

Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

Sponsored by Wilkinson

Minutes of the LMC meeting

Tuesday 11th August 09 – Worksop CC – 7.15pm

1. Apologies:

Mike Hall, John Leaning, Gareth Jones, Keith Board, Trevor Haywood.

2. Present:

Jim Garton, Gary France, Peter Neale, Malcolm Daniels, Richard Martin, Martin Cannon, Brian Wilson, Bev Norris, Matt Deaves, Glenn Pym, Alan Bennett, Ian Batty.

3. Minutes of the last meeting:

This was held on Tuesday 14th July 09. The Minutes were passed and signed as a true record.

4. Matters arising:

4.1

The League sponsor, Tony Wilkinson had given his support and authority for the new shirts which are to be provided to the League representative team to have the 'Wilkinson' logo on the front of the shirt.

DECISION: For information only. The new shirts to be arranged by the team manager.

5. Correspondence:

5.1

A letter from Mr. M. King (an umpire), detailed the circumstances of him arriving at Farnsfield CC on Sat the 1st Aug 09, when the game had in fact been cancelled due to the rain, but he had not been informed. The Secretary read an explanation from Farnsfield CC, accepting the error.

DECISION: Farnsfield CC to pay the umpire the expenses for the day of £15.

5.2

A letter from Edwinstowe CC provided details of a potential proposal for clubs being allowed to 'opt out' of providing teas at the end of the first innings of each league game and of alternative options.

DECISION: Any club had the opportunity of putting forward a proposal to the League AGM in November and the provision of teas under these circumstances could be debated and voted upon if required.

5.3

A letter from Harthill CC requested their fixture Harthill II v Basford Mill II be moved from the 12th September to the 30th August which is the BH Sunday. Both clubs were in agreement with the change of date.

DECISION: The change of date was agreed.

5.4

A letter from an umpire Peter McKenzie detailed the current practice of many teams in the BDCL taking the field of play before or in front of the umpires.

DECISION: Clubs would be reminded of the traditions of the game in the League Secretary's next Newsletter.

5.5

South Normanton CC had informed the league of acts of criminal damage to their cricket square, with an unknown person having dug holes in the square with a spade, therefore making many wickets unplayable. However as there were only 2 home games left for the club, they were confident of honouring their fixtures. This matter had been reported to the local police.

DECISION: For information only.

5.6

Anston CC in partnership with the Yorkshire Cricket Board were to host a training course for club CWO's and club members involved with youth teams. The course, 'A time to listen' would be held on the 24th Sept 09 and had been opened to members of other clubs on a first call first served basis. Details had been circulated.

DECISION: For information only.

5.7

Bev Norris had reminded certain clubs of the need to send in their result sheet in the correct format via the Royal mail to avoid post office fees along with the inconvenience and cost of travelling to the local sorting office to retrieve the sheet.

DECISION: For information only.

5.8

A presentation to Ron Lafbery in recognition of his service to the recreational game across Nottinghamshire would be held at Trent Bridge on the 3rd Sept 09.

A representative from the BDCL was invited.

DECISION: Keith Board would attend to represent the LMC.

5.9

A process had begun to improve the player registration systems across all leagues in Nottinghamshire with the intention of providing consistency and commonality.

DECISION: Tom Munro, Malcolm Daniels and Richard Martin would represent the BDCL at initial meetings arranged by the Nott'mshire CB.

6. Finance

The treasurer reported on the up to date issues affecting the advertising payments in the League Handbook. He had also recently paid for the costs involved with the Twenty/20 competitions and the Cedric Rhoades Cup quarter final.

The current League balance was £10,592.80

The meeting briefly discussed a variety of potential projects whereby a small amount of league funds could be regenerated to benefit either league clubs or local cricketing matters affecting those clubs.

DECISION: No specific decision was made at this meeting. This topic should be a separate agenda item at the next meeting to develop the proposal further.

7. Cup Competitions – review

7.1

Mallen Twenty/20

The meeting reviewed the current arrangements for playing this competition across the league. Due to significant ongoing changes to improve the competition during the last three years, it was felt that a period of stability would be useful, although there was support for the Golden Over being replaced by a ‘power play’ of the first 5 overs being restricted to only 2 fielders being allowed outside the 30 metre circle. *It was noted that Marshalls CC had now won this competition in last 3 consecutive years which was an excellent achievement.*

DECISION: The Secretary would formulate an amended proposal for consideration at the AGM regarding the ‘power play’ matter.

