

# **BASSETLAW & DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE**

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## **Minutes of the League Management Committee Meeting** **Worksop CC – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 09 -7.15pm**

### **1. Apologies:**

Alan Bennett, Glenn Pym and Mark Shevill (who had decided to withdraw from membership of the LMC).

### **2. Present:**

J. Garton, K. Board, G. France, P. Neale, M. Daniels, R. Martin, M. Cannon, A. Vollans, B. Wilson, B. Norris, M. Deaves, T. Munro, M. Hall, G. Evans, J. Leaning, G. Jones and T. Haywood.

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

This was held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2008. The Minutes were passed and signed as a true record.

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

4.1

The Secretary briefly summarised an ongoing debate between the BD Junior League and Waleswood CC in relation to a disciplinary process involving a Waleswood player.

**DECISION:** Keith Board explained the current situation, which had now brought the matter to a resolution.

4.2

The fixture process relating to Clumber Park 3<sup>rd</sup> XI playing two games on the same date which also involved Sherwood CC had been resolved as an error by Clumber Park and the fixture had reverted to its original format.

**DECISION:** For information only.

4.3

Arrangements for the past Presidents dinner were briefly discussed.

**DECISION:** This would be held in September / October this year at the Lion Hotel in Worksop.

### **5. Correspondence:**

5.1

The meeting was informed that Ron Lafbery, the Secretary of the Notts Cricket Board had decided to retire from his post after many years of excellent commitment.

**DECISION:** The League Secretary should write to him on behalf of the BDCL thanking him for his services to cricket in Nottinghamshire.

## 5.2

An e mail from Wahid Ashim, asked for details of how his cricket club could potentially join the BDCL. He did not give any further details, such as the name or location of his Club.

**DECISION:** The Secretary has already replied and provided the writer with full details and criteria for joining the league in 2010 should they so desire.

## 5.3

A letter from Peter McKenzie reminded all clubs of the need to not allow 'just anyone' to umpire in a cricket match, as all umpires in League games should hold CRB clearance. The letter did give the example of one person's ongoing CRB certification.

**DECISION:** This information had already been circulated to clubs on a previous occasion and was for information only.

## 5.4

The draw for the Rhoades Trophy had been made and the BDCL was to play the Durham Coast League at home.

**DECISION:** Arrangements had already been made for this game to be played at Cuckney CC on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 09 – start 2pm.

## 5.5

The Secretary had been in discussion with some clubs to return handbook details. In particular, the ground situation affecting both Manton CC and Rockware Glass CC was of some concern.

**DECISION:** The Secretary should update the LMC at the next February meeting.

## 5.6

A letter from the Chairman of Misterton CC, gave details of the excellent involvement within their club of Peter Snow as Secretary, Treasurer and many other things, which also nominated him for the Wilkinson Trophy award 2009.

**DECISION:** This nomination would be taken into account and a decision made at the February meeting of the LMC.

## 5.7

The latest list of club officials who required CRB checks in accordance with the ECB directives since November 08 were read to the meeting by the Secretary, having been received from John Leafe of the Notts Cricket Board.

**DECISION:** The League Secretary to circulate this information to all clubs.

## 5.8

The ongoing recent changes to the issues involving Overseas Players were discussed in relation to the 'Managed Migration Policy of the ECB and the UK Border Agencies requirements. The latest updated information had been circulated to the BDCL by John Leafe.

**DECISION:** The League Secretary should circulate this latest information to all league clubs. Should any overseas player be registered to play in the BDCL under Category C, then a club official would be required to sign a League document that the arrangements for this player, conforms to these latest requirements.

## 5.9

A letter from the Chairman of the Premier League explained certain changes as voted for, to the rules of that League at their last AGM.

- For season 2011, clubs participating in the PL must have Clubmark status.
- Roll on covers are now mandatory.
- Each club must provide coaching for all its youth and junior members. It must fully participate in properly constituted league competitions at Under 11, 13, and 15 levels and is encouraged to offer development activities for children between 8 years and 11 years.
- The wording of what actually constitutes a wide ball down the batsman's leg side was amended and was to be strictly interpreted.

**DECISION:** For information only. The issue of leg side wides was something for consideration later in the year at the League AGM affecting clubs in the Championship, to allow the transition into the PL to be less problematic.

## 5.10

Papers for the Notts Cricket Board AGM had been received. Richard Martin had been nominated as chair of the Recreational Council, with Malcolm Daniels nominated as the BDCL's representative on this body.

**DECISION:** For information only

## **6. Finance**

The Treasurer reported that fines throughout the last season were still filtering through, with both Cutthorpe CC and EckingtonCC having paid their outstanding fines to the satisfaction of the LMC. The fine imposed on Killamarsh Juniors CC for withdrawing from the Championship was not yet paid. Further details were given concerning the bill from BT, advertisers, ball providers, corporation tax and website advertisements.

Current League financial balance showed: **£8105.88**

## **7. Election of members**

The following positions were agreed:

- The Vice Chairman was elected to be Gareth Jones, who therefore had the responsibility of Chairing the Disciplinary Sub Committee
- All League Registrars would remain unchanged from the 2008 handbook.
- Selection Committee – remain unchanged from the 2008 Handbook
- Emergency Committee – J. Garton, P. Neale, J. Leaning, G. Jones, G. France, M. Cannon, R. Martin

## **8. Review of AGM & reports of meeting**

### 8.1

The Secretary reviewed the AGM and informed the LMC that the 2009 AGM had been arranged to be held at Cuckney CC on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November 09- start 2.30pm. The last AGM realised a total of 14 active member clubs not attending for various reasons, with a high percentage of those not attending, being consistent absentees. Peter Neale informed the meeting of these clubs and the pattern of non attendance over a period of years. The matter of a £20 fine in accordance with the current rules applied this year to those clubs, but it was considered that the sum of £20 was insufficient.

