

Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

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Minutes of the League Management Committee

Workshop CC – Tuesday 9th September 08

1. Apologies

C. Adwick, A. Bennett

2. Present

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

3. Minutes of the last meeting:

This was held on Tuesday 12th August 08. The Minutes were passed and signed as a true record.

4. Matters arising:

4.1

Arrangements for the Annual Dinner on the 28th March 2009 were now booked at the South Forest, Edwinstowe. Further arrangements would be agreed during the Winter. The meeting discussed who the guest speaker should be.

DECISION: Chris Adams or Mike Watkinson was the choice for speaker.

4.2

The Fixture Secretary confirmed that an up to date list of clubs who had not sent in Match Result sheets had been sent to the League Treasurer, who in turn had sent out the relevant letters to instigate fines in accordance with League Rules.

DECISION: For information only.

4.3

The Secretary confirmed that he was currently confirming the intentions of various clubs in terms of teams and grounds for next season in order that the Constitution of the Divisions for the 2009 season could be compiled at an additional League Meeting on the 16th Sept 08.

DECISION: For information only.

4.4

The matter of an under age player for Mansfield Hosiery Mills, playing two games in the BDCL during July this year had been resolved via advice to the club and the County CWO had been updated. The Secretary had confirmed that this age restriction on children playing in adult cricket was a League Rule and not an ECB requirement. Any potential rule change proposed by a club should be considered in conjunction with current ECB guidelines as presented in a recent e mail by the County CWO for the attention of the LMC. It was of vital importance that if a player under the age of 11 was allowed to play within the BDCL that these guidelines were strictly adhered to.

Malcolm Daniels described a newly formulated document which could be used, should an amendment to the current League Rule be proposed.

DECISION: At this stage for information only.

4.5

The Secretary read an appeal from Edwinstowe CC to the meeting concerning a fine imposed upon the club for failing to submit 3 electronic umpire assessment reports. The appeal contained a variety of suggestions as to how the electronic process could be improved. The Secretary confirmed that he had forwarded a copy of the letter/appeal to the Secretary of the Umpires Association to consider the issues raised.

DECISION: That the LMC should remain consistent to all clubs in this regard and that in this instance the fine should remain in place and was still required to be paid as soon as possible.

4.6

The game between R & M v WI Cavaliers in Div 1 on the 26th July 08 which had been cancelled due to the WI Cavaliers not being able to field a team had created an additional problem whereby a report had been received from the Secretary of the Lincolnshire Umpires Association to the effect that their umpires who had attended the ground being unaware of the cancellation of the game, had been seriously verbally abused in an aggravated manner by the mother of the WI Cavaliers scorer who was also present at the ground. The Secretary had written to the WI Cavaliers Secretary who stated that this same woman had verbally abused him as well, a few hours later the same day and that she was not a member of their club and would not be made welcome in future.

DECISION: The League Secretary had already replied to the Secretary of the LUA and apologised for the incident, providing them with a copy of the reply from the WI Cavaliers. The matter had been resolved to the satisfaction of all victims subject of the insults.

4.7

The Chairman updated the meeting of the decision made at the annual independent meeting (9/9/08) of the LMC and the BDUA to agree the level of Umpires expenses for the 2009 season in accordance with League Rule 6.3(v).

DECISION: Despite the high level of increased fuel costs for umpires attending grounds, the decision taken was that umpires expenses for the 2009 season should remain **UNCHANGED AT £30.**

5. Correspondence

5.1

A report from two umpires to the LMC described an incident during the game Milton v N & AA II on the 30th August 08, whereby an occasional bowler for Milton CC had been required to be withdrawn from the attack due to bowling three fast high full pitched balls at the batsmen after having been formally warned on each occasion. An apology and explanation had been received from the Milton Captain, which outlined the bowlers inexperience. The incident had been effectively dealt with on the day of the match.

DECISION: The LMC were satisfied with the umpires decision and explanation from the Milton Captain and would take no further action.

5.2

A letter from the Secretary of the BDUA described a potential change of wording of the rule for legside wides within the Premier League structure, which may need to be mirrored for similar rules relating to the BDCL Championship.

Additionally, it was likely that the BDUA would submit a proposal to the League AGM to amend the rule for failure to complete the umpire assessment process at 6.5(i).

