

Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

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Minutes of the LMC Meeting

Tuesday 9th June 09 – Worksop Cricket Club – 7.15pm

1: Apologies

Martin Cannon, Alan Vollans, Matt Deaves and Mike Hall (President).

2: Present

Jim Garton (Chairman), Gary France, Peter Neale, Keith Board, Ian Batty, Trevor Haywood, Malcolm Daniels, Richard Martin, Tom Munro, Bev Norris, John Leaning, George Evans, Brian Wilson, Glenn Pym and Gareth Jones.

3. Minutes of the last meeting:

This was held on Tuesday 12th May 09. The Minutes were passed and signed as a true record.

4. Matters arising:

4.1

Photographs were circulated of the clothing worn by players from Ransome & Marles and the debate in terms of rule 3.11. It was also noted that various other players and teams in the BDCL were wearing similar clothes with logo's, badges and colouring, although generally without numbers or names on the rear of the shirts.

DECISION: Clubs would be circulated with advice about this subject in a mid season Newsletter and the LMC would review the wording of the rule for the 2009 AGM, Ransome & Marles CC would therefore be allowed to continue to wear their clothing.

4.2

The details of courses provided by the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board for the awareness of club CWO's had been circulated to all membership clubs and also via the BDCL website.

DECISION: For information only.

** At this point, the LMC were given a presentation by John Leafe, Nottinghamshire Cricket Board CWO in relation to the impending Independent Safeguarding Authority and the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006, which is due to commence in October this year.*

SUMMARY: John was thanked for his work and attendance at the meeting. The LMC would arrange for two meetings at venues yet to be confirmed, in the north and south of its district on Wednesday 9th Sept 09 and Monday 14th Sept 09 respectively. This would provide clubs with the opportunity of being briefed on this important topic and also allow them to become aware of how this legislation will affect all clubs. Attendance at these two meetings will be **MANDATORY** for all clubs, due to the legal implications of the subject matter involving children and young adults within all cricket clubs.

5. Correspondence:

5.1

The Secretary had been in receipt of a number of positive e mails about the arrangements for the Mallen T20 competition this year, with one club even providing music at their home game between outgoing/incoming batsmen and when 4 runs were scored.

DECISION: For information only. The LMC would ask Thoresby Colliery CC to supply similar music if possible for the final of the T20 on Sunday 12th July 09, when they host the event.

5.2

The fixture of the BDCL v the Sheaf Sports Yorkshire and Derbyshire League (friendly) would be an annual fixture. Plans had been put in place for the event to be held at Glapwell CC on Sunday 30th May 2010. The BDCL should appoint two umpires for this game.

DECISION: For information only.

5.3

A report had been received from Harthill CC that they had been charged £33 for their team teas at Retford CC on Sat 30th May 09, when in fact the LMC had specified that teas charged to the away teams should not exceed £30.

DECISION: The League Secretary to inform Retford CC of the £30 maximum charge for the away team at their home fixtures.

5.4

Letters from the chairman of Thoresby Colliery CC and the Captain of Edwinstowe CC respectively documented the alleged behaviour of certain players at their local 'derby' matches and drew this to the attention of the LMC.

DECISION: Both club Secretaries to be advised by the League Secretary in terms of future matches, which would hopefully resolve the issues and seek to enhance mutual respect between the clubs at these very competitive matches.

5.5

A letter from Woodsetts CC talked about certain problems at their ground at Shireoaks on a very wet day on the 25th May 09 v Rose Leisure, when the owner of the ground became very concerned in relation to the potential damage to the pitches and outfield. The umpire had attempted to keep the game 'live' for as long as possible within the laws of the game.

DECISION: The LMC regretted any damage to the actual pitches or outfield in the wet conditions, but confirmed the need for the umpire to ultimately be in charge of a league game, whilst also listening to the concerns and need of the players and the ground executive.

5.6

An e mail from Lords International Ltd, thanked the LMC for agreeing that the cricket balls supplied by this company met league criteria for use in the BDCL.

DECISION: For information only.

5.7

The umpire John Singelton had been allocated the game between MHM III v Killamarsh II in Div 4. The game had been cancelled due to the ground being unfit due to the weather, but the umpire had not been informed of the cancellation and therefore travelled to the ground.

