

Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

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Minutes of the League Management Committee Meeting **Workshop – Tuesday 14th October 08 – 7.15pm**

1. APOLOGIES:

A. Vollans, T. Munro, G. Pym, C. Drury, G. Jones, K. Board

2. PRESENT:

J. Garton, G. France, P. Neale, M. Daniels, R. Martin, B. Rivington, B. Wilson, B. Norrs, M. Hall, G. Evans, J. Leaning, G. Jones, T. Haywood, A. Bennett.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

This was held on Tuesday 9th Sept 08. The Minutes were passed and signed as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

4.1

Arrangements for the League Dinner in March 09 were confirmed with the guest speaker being Mike Watkinson.

DECISION: For information only

4.2

The Three Leagues Meeting between the BDCL, the NCBPL and the SNL was now to be held at Trent Bridge on Thursday 16th Oct 08. The Secretary and Chairman would attend, with a pre-meeting arranged with the manager of the Notts Academy team also booked.

DECISION: For information only

4.3

The meeting reviewed the Tomlins final and the Champion of Champions final.

DECISION: It was agreed in principal that there was now an opportunity to consider the Tomlins final being played on a variety of grounds throughout the league which were of the required standard. A final decision would be made in the new year, once the structure of the Tomlins draw was known

4.4

The meeting heard an update in relation to the recent disciplinary hearing for Chris Herbert of Welbeck Colliery CC on the 21st August 08, that an additional requirement imposed was for the player to send a written letter of apology to the umpire concerned.

DECISION: The Secretary would follow this up with the club.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1

The Secretary read a letter of thanks to the LMC from Killamarsh Juniors CC in relation to the difficulties experienced by the club during the 2008 season.

DECISION: For information only.

5.2

The Secretary read a letter from an umpire John Whitworth concerning his attendance at Eckington CC on the last game of the season against Cuckney, where there had been a disagreement between the clubs concerning the cancellation of the game. The umpire had deemed the ground to be unfit for play but did indicate a lack of ground preparation by the home club prior to the game.

DECISION: No further action would be taken and the result of 6 points to each team would remain.

5.3

The last game of the season between Thurcroft CC and Wadworth CC in Div 3 had been cancelled by Thurcroft CC on the Thursday prior to the game, due their lack of player availability. The Secretary then read a more detailed explanation from the Thurcroft Secretary as to the circumstances within that club resulting in the cancellation.

DECISION: The explanation was accepted, with Rule 2.5(vi) applying to Thurcroft CC in this instance relating to not fulfilling the fixture with a fine of £20 and reduction of 10 points from the League total and 20 points to Wadworth.

5.4

The Secretary read a letter of resignation from Cliff Adwick concerning his membership of the LMC and the circumstances surrounding his decision. He was thanked for his work and contribution to the League during his time on the Committee. The Secretary confirmed that he had received nominations from Mansfield Hosiery Mills CC and Clumber Park CC in relation to Malcolm Daniels and Mathew Deaves being nominated from their respective clubs for positions on the LMC in 2009.

DECISION: For information only.

5.5

A letter for information at this stage had been received from the Secretary of the BD Junior League in relation to a Disciplinary Hearing involving Gary Lomas an adult, and senior player for Waleswood CC who had been acting as CWO and junior coach for that club during a junior game versus Edwinstowe on the 5th June 08.

The hearing of that league had made certain decisions concerning Gary Lomas and his future involvement within junior cricket, with further concerns being expressed in relation to CRB checks, authorisation and Club CWO Responsibilities.

DECISION: The meeting accepted that the letter was for the information of the BDCL. It was agreed that the Secretary should include the issues and the responsibilities each club has to ensure that their appointed CWO is sure of his/her role and that Club CWO's are in possession of an up to date CRB check.

5.6

The BDCL had received provisional enquiries from two South Yorkshire based clubs for inclusion in the 2010 season. The Secretary had sent the relevant document to both clubs for their consideration.