7.2

Tomlins Trophy

Over the years the support by clubs for this Sunday cup competition had declined considerably. For 2009, only 14 clubs agreed to participate, with a number of problems relating to appointment of umpires and the play by dates becoming a reality. In terms of popularity, this competition was probably at an all time low. Certainly anything less than 14 teams would reduce the competitions effectiveness and the LMC questioned the future viability of this cup.

DECISION: The LMC would closely monitor participating numbers, but agreed to allow the competition to continue into 2010. The chairman agreed to discuss these issues with a close relative of Harry Tomlins out of courtesy.

7.3

Cedric Rhoades Cup

The BDCL representative team was in the semi final and due to play the Bristol League on Sunday 16th August at Cuckney CC. Once again, a number of fixtures in this competition had been forfeited by certain leagues, which did not enhance the reputation of this cup.

DECISION: For information only and the BDCL would continue to participate.

8. Reports of meetings – None

9. Disciplinary Matters / unfulfilled fixtures

9.1

A disciplinary meeting had been held on the 3rd August 09 regarding an incident reported by umpires during the Waleswood Sports CC v Thoresby Park game in Div 1 on Sat 11th July 09.

DECISION: David Beastall, a player for Thoresby Park CC had used threatening language by threatening to hit another player. He received:

- 2 match suspension from the 15th August 09 to the 22nd August 09 inclusive
- 4 match suspended sentence to run for the rest of the 2009 season and also for the duration of the 2010 and 2011 seasons.

Additionally, the League Secretary was asked to write a letter to Waleswood Sports CC in relation to a report received at this meeting from the Captain of Thoresby Park CC, which contained certain allegations concerning the conduct of some players representing Waleswood Sports CC. This separate matter had not been heard or seen by the umpires in the game.

9.2

A second disciplinary meeting had been held on that same evening (3/8/09) involving a report received from Blyth CC in relation to their game in Div 8 on Sat 28th June 09, Blyth CC II v Mansfield Hosiery Mills IV. John Leafe the CWO for the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board was also in attendance.

DECISION: Due to the very late submission of additional statements and the submission of late or previously unknown evidence and allegations, this meeting was postponed until Monday 24th August 09 to allow further time for enquiries and consultation for all parties.

9.3

Unfulfilled fixtures:

- Sat 8th August 09 – Harthill II v South Normanton – Div 6
This was due to S. Normanton being unable to raise a team.
DECISION: S. Normanton would have 10 points taken from their league total and be fined £20. Harthill II would have 20 points allocated to their league total. (League Rule: 2.5(vi)).
- Sat 8th August 09 – Thurcroft V Welbeck III – Div 3
The game had been called off by Thurcroft CC due to the ground executive (local council) having called the game off during a weekday prior to the game as they were unable to prepare the pitch due to rain. (The League Secretary was in possession of the relevant e mails to confirm this). The captain of Welbeck III had made the point that the ground at Thurcroft had been visited by members of his team who felt that the ground was fit for play. Welbeck had not insisted upon travelling and no umpires had been called in attendance.
DECISION: Both teams would be allocated 6 points each.
- Sat 8th August 09 – Worksop CC v W I Cavaliers – Div 1
Late start, due to the late arrival of the WI Cavaliers team.
DECISION: WI Cavaliers to be fined £5 in accordance with League rules

10. Additional meetings

10.1

The meeting between personnel from the BDUA and the BDCL to agree the level of umpires expenses for season 2010 would be arranged.

DECISION: This meeting to occur at 6.30pm at Worksop CC prior to the next LMC meeting on 8th September 09.

10.2

Both the BDUA and BDCL had agreed that it would be useful to hold an informal meeting to discuss disciplinary issues, the processes involved and any potential changes for submission to the 2009 League AGM.

DECISION: The League Secretary in consultation with the BDUA should make arrangements for this meeting.

11. Potential rule changes for the 2010 season

11.1

The meeting discussed potential changes to:

- Non attendance at the League AGM and the potential maximum fine
- Players apparel whilst playing league games
- BDCL and NCBPL fixtures on the same ground, on the same day
- Non-fulfilment of fixtures by teams / clubs
- Legside wides
- Mallen Twenty/20 – Golden Over v Power Play for the first five overs
- Late starts of matches, due to the late arrival of teams.

DECISIONS: Provisional agreements were made for certain changes or implementation of some of the above issues. The League Secretary was asked to formulate the correct wording for verification and confirmation at the October LMC meeting.

12. Date of next meeting: *Tuesday 8th September 09 at Worksop CC – 7.15pm*

13. AOB

13.1

Malcolm Daniels reported upon a letter received regarding a child protection matter involving Bawtry CC and a 7 years old child.

DECISION: Bawtry CC are not yet a part of the BDCL. The letter was read and noted.

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

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