DECISION: MHM's had already resolved the matter by sending a cheque for the umpires expenses to the League Secretary and the League Treasurer in turn had paid the umpire.

5.8

The planned Cedric Rhoades Trophy match between the BDCL v Durham Coast League on Sunday 21st June 09 at Cuckney CC had been forfeited by the Durham Coast League, due to financial issues and the BDCL were to go through to the next round.

DECISION:

For information only.

5.9

Arrangements for the winners of the BDCL Mallen T20 competition to automatically enter the Nottinghamshire leg of the ECB Cockspur T20 competition were circulated. The finals day will be held on Sunday 2nd August 2009 at Wollaton CC and will be between 3 NCBPL clubs and the winners of the BDCL Mallen T20 and the equivalent SNL competition.

DECISION: The League Secretary has yet to confirm with the SNL the venue for the above game which was agreed to be held on Tuesday 21st July 09 at a ground in the SNL this year, umpires supplied by that league, with a reserve night on Wednesday 22nd July 09.

The Secretary would supply all details of the Cockspur T20 competition playing conditions to the winners of the Mallen BDCL T20.

5.10

A letter from Shiregreen CC in Sheffield informed the BDCL they two players representing Waleswood CC this season, still owed Shiregreen CC annual subscriptions from the season 2008. A total sum of £70 was owed.

DECISION: The League Secretary in conjunction with the Waleswood Sports CC Secretary would contact the club concerned to resolve this.

6. Finance

The League Treasurer reported:

- Resolution of the LMC decision in relation to the game Edwinstowe CC II v Clay Cross CC on the 4th May 09.
- Payment for the BDCL representative game at Hathersage on the 31st May 09
- Enquiries with the former Rockware CC to finalise monies owed to the BDCL.
- League Handbook Advertisement fees were still incoming.
- The Umpires Assessment fines for Retford CC were outstanding and a reminder was to be sent.

The current financial balance of the BDCL was.....£10,644.21

7. Disciplinary matters / Unfulfilled fixtures

7.1

Mallen T20 fixture – Tuesday 9th June 09, Bridon CC v Milton CC.

The game did not go ahead due to the inability of Milton CC to raise a team.

DECISION: Milton CC would be fined £20 for not fulfilling the fixtures and 2 points for the win awarded to Bridon CC.

7.2

The League game – Saturday 6th June 09, Glapwell CC III v MHM CC 4th XI in Div 8 did not go ahead due to the inability of MHM CC to raise a team.

DECISION:

- MHMCC would be fined £20 for not fulfilling the fixture
- MHMCC 4th XI would have 10 points deducted from their league total
- Glapwell CC III would have 20 points allocated to their league total as a win for this fixture.(All under League Rule 2.5(vi))

7.3

On Monday 25th May 09, Grassmoor CC was due to play Retford CC II at Grassmoor in Div 2. The game was cancelled by Grassmoor on that Monday morning, due to the ground executive North East Derbyshire District Council cancelling the game on Thursday 21st May 09 as they were unable to prepare the pitch on or before that date due to rain.

However, Retford CC did not agree to the cancellation and the ground at Grassmoor was inspected by an independent umpire Mr. JB Wilson in the presence of a player from both clubs at 2pm on Monday 25th May 09, the time when the game should have started.

The umpire declared that the ground and pitches were fit for play.

A letter from NEDDC stated the reasons for the cancellation, that they were the executive of the ground and that in effect Grassmoor CC had no say in the matter. In fact, any authorised games on the ground by the club would render no third party liability in force for the game.

Research in terms of the LMC's decisions on previous occasions under similar circumstances revealed that:

- On Sat 27th May 2006 games affected in a similar way and under the auspices of NEDDC, South Normanton, Clay Cross, Grassmoor and Holmewood, were all dealt by the LMC of the time by way of 6 points each.
- On the 24th April 2004 the games at Clay Cross, Grassmoor, Sheepbridge, Ashover, Holmewood and Pilsley were all cancelled by the council under similar circumstances and the LMC of the time awarded 6 points each to those games.
- Richard Martin, League Secretary at the time, noted these occurrences in his annual report to the LMC at the League AGM that year by referring to the jurisdiction imposed upon these clubs by NEDDC as playing under the 'Postcode Lottery', whereby these clubs could not control which games were on or off and were totally governed by NEDDC as the ground executive.
- Whatever the rules of the BDCL, the council's policies on their ground preparation and cancellations had therefore not changed in the last 5 years.

