



The Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

founded 1904

Minutes of LMC

Date: Tuesday 14th August 2012

Time: 7pm

Venue: Worksop CC

APOLOGIES:

Matt Deaves, Trevor Haywood, Roger Heath, Richard Martin, Glen Pym and Alan Vollans.

PRESENT:

Gareth Jones (Chairman), John Leaning (President), Gary France, Peter Neale, Ian Batty, Keith Board, Martin Cannon, Michael Carlisle, Malcolm Daniels, Jim Garton, Malcolm Hall, John Heaman, Janet King, Tom Munro, Graham Venables, Chris Revill and Jack Tarr.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Tuesday 3rd July 2012 – Passed and signed – true record.

1 MATTERS ARISING:

1.1

The meeting was informed of the development of a new process for assessing umpires by Captains involved in games in the Championship and Div 1, integrated into the new league website. Trials on this system were being created.

DECISION: This work was noted. Umpires would be assessed in keeping with previous seasons, via this new method at the beginning of season 2013.

1.2

Janet King had made arrangements for a Past Presidents Dinner to be held at The Lion Hotel, Worksop on Friday 19th October 2012.

DECISION: For information at this time. Past Presidents would be contacted and invited. This event would be individually financed and was not involved in league funds.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

2.1

A letter from the BDUA, asked for financial support to the Association towards the cost of a new laptop and software provided for use by the Umpires Appointments Secretary in his role.

DECISION: It was agreed that 50% of the costs would be provided towards roles involving the use of such equipment for league purposes. In this instance the sum of £234 would be provided to the BDUA.

2.2

The Secretary was in receipt of correspondence from companies and an individual club regarding cricket balls in the league, inclusive of the current Readers deal and other offers regarding the supply, ordering and payment inclusive of 'cash back' deals. The LMC carefully considered all available information.

DECISION: The offer from Readers was the best for the BDCL and the League Secretary was asked to renew the deal in keeping with the current contract.

Additionally, from the start of the 2013, the current league rule 3.8 (1) relating to the use of Reader cricket balls throughout the league would be implemented in full, with no further dispensations for 'using up' other makes of cricket balls from previous club stock.

2.3

The meeting discussed the matter all BDCL clubs holding basic Public Liability cover, to protect themselves from unforeseen occurrences.

DECISION: Details and guidance (as an example) would be sought from a known Insurance provider and circulated to clubs regarding this important aspect of club and league business. The Secretary was asked to draft a potential League Rule for presentation at the next League AGM requiring all clubs to have this basic cover in place on all occasions.

2.4

A report from umpire Paul Sissons informed the league of his visit as an appointed umpire to the game on Sat 21st July 12 in Div 5, MHM III versus M&P III. The game had been cancelled due to wet weather, but the umpire not informed.

DECISION: The LMC would pay the umpire the match expenses of £35 and would re-claim this from MHM.

2.5

A letter of complaint from a team Captain regarding the performance of the umpires in a game in Division 1 of the League recently had been received. This was reviewed by the LMC.

DECISION: The letter should be forwarded to the Secretary of the BDUA for the Association to consider of any appropriate action.

2.6

A report from Jack Tarr identified the following clubs, who had failed to provide match result sheets for the following dated games, despite a variety of reminders:

- Clumber Park CC x 3 (9 June, 19 June and 26 June)
- Woodsetts CC x 1 (4 June)
- Worksop CC (II) x1 (19 May)

DECISION: Each club should be fined £10 for each result sheet not submitted.

3. FINANCE & SPONSORSHIP REPORT

3.1

Peter Neale reported on a number of income streams now resolved involving annual subscriptions, umpires and their expenses, along with sponsorship support.

Recent expenses included League Website costs, trophies for league cup competitions, representative team cost and a telephone bill.

The current league balance was currently £5551.39

3.2

Regarding sponsorship business, pavilion frames promoting the Divisional sponsors had been circulated with just a small number remaining. The South Forest (Div 2) had indicated that they wished to discount the league dinner in the months ahead as their method of support, with on-going work continuing with both the Charnwood Hotel, Blyth (Div 1) and Worksop Metals (Div 3).

