

Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

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Minutes of the LMC Meeting

Tuesday 13th October 09 - @ Worksop CC – 7.15pm

1. Apologies:

Martin Cannon, Gareth Jones and Alan Bennett

2. Present:

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

- *The Secretary read a letter from Alan Bennett resigning from the LMC due to personal and health reasons.
The meeting acknowledged Alan's contribution over the years and the Secretary was asked to formally reply.*
- *The Secretary also read a letter from Mike Hall, resigning from his office of League President. Malcolm Daniels was appointed Acting President of the BDCL until the 27th March 2010. This resignation had previously been acknowledged in writing by the Secretary.*

3. Minutes of the last meeting:

This was held on Tuesday 8th September 09. The Minutes were passed and signed as a true record.

4. Matters arising:

Matters involving player registrations, disciplinary matters and the dual registration request from the Nottinghamshire Academy would feature later in the meeting.

5. Correspondence

5.1

On the last day of the season 12/09/09, in Div 5, the game between Todwick CC and Milton II did not take place, due to Todwick being unable to raise a team.

DECISION: Todwick CC would be fined £10, have 10 points deducted from their league total and the maximum 20 points awarded to Milton II. The matter of the fine was the only outstanding action to be completed.

5.2

A disciplinary report had been received from two umpires concerning the conduct of the Captain of Firbeck CC in the game Glapwell II v Firbeck in Div 4 on Saturday 5th Sept 09, in terms of his failure to take appropriate action to control his players conduct / behaviour.

DECISION: This matter had already been resolved, with the decision of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee being: That this player, Gareth Ellis would have recorded against his name a reprimand and be given a warning as to his future

conduct in the case of a first offence to both club and Captain. (Gareth Ellis). Also that the captain send letters of apology to both umpires by the 16th October 09.

5.3

A Nottinghamshire Cricket Board 'Away Day' had been arranged to take place at Mansfield Hosiery Mills CC on Thursday 22nd October 09. Details of the meeting, content and agenda were available.

DECISION: Malcolm Daniels agreed to represent the BDCL at this meeting.

5.4

A second meeting of the year held by the Derbyshire Cricket Board involving senior leagues in their area had been convened to be held at Matlock CC on Tuesday 27th October 09.

DECISION: Tom Munro agreed to represent the BDCL, along with Martin Cannon, who attended the first meeting.

5.5

The future structure of Child Welfare matters affecting the BDCL were discussed in relation to the potential for there being two Club CWO's and an appointment of a League CWO. Advice had been taken from the County CWO John Leafe regarding these matters.

DECISION: Developments were ongoing, with no additional plans or decisions required for the time being.

5.6

A letter from the Secretary of the BDUA updated the meeting concerning their recent AGM and the election of officials. There were no changes from last year.

DECISION: For information only.

5.7

A letter from Rockware CC explained their request to re-join the BDCL after an absence of one year, following support gained to establish a leasehold agreement for their ground, with additional plans and finances in place to develop the ground further for recreational purposes. This project had also attracted the support of their local Member of Parliament.

DECISION: There was an opportunity for Rockware CC to be placed in Division 7, due there only being 11 teams in that Division. The meeting agreed this and the Fixture Secretary was asked to amend the provisional fixtures for Div 7 and inform the relevant affected clubs by e mail.

6. Finance

The Treasurer gave his 'year end' report to the meeting which was shortly due to be sent for independent examination before submission to the AGM. Income against expenditure was reviewed in terms of recent events, with one outstanding advertising fee in the League Handbook to be made. Plans were in place to assist the match results process by obtaining addressed envelopes for submission by clubs at the end of each game to the League Statistician at a cost of £72.

The end of year League balance was £8624.41

DECISION: This sum would be discussed further in January 2010, to consider any possible ways of offering financial support in a small way to clubs, once the early year expenses for the League had been taken into account. Additionally, the players involved in the successful Cedric Rhodes campaign this year, would be invited to be guests of the LMC at the League Dinner and Presentation in March 2010. There was also potential for further prize money to be received for winning the Cedric Rhodes Trophy from the League Cricket Conference.

