

# **Bassetlaw & District Cricket League**

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## **Minutes of the League Management Committee Meeting**

### **Worksop CC**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 08**

#### **1. Apologies:**

Messrs. T. Munro, G. Evans, C. Drury, G. Jones

#### **2. Present:**

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

#### **3. Minutes of the last meeting:**

This was held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 08. The Minutes were passed and signed as true record.

#### **4. Matters arising:**

4.1

Provisional arrangements had been made for the Annual Dinner to be held at the South Forest, Edwinstowe at an agreed cost of £15 per head. The menu options had already been accepted.

**DECISION:** The Secretary should formally book the venue and go ahead with the usual arrangements for the 28<sup>th</sup> March 08. The manager of the Masonic Hall, Worksop should also be informed that we would not be using those facilities next year.

4.2

Bev Norris has been asked to formulate a new or amended League Rule in relation to 2.3. The new proposal was as follows:

#### **Rule 2.3 Promotion and Relegation**

- (i) At the end of each season the top two teams in all Divisions below the top Division shall be promoted.
- (ii) In order to keep the number of teams in each Division to a maximum of 12, relegations will be made of the teams finishing at the bottom of each Division, up to a maximum of three.
- (iii) If two or more teams finish the season on the same number of points, their positions will be determined by the following criteria, taken in order :-
  - a) The number of matches won.
  - b) The number of winning draws achieved.
  - c) The ratio of the average number of runs scored for per wicket to the average number of runs scored against per wicket.
- (iv) A team shall forfeit promotion in favour of the next eligible team if such promotion would result in a contravention of Rule 1.1(iii).

- (v) Should the relegation of a team result in a contravention of Rule 1.1(iii) the team in the lower Division that season shall be demoted, irrespective of its finishing position, instead of the team in the highest relegation position.
- (vi) The bottom two teams of the lowest Division at the end of the season shall apply for re-election to the League. Such applications shall be in writing and received by the League Secretary by the last day of September.

**DECISION:** This new proposal would be included from the LMC at the next AGM

#### 4.3

Bev Norris updated the meeting on the number of Match Result Sheets missing, which had not been sent to him by various clubs since the beginning of the season. The Secretary had reminded clubs of the importance of completion and to send any outstanding sheets in accordance with Rule 2.7

**DECISION:** Any offending club shall be fined in accordance with Rule 2.7(iv). Bev Norris should supply Peter Neale with the relevant list and information of those clubs involved, so that fines can be implemented.

#### 4.4

The Secretary had been in receipt of strong concern from one particular club in relation to the hardness or unsuitability in League matches of the CF Test Cricket Ball, which they claimed had caused two expensive bats to break.

**DECISION:** Without additional evidence to support the claim, no further action would be taken, although the information would be held on file.

### **5. Correspondence**

#### 5.1

The meeting discussed the appropriate dress code of players turning up for games whilst representing the BDCL. Standards regarding the degree of 'smartness' was the issue.

**DECISION:** At this stage the LMC would not impose a dress code, but would ask any members of the Selection Committee present at the games to monitor relevant standards

#### 5.2

The NCBPL invited members of our LMC to attend a final of the LCC President's trophy on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August 08 at Caythorpe CC.

**DECISION:** For information only. The date clashed with the BDCL representative team playing the DCL in the semi final of the Cedric Rhoades Cup at Cuckney CC on the same date.

#### 5.3

The Secretary updated the meeting on the changes of registered players at two clubs:

- Anston - Patrick Gada replaced Ian O'Brien in Cat. C (Can play from 16/8/08).
- Thoresby Colliery - Usman Mustafa registered but cannot play after the 16<sup>th</sup> August 08 having previously played Saturday cricket this season at Clifton CC.

**DECISION:** For information only.

#### 5.4

Firbeck CC wished to formulate a 2<sup>nd</sup> XI for next season, with the implication being that Rockware Glass would not compete in the BDCL next season as they would have no ground, but effectively merge with the Firbeck Club. This had implications for Worktop CC who currently use the Firbeck ground and also for Manton CC who use the current Rockware facilities.