DECISION: Any rule changes would be considered and integrated into the AGM process.

5.3

A further letter from the BDUA outlined some concerns from some umpires who were unsure of which cricket balls were authorised for use within the BDCL.

DECISION: The list of authorised cricket balls had been circulated and was displayed on the League website.

5.4

The next meeting of the 3 cricket leagues across the County, (NPL – BDCL – SNL) had been re- arranged to be held at the Coaches Library, Radcliffe Road, Trent Bridge Cricket ground at 7.30pm Thursday 16th October 08. Issues for inclusion were:

- County wide Twenty 20 competition
- Notts Colts team
- All teams/clubs in the Premier League to have Clubmark by 31/10/2010
- The identity of recreational cricket across the county.

DECISION: For information only. The Chairman and Secretary had agreed to attend.

5.5

The meeting was informed that Waleswood Sports CC 1st XI in the Championship had only fielded 10 players on the 16th & 23rd August 08, whilst their 2nd team on the same dates had fielded the full 11 players and were asked to explain this discrepancy.

The Secretary of the club explained the full detailed reasons involving player availability and selection processes.

DECISION: The meeting was completely satisfied with the answer provided. No further action would be taken.

5.6

A letter from Malcolm Daniels described the offer of a trophy being donated to the League, (Norman Jackson Trophy) with the offer of certain money each year to be awarded for a criteria yet to be established but involving young cricketers.

DECISION: The LMC awaited a firm proposal and offer for further consideration.

5.7

Following a summary from Malcolm Daniels regarding the benefits of clubs entering the results of matches on the 'Play-cricket' website, the meeting listened to a variety of views and explanations concerning the benefits of this model alongside the Leagues existing system involving telephone calls to Paul Barkers who in turn e mails

the results to other people who then input them onto various web pages or printed documents. The comparison being that the one input onto Playcricket, is capable of creating all the tables and statistics within the one electronic program.

DECISION: This would be explored further at the additional meeting of the LMC.

6. Finance

The Treasurer reported:

- Invoices relating to the instigation of fines for certain clubs who had failed to submit Result Sheets had been completed on the 18th August 08, and some payments had been received. Attention was drawn to the 21 day payment criteria.
- Expenses had been paid in relation to hosting the League Representative game at Cuckney

The League financial balance was currently: £9034.48

7. Umpire issues

These had been dealt with under correspondence earlier in the meeting.

8. League Website

Malcolm Daniels reported that current issues on the site were well received with a high volume of usage. Clarification on the authorisation of the various makes of balls for use during League Matches was now shown.

9. Tomlins Final / Champion of Champions matches

9.1

The Tomlins final was between Caythorpe CC v Cutthorpe CC Sunday 14th Sept 08. All arrangements were completed. The ground however at Worksop CC was currently seriously affected by water and a decision was needed tonight if an alternative ground was felt to be sensible, in view of the weather predictions.

DECISION: The Secretary would discuss the possibility of certain other grounds to host the final and make the necessary arrangements.

9.2

The Champion of Champions game was due to be played at Welbeck CC on Sat 20th Sept 08 starting at 12.30pm. Farnsfield CC would be representing us as Champions of the BDCL. Our umpire had been appointed and would be Paul Barker. The game would be hosted as usual by the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board.

DECISION: For information only.

10. Disciplinary matters / unfulfilled fixtures

10.1

The following games had not been fulfilled for the following reasons:

- Sat 16 Aug 08 – Div 6 – Blyth v S. Normanton – *S. Normanton could not field a team*
- Sat 30th Aug 08 – Div 7 – Sherwood II v Wadworth II – *Wadworth II could not field a team*

- Sat 30th Aug 08 – Div 8 – Blyth II v Clumber IV – ***Clumber IV could not field a team***
- Sat 23 Aug 08 – Div 6 - S. Normanton v Misterton – ***S. Normanton could not field a team***
- Sat 23rd Aug 08 – Div 7 – Wadworth II v Worksop III – ***Wadworth II could not field a team.***

DECISION: The offending teams in bold highlight shall be dealt with in accordance with League Rule 2.5(vi). The second offence in relation to S. Normanton and Wadworth will result in the fine being the maximum of £20. The first offence for the above clubs in bold highlight will be a fine of £10.