**DECISION:** It would be proposed by the LMC at the next AGM that the fine for a club failing to be represented at the AGM would rise to £75.

8.2

Richard Martin informed the meeting of the following:

PL meeting:

- The CF ball had been rejected in favour of the Dukes make.
- The ethos of the Notts Academy team was described in terms of how they intended to develop young cricketers
- The fair play award had gone to Killamarsh Juniors CC
- The Twenty/20 County competition with the final at Trent Bridge would require a £50 registration entry fee.

**DECISION:** For information only and the BDCL would pay the fee for the winner of the Mallen Trophy to enter the County format.

League Cricket Conference

- Recent issues involving drainage charges being inflicted upon some clubs in other parts of the county were very high, with a campaign or article in the Telegraph newspaper highlighting the concern of clubs.
- The formulation of the Independent Safeguarding Authority, was another body authorised to help prevent unsuitable people from working with children.
- The matter of Insurance cover for Committee membership liability was discussed and was incorporated within the BDCL policy.
- The inter-league competition via the Rhoades Trophy, may have additional sponsorship from Readers and the rule of 'overs per bowler' had been amended to only 9.

**DECISION:** For information only

Notts Cricket Board

- The recent sad death of a member of the National Cricket Assn was reported.
- The alternatives for clubs obtaining grant aid was provided.
- The re-organisation of the Notts Cricket Board was nearing completion, with Mervyn Griffiths to take over from Ron Lafbery as Secretary.

**DECISION:** For information only

**9. Individual & Club Prize Winners 2008**

9.1

The Secretary updated the meeting on the arrangements which were in place for the return of last year's trophies and the engraving of this year's winners. The winners of the following trophies were also agreed: **DECISION:**

- Randall Trophy          Damien Crowley (Farnsfield) 668 runs – Ave. 39.29
- Larwood Trophy          JP De Villiers (Eckington) 45 wickets – Ave 11.24
- Wilkinson Trophy        To be agreed at the February meeting of the LMC

## **10. Fixtures Update**

10.1

Bev Norris explained that the current League Fixtures for 2009 had been completed and circulated. Tom Munro explained that as the new Fixture Secretary, he was researching alternatives for fixture production from 2010 onwards with various contacts and would report his findings.

**DECISION:** For information only.

## **11. Tomlins Trophy Draw - 2009**

11.1

The draw for the 2009 competition was completed and recorded. The Secretary explained that it had not been easy to collate only 13 teams who wished to take part this year, probably an all time low in terms of numbers. This cup competition was in need of a review about its future existence on the League timetable.

**DECISION:** The 2009 draw to be published and circulated via e mail, website and the handbook. The future of the competition is to be considered at another meeting, and would also take into account the difficulties of engaging the services of umpires for these Sunday games.

## **12. Mallen Twenty/20 2009**

12.1

18 teams had requested entry into this cup. Three groups were formulated, 6 teams in each and fixtures prepared to be played every Tuesday evening in June 09 (over 5 dates).

**DECISION:** The fixtures to be recorded and circulated to clubs to identify the changes to the competition this year, via e mail, website and handbook. Additionally, it was agreed that umpires for these Tuesday evening games would be appointed by John Leaning, the League Umpire Appointments Secretary.

## **13. Umpires issues**

13.1

The League Secretary updated the meeting about opinion voiced at the last AGM from some clubs in relation to certain aspects of the umpires assessment process provided by team Captains in the Championship and Div 1.

The League Secretary had therefore agreed to complete a review of the assessments and those findings had been presented to members of the LMC and the Umpires Association.

John Leaning also gave a detailed summary of work he had completed during the winter months to improve the system electronically and also the plans of 'nipping problems in the bud' with clubs. John was thanked for this important work.

The LMC took into account the views of Edwinstowe CC, Retford CC and Mansfield HM CC. They also listened to the views of the BDUA and the League Secretary's review. The following **DECISION** was made:

*All previous decisions of the LMC, relating to the imposition of fines for clubs who had not completed these reports during the 2008 season, in accordance with the instructions and training provided at the pre-season meeting of clubs involved, should remain in place.*

13.2

The meeting for team captains in the Championship and Div 1, would be arranged for the 2009 season by the BDUA to provide training and awareness of how to complete the umpires assessments in view of the changes made from listening to feedback.

**DECISION:** The date, venue and time would be published by the League Secretary. This meeting would have a **MANDATORY** attendance request attached to it by the LMC.

#### **14. Annual Dinner**

14.1

The League Secretary summarised the arrangements for the dinner on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 09. All arrangements were in hand and the meeting agreed the list of guests to be invited on their behalf.

**DECISION:** The League Secretary should write to those invited guests.

#### **15. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 09**

#### **16. AOB**

16.1

Available funding via the League Sponsor was discussed involving the Chairman, Malcolm Daniels and Gareth Jones.

**DECISION:** This group to discuss and progress any options available and report to the LMC on any progress.

16.2

The League Secretary was asked to write to the Wilkinson Group to confirm the continuing sponsorship of the League.

**DECISION:** As agreed, and an update to be provided once the information was known.

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

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