7. League Constitution for 2010 / Fixtures

7.1

The constitution of the Divisions for 2010 had been completed and circulated to clubs, with the inclusion of Rockware CC into Div 7 to be updated. A letter of disappointment from Killamarsh Juniors CC in relation to their 3rd XI being relegated, had prompted that club to complete a proposal to the League AGM to amend the rules affecting such an issue in 2010 which the League Secretary would include.

The Fixture Secretary summarised his work so far in relation to the fixtures for 2010 and potential amendments were in progress and that he was working towards the final fixtures being confirmed.

This had prompted Glapwell CC to propose a rule change to the way in which the fixtures would be formulated next season, which would be included by the League Secretary in the AGM document.

DECISION: For information only.

8. League Rules / LMC members for 2010

8.1

The meeting reviewed the League Rules and any amendments to those rules which as the governing body of the League it wished to put before the AGM for alteration. The LMC were also made aware of the above matter from Killamarsh Juniors CC, Glapwell CC and a proposed change to the Disciplinary Process and games with no umpires from Mansfield Hosierly Mills CC.

DECISION: The League Secretary would include all of these matters within the body of the AGM document and agenda.

8.2

Following the retirement of Alan Bennett from the LMC, Roger Heath of Kiveton Park Colliery CC wished to succeed Alan in that position.

DECISION: Also for inclusion within the AGM document.

9. Reports of other meetings:

9.1

The League Secretary summarised the content of the recent 3 Leagues meeting at Cuckney CC on the 7th October 09, affecting all three leagues (BDCL, NCBPL and the SNL) such as Clubmark status for clubs aspiring to be PL participants, funding for smaller clubs, reducing administrative bureaucracy from top down, the structure of Nottinghamshire cricket, 20/20 competitions, player registrations and presentation evenings.

A significant presentation and debate occurred involving a request from the Nottinghamshire Academy to have a dual registration process, whereby players from their increased squad, could not only play in the NCBPL for the Academy team, but also revert to their club team, if deemed appropriate to ensure that their young players

were not missing Saturday cricket if not selected for any reason to play in the NCBPL. The BDCL were asked to re-consider their initial decision and allow this request to go ahead.

Both the League Secretary and the League Chairman, presented the case and the request on behalf of the Nottinghamshire Academy to the LMC meeting.

DECISION: Such a request could only be achieved by someone proposing a change to the League rules and those changes being voted upon at the League AGM and therefore maintaining a democratic process.

The LMC took a vote in terms of whether as the governing body of the league it wished to put forward the proposal of dual registration applying only to the Nottinghamshire Academy club.

OUTCOME: There was very little support for this and therefore the LMC would not support this request and asked the League Secretary to update the relevant people and provide them with any alternative course of action for them to consider.

9.2

The League Chairman summarised the content of a meeting between representatives of the BDCL and the BDUA to seek to improve the disciplinary policies and structures of the League and to take steps to improve certain player behaviour. The following issues were agreed:

- Captains should be required to attend disciplinary meetings along with their player(s), as they are an integral part of discipline on the field and of maintaining the Spirit of Cricket.
- Umpires would not be required to attend disciplinary meetings unless there were exceptional circumstances.
- At the end of each game, a de-brief would take place between the umpire(s) and both team Captains in relation to the game and any issues raised to resolve any differences or conflict before leaving the ground. This would apply to all matches, in all Divisions, where one or two umpires were in attendance.
- In all cases, where an umpire(s) had decided to make an official report to the LMC regarding the conduct of any player, the Captain of that player must be informed about this before leaving the ground.
- All evidence will be disclosed to relevant parties involved in an incident
- The decision whether or not to hold a disciplinary meeting, will be made promptly by the League Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary.
- Greater emphasis will be given to implementing the deduction of league points where players receive a level of playing suspension.
- The outcome of disciplinary meeting will be reported to the BDUA Secretary.
- Advice and suggestion to be provided to clubs about players drinking alcohol whilst they are still involved in the game.

DECISION: These matters to be included in annual report of the Secretary and also by Newsletter nearer the start of the 2010 season.

9.3

Malcolm Daniels described the ongoing work involving the creation of a standard player registration scheme throughout the county and of the vision for this to be electronically linked to the Play-cricket website, as opposed to boxes of cards as is currently the case.

DECISION: Malcolm Daniels to update the next meeting on any developments and the Secretary to include this development proposal within his annual report.

10. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 10th November 09 -7.15pm

11. AOB
Nothing to report

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

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