DECISION: For information only.

5.7

A letter from Paul Barker as an umpire reported his concerns whereby he had witnessed a certain make of cricket ball possibly being responsible for breaking a bat during a game, with the handle becoming detached and the blade flying into the outfield.

DECISION: For information only. No further action would be taken in relation to this incident, but any future reports of similar incidents would be monitored.

5.8

A further letter from Retford CC, asked the LMC to re-consider its decision to fine the club for failing to submit Umpire Assessments electronically on the 26th April, 10th May and 17th May 08 respectively, resulting in progressive fines of £5/£10/ £15 for each omission.

DECISION: The fines for these particular occasions should remain in place and valid as a measure of consistency and respect to all other actions taken in respect of all other clubs and other Umpires Assessments.

5.9

The Secretary also spoke of a third and final report of the season he had received in October from the Umpires Association, which identified 10 clubs for whom there was no record of receiving the assessments. This report covered the dates from the 12th July 08 to the 13th September 08 inclusive. There was a further discussion concerning games rained off where no play had taken place.

DECISION: The Secretary was asked to instigate fines in accordance with League Rules for the clubs concerned, so that consistency was maintained to respect the other clubs who had sent in their assessments and to the clubs who had been fined on previous occasions.

6. FINANCE

The Treasurer reported the financial situation of the League and the end of year balance sheet which was to be sent for audit.

Savings throughout the year had been made concerning AGM expenses, Sportsmanship Award and the grant to the Umpires Association.

The balance carried forward was: £7746.25

7. LEAGUE CONSTITUTION & FIXTURES 2009

7.1

The constitution had been agreed and published for the new season which included Notts Academy in the Championship and Glapwell III in Div 8. The Fixture Secretary reported that all clubs had been provided with their fixtures for 2009 (including publication on the website) and any amendments before the 31st October were awaited. There was a brief discussion on BH fixtures and flexibility to amend fixture dates.

DECISION: For information only.

8. AGM 2008 – PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RULES

8.1

Arrangements for the 2008 AGM were in place for Saturday 22nd November 08 at Cuckney CC. The Secretary circulated a draft paper which contained all the relevant proposed changes to League Rules from the LMC, the Umpires Association relating to an amendment to the penalties for failing to complete and send umpires assessments and one from Mansfield Hosiery Mills concerning Under 11 players being allowed to play in adult cricket.

DECISION: Each amendment or proposal was reviewed and the final list for publication on the AGM Agenda was agreed.

9. UMPIRES ISSUES & LEAGUE WEBSITE

9.1

The majority of issues relating to umpires had been dealt with earlier in the meeting. A brief discussion debated the winter training program, legside wides in relation to consistency of decision making and the purpose of the umpires assessments in the Championship and Div 1.

DECISION: For information only

9.2

There were no new developments concerning website which was well read and contained up to date relevant information about the League

DECISION: For information only.

10. REPORTS OF MEETINGS

10.1

The meeting heard summaries of various meetings recently attended. The chairman summarised the informal meetings with clubs at Worksop and Farnsfield and the views expressed.

Richard Martin spoke about:

- The potential for the 'Play-cricket' website to be a source of Handbook information
- Small Grant Schemes which had been well publicised through the various cricket boards.
- All clubs playing in or aspiring to play in the Premier League in the 2011 season **MUST HAVE** Clubmark accreditation.
- New developments for outsourcing the process for CRB checks and services.

- Regulations relating to the Cedric Rhoades Trophy restricting bowlers to only 9 overs in the match.

DECISION: For information only

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 11th November 08 – 7.15pm

12. AOB

12.1

The Fixture Secretary stated that some clubs were slow at returning their end of season averages and gave examples of some.

DECISION: The Secretary to follow up any outstanding submissions as appropriate.

12.2

Malcolm Daniels spoke about an initiative about Sponsorship for clubs which he was discussing with contacts.

DECISION: For information.

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

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