DECISION: The LMC fully accepted the frustrations of Retford CC and the reasons for them expecting this game to be played and of their desire to claim the 20 points under League Rule 2.5(vi). The umpires inspection and report concurred with this. However in view of previous examples and precedents having been set for clubs such as Grassmoor in these circumstances, the decision was made that the result of this fixture would be 6 points to each team in Div 2 for this match.

7.4

A report from Cuckney CC and the umpire in the game between Welbeck CC III v Cuckney II on Saturday the 6th June 09 at Welbeck CC gave an account of the BDCL fixture not being fulfilled despite the arrival at the ground of both teams and the one umpire allocated to the game. The report claimed that the BDCL umpire was told by an official of Welbeck CC and the two Premier League umpires that the pitch where the BDCL game was due to commence at 2pm would be taken over by the Premier League fixture of Welbeck CC v Papplewick & Linby which had been cancelled on the other pitch available at the home of Welbeck CC due its wet condition, with no play to occur that day on the other ground at Welbeck CC where the PL game had originally been planned to take place. The BDCL umpire was not paid expenses by either club for his attendance.

To date, Welbeck had not replied to messages left for them since Monday afternoon the 8th June 09. The LMC considered all the reports available on the evening of the meeting together with a telephone conversation between the respective Chairmen of both Leagues.

DECISION: The BDCL fixture between Welbeck CC III and Cuckney II on this date had not been fulfilled, due to the intervention of officials from Welbeck CC insisting that the BDCL game must make way for the PL game, which had been originally planned for the adjacent pitch which was too wet and therefore no play was allowed on that ground. The BDCL fixture therefore had no ground to play on, as a result of this short notice arrangement.

Under League Rule 2.5 (vi)

- Cuckney CC II would be awarded the full 20 points for the game
- Welbeck CC III would be deducted 10 points
- Welbeck CC would be fined £20

Additionally:

- Welbeck CC should pay the BDCL umpire £30 expenses for his attendance at the ground.
- Cuckney CC should not pay for the teas on the day.

7.5

The LMC were in receipt of two reports from the umpires allocated to the game Retford II v Harthill on Saturday 30th May 09 in Div 2, which referred to the words, actions and conduct of certain players from Retford CC at the closure of the game as the umpires walked from the field of play.

DECISION: This matter would be referred to the League Disciplinary Sub-Committee, and the League Secretary was asked to arrange a Disciplinary Hearing for those people concerned to take place at Worksop Cricket Club on Monday 22nd June 09, starting at 7.30pm.

8. BDCL Representative team

8.1

The meeting discussed the issue of shirts, caps and sweaters worn by the League team at games where players were representing the BDCL. Some concern was expressed about the wearing of various different caps and different shirts. The need for new shirts with the League logo displayed and perhaps the 'Wilkinson' sponsorship name thereon would improve the visual image of the team.

DECISION: New shirts should be ordered at the first opportunity, although caps and sweaters had already been allocated to players, who should be told of the need to wear BDCL kit when representing the league.

9. Reports of other meetings

9.1

Richard Martin reported that the Senior Cricket Committee of the Notts Cricket Board was working towards a standard player registration system for the county.

DECISION: For information only

Date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 14th July 09 at Worksop CC, starting promptly at 7.15pm

10. AOB

10.1

Invitations for attendance at the past Presidents Dinner were being formulated and were to be sent out soon.

DECISION: For information only.

10.2

The sad death of umpire Howard Walton was reported to the meeting along with the funeral arrangements.

DECISION: Noted by all members of the LMC

10.3

Concern was expressed at the omission of the BDCL Championship results on Ceefax page 399.

DECISION: Trevor Haywood agreed to query the matter with the person responsible for Ceefax input on behalf of the BDCL.

10.4

John Leaning reported that the submission of the Umpires Assessments this season had gone well in general terms, with a few clubs unfortunately still needing regular follow up reminders. All clubs were now fully conversant with the process and reminders would only be sent or made to clubs where there had been a history of regular submission and for an unknown reason the submission in one particular week was missing. It was agreed that it was now unnecessary to keep constantly reminding the same clubs week after week of their obligations to this commitment.

DECISION: For information only

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.55pm.

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