10.2

The following players appeared before a League Disciplinary Sub-Committee:

- Matt Cluer, a player for Cutthorpe CC in the game v Waleswood Sports CC on the 26th July 08 in the Championship. Date of Hearing: 18th August 08
It was alleged that the player:
Made disparaging remarks towards a player
The offence was proved and the player received the following penalty:
Suspended from all cricket for 3 matches (23rd, 25th and 30th August inclusive)
- Gary Lomas, a player for Waleswood Sports in the same game as above. Date of Hearing: 18th August 08.
It was alleged that the player:
Made disparaging remarks about the umpire, an action that could be construed as bringing the game into disrepute.
The offence was proved and the player received the following penalty:
Suspended from all cricket from the first Saturday of the Bassetlaw season in 2009 for 3 matches. An additional 2 match ban was also imposed, but suspended until the end of the 2009 season
DECISION: Additionally, the Secretary should write to Cutthorpe CC in relation to the behaviour of certain spectators on the day of the game and their interaction with the players and umpires.
- Chris Herbert a player for Welbeck III in the game Welbeck III v EdwinstoweII on the 2nd August 08 in Div 3. Date of Hearing: 21st August 08.
It was alleged that the player:
Showed verbal dissent, along with persistent and unreasonable questioning of an umpires decision. Also used foul and abusive language or gestures, directed at an umpire.
The offences were proved with the player and his team receiving the following penalties:
A 4 week suspension from all cricket from Sat 23rd August 08. An additional 4 week ban shall also be imposed, but suspended until the end of the 2009 season.
Welbeck Colliery CC III will be deducted 6 points from their League total, in respect of the non-attendance by the named player at the Disciplinary Hearing.

The Secretary confirmed that no appeals had been received in relation to all three players.

10.3

The Secretary summarised various incidents during the Tomlins semi final played between Caythorpe CC and Clipstone CC on Sunday 24th August 08.

The first related to a letter from Peter Neale concerning verbal abuse in various forms directed towards him personally from Clipstone supporters following his advice to assist the umpires in determining the legality of a catch near the boundary.

The other incidents related to reports from the two umpires concerning the behaviour of various players on both sides. Due to the differences and contrasting accounts of the umpires, it had been agreed that any Disciplinary Hearing was not possible.

The umpires had been informed of this decision and the BDUA Secretary had been sent copies for his information and attention. Clipstone CC had been informed and advised of this outcome and had sent a detailed letter of apology to Peter Neale concerning the behaviour of certain people at the game from Clipstone.

DECISION: The meeting accepted the summary of the events and agreed with the outcomes and actions already taken.

10.4

The Fixture Secretary spoke of two games involving Marshals II in Div 4, on the 16th and 30th Aug 08 when the team arrived late for the game causing the match to be delayed.

DECISION: The club would be fined £5 for each late game as above

11. Potential Rule changes from the LMC for the AGM

11.1

The Secretary had circulated a list of rule changes for consideration which had been suggested during the year at LMC meetings.

DECISION: This list would be used at the next meeting to determine the rule changes to be submitted by the LMC to the AGM.

12. Development of sponsorship projects

Potential opportunities for enhanced sponsorship of various aspects of the BDCL were discussed. It was generally agreed that certain clubs were probably the most 'needy' case if some kind of criteria or operating plan could be formulated with the agreement of the sponsor.

DECISION: Thoughts and ideas would be developed in the months ahead.

13. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 14th October 08

14. Reports of Meetings

14.1

Richard Martin summarised the content of the 'away day' meeting at Welbeck CC on the 18th Aug 08. This involved:

- The structure of County / District cricket

- CWO's
- Women's cricket
- Youth cricket, Community Sports Trust
- Coaches / Education / Development

15. AOB

15.1

The Chairman reminded members of the LMC that they should re-apply for their membership on the Committee, if they wished to continue next year, via nomination from their club.

DECISION: For information.

15.2

Brian Rivington spoke of the dinner arranged by the BDUA at the Lion Hotel on the 3rd August 08.

DECISION: For information

15.2

Richard Martin was to attend a League Cricket Conference at Bristol.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.35pm

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