation' of trophies. The use of the phrase describing the BDCL as a 'feeder league' for the NPL was also discussed.

DECISION: Whenever a club from the BDCL win the NPL, they would be invited to attend the BDCL dinner to share their success and contribute towards a joint presentation evening. The phrase 'feeder league' would not be used within the LMC meetings.

12.3

Some clubs had expressed concerns in relation to travelling to cricket matches when the game was cancelled within a short space of time upon arrival due to bad weather, not seeing or eating any tea or food, yet being required to pay in accordance with Rule 2.5 (iv).

DECISION: Clubs with strong feelings on the subject were able to submit a rule amendment at the AGM of the League.

There was no other business and the meeting was concluded at 9.40pm

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