**DECISION:** The new process of formulating fixtures for the 2009 season created a much tighter deadline for the LMC to establish the constitution of the Divisions at the end of the season, as fixtures were planned to be in place during October 08. The Secretary should liaise with all the clubs involved as described and seek a prompt solution from all concerned. *The LMC would also meet on the 16<sup>th</sup> Sept 08 at Worktop C to agree the constitution of the Divisions for 2009 .*

#### 5.5

The Secretary updated the meeting on the arrangements involving Killamarsh 4<sup>th</sup> XI and their remaining home fixtures. Due to a variety issues, they were no longer able to play at the former Bolsover CC ground and had made the following arrangements:

- Sat 9 Aug 08 v Milton (Now at Kiveton Park CC)
- Mon 25 Aug 08 (BH) v Glapwell (Now at Glapwell CC)
- Sat 6 Sept 08 v Clumber Park (Now at Waleswood Sports CC)

**DECISION:** The Secretary, Fixture Secretary, clubs and Umpires Appointments Secretary were aware of the changes, which were noted.

#### 5.6

Anston CC had raised the question regarding the provision of teas within the League and asked the meeting to consider if formal 'cricket teas' were still relevant when tea and biscuits could be provided much more easily.

**DECISION:** The LMC would not impose this change upon clubs, although any proposed amendment at an AGM could always be presented to the clubs. The matter would be discussed at any informal meetings with clubs to be arranged by the Secretary.

#### 5.7

The County CWO John Leafe had drawn to the attention of the League, a young player from Mansfield Hosiery Mills, Joe New, who he believed was under 11 years old and was playing in adult cricket for that clubs 4<sup>th</sup> XI in Div 8 of the BDCL. League Rules state that any young player born after the 31<sup>st</sup> August 1996 is NOT eligible to play in the BDCL during the 2008 season.

The meeting was informed that this player was only 10 years old, although not in possession of an accurate date of birth. He had played in the following League Div 8 games:

- 5<sup>th</sup> July 08 v Farnsfield, batted at No.6 and scored 9 runs – did not bowl
- 12<sup>th</sup> July 08 v Ransome & Marles, did not bat or bowl

Following discussions with the League Secretary, the club had not selected this young player for any further games and had submitted a letter in mitigation of their actions to the League, which was read to the meeting.

**DECISION:** The Secretary should update the County Welfare Officer of the facts, and the LMC were satisfied that the club had acted promptly to the contact from the League Secretary to resolve the problem.

## 5.8

The Secretary read the latest report from the Umpires Association concerning a list of clubs who had failed to submit Umpires Assessments electronically between the 24<sup>th</sup> May 08 and the 5<sup>th</sup> July 08 inclusive. Those clubs were:

- Bridon 4 reports missing
- Edwinstowe 3 reports missing
- Marshalls 2 reports missing
- Papplewick & L 2 reports missing
- Ransome & M 2 reports missing
- Welbeck 6 reports missing

Additionally, 23 submissions were late, with some clubs returning the same mark for every umpire in every category, in every game, with no other comments being made. The meeting discussed all aspects of this report.

**DECISION:** Fines would be instigated against all clubs who had failed to submit the reports as outlined above in keeping with Rule 6.5(i) by the Secretary.

The LMC would fully support any proposed action suggested by the Umpires Association in terms of how late submissions or 'bland' meaningless assessments could be eradicated. Additionally the LMC would further consider at the next meeting its own potential rule changes to address these matters, in the hope that both thought processes could eventually integrate.

## 5.9

Retford CC had offered an explanation that the electronic process for submitting Umpires Assessments had malfunctioned when they failed to submit them on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 08, 10<sup>th</sup> May 08 and 17<sup>th</sup> May 08 respectively and asked the LMC to consider that the fines imposed should be withdrawn.

**DECISION:** The original progressive fines of £5 - £10 - £15 for the above dates should remain in place and the Secretary of Retford CC should be updated on this decision by the League Secretary.