The 2012 sponsorship support from Reader cricket balls was complete for the current season with the sponsorship sum of £2500 having been provided.

Plans for further sponsorship work, aimed at season 2013 were planned for October 2013.

4. DISCIPLINARY MATTERS & UNFULFILLED FIXTURES

4.1

The following games were not played:

- P & L II v Lea Park – Div 2 – Sat 4 Aug 12. This was due to a bereavement affecting Lea Park CC and was with the consent of P & L CC and the LMC.
DECISION: The game should now be played on Monday 27th Aug 12.
- Thoresby Park II v Rockware – Div 6 – Sat 4 Aug 12
This was due to Thoresby Park being unable to field a team
DECISION: Thoresby Park CC would be fined £10, have 10 points deducted from their total in Div 6. Rockware CC would receive 20 points for this game.
- Todwick v Thoresby Park II – Div 6 – Sat 11 Aug 12
This was due to Thoresby Park being unable to field a team
DECISION: Thoresby Park CC would be fined £10, have 10 points deducted from their total in Div 6. Todwick CC would receive 20 points for this game.
- Woodsetts III v M & P IV – Div 8 – Sat 11 Aug 12
This was due to M & P CC being unable to field a team
DECISION: M & P CC would be fined £10, have 10 points deducted from their total in Div 8. Woodsetts III would receive 20 points for this game.

4.2

Disciplinary matters:

The Chairman of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee gave reports on the following THREE disciplinary meetings recently held:

Disciplinary Meeting (1)

In the Mallen T20 trophy (19 June 12), a player from Woodsetts CC, Kyle Chambers was alleged to have used verbal abuse, foul language or actions likely to be so obvious that they were not restricted to those participating in the game. The hearing (supervised by the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board concerning Young Player Safeguarding Regs), found these allegations to have been proved and imposed the following penalties: **DECISION OF THE DISCIPLINARY PANEL:**

1. A ban of 7 weeks from Sat 28 July 12 to Fri 14 Sept 12, plus 3 weeks from the beginning of the first playing Saturday of the 2013 season.
2. A 4 week ban suspended, pending the players future conduct until the end of the 2013 season.
3. Adequate letters of apology to be sent via the League Secretary to both the victim and to Anston CC by the 31st July 12.
4. Woodsetts CC to be fined £50, payable by the 31st August 2012.

The LMC were informed that to date, (14/8/12), no letters of apology had been received from the player. The meeting discussed this issue and made the following decision:

DECISION (LMC): Failure to write letters of apology as required by the disciplinary sub-committee by the 31st July 12, constituted a breach of the suspended penalty imposed at the original hearing and therefore, the player would be banned for a further period of 4 weeks at the beginning of the 2013 season, once the first 3 weeks had expired. Therefore a total of 7 weeks from the start of the 2013 season was the time frame of the playing ban next season. Specific dates would be communicated once the playing dates of the 2013 season were known.

The League Secretary was asked to write on behalf of the LMC to both the player and to Woodsetts CC, outlining these developments.

Disciplinary Meeting (2)

A second disciplinary hearing, (once again supervised by the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board, concerning Young Player Safeguarding Regs), heard that in a league fixture (30/6/12), a player from Thoresby Park CC, David Beastall was alleged to have been involved in an action that could be construed as unfair play or bringing the game into disrepute. This allegation was proved.

DECISION OF THE DISCIPLINARY PANEL: The player would be banned from playing for a period of 2 weeks, (*dates amended following a personal request*) from Saturday 18 Aug 12 to Fri 31 Aug 12 inclusive. Additionally, Thoresby Park CC would be deducted 6 points from their Div 2 total.

In the same game, a player from MHM II, Luke Rodgers, was alleged to have committed the same disciplinary offence. This allegation was proved.

DECISION OF THE DISCIPLINARY PANEL: The player would be banned from playing for a 2 week period, from Sat 4 Aug 12 to Fri 14 Aug 12 inclusive. Additionally, MHM II would be deducted 6 points from their Div 2 total.