## **6. Finance**

The Treasurer reported:

- Two adverts in the League handbook were outstanding
- The DD for BT and refunds had all now been resolved
- Recent expenditure was primarily on representative matches
- Whittington Moor Printers had agreed to provide credit notes as arranged for minor printing errors

The League financial balance was currently: £9102.70

## **7. Cup Competitions – Review and Updates**

### ***Tomlins Trophy***

Semi Finalists were: Caythorpe v Clipstone  
Notts & Arnold A v Cutthorpe

### ***Cedric Rhoades Cup:***

Semi final to be played at Cuckney CC on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August 08 starting at 1.30pm. The umpires had been arranged, details agreed with Cuckney and directions and communication with Roy Fox of the DCL, completed.

### ***Mallen Trophy 20/20***

The finals day and competition as a whole was discussed. The issues of encouraging more clubs to join in, creating a Wednesday evening League in the preliminary rounds and any general improvements were all discussed.

**DECISION:** For information. The issue of 20/20 cricket to be put on the Agenda for informal meetings with club towards the end of September / beginning of October 08

## **8. Reports of meetings**

No meetings to report

## **9. Disciplinary matters / unfulfilled fixtures**

### 9.1

The following fixtures were unfulfilled:

- Sat 26<sup>th</sup> July 08 – Div 1 R & M v W I Cavaliers. (**WI Cavaliers could not raise a team**)
- Sat 26<sup>th</sup> July 08 - Div 5 Killamarsh IV v Grassmoor II (**Killamarsh IV unable to acquire a ground**)
- Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> August 08 – Div 7 Notts & AA III v Worksop III (**Worksop III could not raise a team**)
- Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Aug 08 – Div 6 Papplewick & L III v Manton (**Manton could not raise a team**)

**DECISION:** The ‘offending teams’ in bold highlight shall be fined, have ten points deducted from their league total and the game counted as a win with full bonus points to the opponents as stated in Rule 2.5(vi).

### 9.2

A disciplinary hearing had been arranged for Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August 08 at Worksop CC in relation to player and spectator behaviour in the Championship match on Sat 26<sup>th</sup> July 08, Cutthorpe CC v Waleswood Sports CC, following a report to the League Secretary by the match umpires.

**DECISION:** The Disciplinary Sub-Committee would consist of Gareth Jones, Brian Wilson and Alan Bennett.

### 9.3

The match umpires in the game between Edwinstowe II and Welbeck III in Div 3 on Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> August 08 had officially reported the behaviour and foul language of a player from Welbeck III towards their decisions to the League Secretary. The summary provided, required a Disciplinary Hearing to be arranged once the Chairman returned from holiday.

**DECISION:** The Secretary to make the necessary arrangements.

## 10. Additional Meetings

10.1

The annual meeting between the LMC and the Umpires Association was now due to agree the level of expenses for umpires during the 2009 season, in accordance with Rule 6.3 (v).

**DECISION:** The Secretary to make arrangements for the meeting to be held at 6.30pm Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 08 at Worksop CC immediately prior to the next LMC meeting.

10.2

The Secretary spoke of the opportunity to hold perhaps two informal meetings (one north and one south) with clubs to discuss a range of issues, which would provide clubs with an opportunity to have their say and meet people from the LMC.

**DECISION:** The Secretary to arrange with Worksop CC and Farnsfield CC mutual dates for such meetings and communicate the arrangements to all clubs.

## **11. Date of the next meeting :**

*Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 08*

## **12. AOB**

12.1

Malcolm Daniels updated the meeting on issues concerning the League Website which now had many visitors and over 400 members.

**DECISION:** For information only

12.2

The meeting discussed the selection process for the league representative team and the need for the members of the LMC to show their support whenever possible.

**DECISION:** For information only

12.3

The LMC wished to express their full support and levels of high regard to Nigel Plews during his current ill health.

12.4

Malcolm Daniels briefly outlined certain options for enhanced sponsorship of the League concerning supporting umpires and club improvement incentives. The specific details, arrangements and sums involved were very much in their infancy and needed further development and discussion.

**DECISION:** For information and to be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.45pm

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