Additionally, the hearing felt that the Captain of MHM II Michael Rodgers, did not discharge his responsibilities as he should have done.

DECISION OF THE DISCIPLINARY PANEL: The Captain would have a 4 week suspended ban from playing the game imposed to the end of the 2013 season.

The League Secretary was also asked to write to MHM CC regarding another player under the age of 18 years participating in that game.

Disciplinary Meeting (3)

A third disciplinary meeting, heard that in a league fixture 21/7/12, a player from Caythorpe CC, Richard Beaumont, had allegedly used foul or abusive language or gestures directed at an umpire. This allegation was proved.

DECISION OF THE DISCIPLINARY PANEL: Caythorpe CC should be commended for the way it handled the situation and for its firm and prompt action. In keeping with that action, the player would be banned from playing for a period of 4 weeks from Sat 28/7/12 to Fri 24/8/12 inclusive.

A further ban from playing of 4 weeks suspended until the end of the 2013 season was also imposed. Additionally, Caythorpe CC would be deducted 8 points from their Div 1 total.

4.3

A letter from the Secretary of the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board, informed the BDCL of plans to co-ordinate / integrate a number of potential policies and procedures throughout the county concerning disciplinary matters. Meetings in the future were predicted.

DECISION: For information at this time. Updated information was awaited.

5. REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES – BDCL CUP FINALS

5.1

The meeting reviewed the representative games on the 5th August (Under 25's v Derbyshire County League at Glapwell and also the President's Trophy game at Durham, with the latter having had no umpires appointed).

DECISION: Glapwell CC were thanked for their excellent hospitality at the Under 25's game.

The lack of umpires appointed to the President's Trophy game was a great disappointment and not a good reflection towards a national, prestigious competition. The League Secretary was asked to write to the League Cricket Conference Secretary to explain the feelings of the BDCL about this.

Further concerns were debated about the future participation of the BDCL in the competition, with costs and the involvement of various Premier Leagues in recent years adding to the concerns.

DECISION: The meeting was clear that there appeared to be a lack of willingness to develop league representative cricket at a national level. The opportunities to create (as an example) an East Midlands representative league, to develop the best players in respective neighbouring leagues seemed obvious, yet no one appeared to have any energy to create new and innovative initiatives such as this. Malcolm Daniels agreed to raise this matter at the next meeting Senior Cricket Meeting of the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board, to explore what could be discussed or planned in this regard.

5.2

The meeting also discussed the arrangements for the forthcoming Cup Finals: Mallen T20 finals (27/8/12), Mapperley Sports T20 Final with the SNL (2/9/12), Tomlins Final (9/9/12) and the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board Champion of Champions Final (15/9/12)

DECISION: All plans were in place and effective for the games to go ahead.

6 2012 AGM

6.1

The League Secretary spoke of the need to consider the continuity of the Presidents role into 2014 and therefore a Vice President would need to be agreed at the 1012 AGM for the role in 2013, effectively becoming President elect for 2014.

Additional plans regarding all league rules and a general 'tidying up' process was probably needed, just to simplify some rules and bring others up to date. This was particularly the case involving Player Registration, which needed a re-write to reflect the needs of the electronic process of the Play Cricket system and its various criteria.

Also, if sponsorship support into 2013 were to continue, the BDCL would need a Sponsorship Manager to effectively deal with, manage and develop the sponsorship issues of the league.

DECISION: Matters relating to the Vice President for 2013 would be resolved at the September meeting. The rules were being updated by Gary France and Michael Carlisle for consideration by the LMC at the Sept and October meeting, for agreement of the content to the AGM in November.

The LMC would continue to seek the appointment of a Sponsorship Manager for 2013.

7. AOB

7.1

The end of the season meeting between the BDUA and BDCL had been arranged to place at Worksop CC on Monday 17th Sept 12. Additionally the meeting of both organisations to discuss and agree the umpire's expenses for 2013 would take place prior to the Sept LMC meeting.

DECISION: For information only.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.25pm

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