



# **LMC Meeting Minutes**

**May 2021**

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<b>Minutes of the LMC Meeting held on</b>	Tuesday 11 May 2021
<b>Venue</b>	Virtual via Zoom
<b>Start time</b>	19:00 hrs.
<b>Closure time</b>	20:30 hrs.
<b>1. Apologies for absence</b>	Stef Roberts

**Additional attendees:**

Andrew Wilson (AW), Club Development Officer, NCCC

**In the chair: Gareth Jones**

**NB The order of these minutes is as per the previous agenda.**

**Declarations of Interest**

At this point in the meeting, the Chair explained to the meeting that several matters relating to potential sanctions for league clubs in respect of player registration matters were scheduled to be discussed. As this situation affected the Chair, this section of the meeting was managed by the Vice Chairman, David Parnham.

Members of the LMC who declared an interest in a Championship Division team, or a Division 5 team were excluded from this part of the meeting whilst several matters relating to player registration issues in these two divisions were discussed and voted on.

**Decisions**

**Matter 1. Martyn Dobson – Welbeck CC**

Following submissions received from Welbeck CC relating to this matter, the committee members present accepted that the incorrect player registration category selected during the initial player registration process was purely an administrative error; and that no further action against Welbeck CC was necessary. Therefore, no sanction was imposed.

**Matter 2. Daniel Markides – Retford CC**

The committee members present agreed that the above player, registered as Category 3 on Play Cricket, was ineligible when he played for Retford II in the Division V fixture at Sherwood Colliery CC on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021, and as such the standard sanctions for fielding an illegible player should be applied.

It was noted that this rule was long standing in the league, and although the LMC has the authority to give dispensation to this rule in exceptional circumstances, no such permission had been requested.

**Matter 3. Matthew Seward – Retford CC**

Matthew Seward, being already registered Milton CC, played as an unregistered player for Retford II v Grassmoor II on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2021, and the standard sanction of a £10 fine and 2-point deduction has already been applied.

The committee members present agreed that no further actions were necessary unless a repeat of the offence occurred.

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021** and were accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

### **3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

- 3.1 Countywide Disciplinary Panel. GV confirmed that all information regarding league representatives to the panel has now been forwarded to Joe Fish at Nottinghamshire CCC. NF added that a flow chart has been produced to illustrate the disciplinary process now in place and this will be made available to all concerned following authorisation from the chair/vice chair of the countywide disciplinary panel.
- 3.2 Proposed Parkinson's Disease Charity Fixture. GJ reported that he has now discussed this matter further with Dick Owen of West Hallam CC, who has agreed to try and form a Derbyshire County League representative team to play a BDCL representative team in this fixture, provisionally arranged for 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021. GJ to report on progress at the next LMC meeting.
- 3.3 Promotion and relegation - 2021 season. TH had noted that the current league tables on Play Cricket indicated that teams would be relegated as usual at the conclusion of the 2021 season. Several other queries have also been received in relation to promotion and relegation matters.

This matter was discussed at length, following which the LMC again wish to stress that no decisions on promotion or relegation matters will be taken until the 2021 season has been completed and the final league tables verified. These decisions will also take cognisance of the results obtained from a league club survey, which will be sent out to league clubs' mid-season.

### **4. FINANCE & SPONSORSHIP**

- 4.1 TM reported that the league bank balance currently stands at £7360.00; this will increase slightly when a small number of outstanding payments in respect of fines to league clubs are made.

TM added that the current financial situation is satisfactory, and that with a full season of cricket we should expect to receive over £2000 in sponsorship money from Readers.

### **5. SAFEGUARDING AND DBS MATTERS**

- 5.1 AW reported that there have been no further developments since the last meeting.

AW added that all 37 Club Mark clubs had received an invitation to the Club Safe Hands Management system.

It was noted that DBS checks should now be carried out 'Face to Face', and that on-line DBS verifications have been discontinued.

### **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 6.1 NF reported that the two umpires scheduled to officiate at the Killamarsh CC v Anson CC John J Mallen trophy fixture on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021 had not been informed that the match had been cancelled and both had travelled. It was agreed that both umpires be awarded £15 expenses, TM will contact both umpires to arrange payment and will then invoice Killamarsh CC accordingly.

- 6.2 Disciplinary Offence Report.

A level 2 report had been received from the match officials concerning the behaviour of Jason Gorman of Clipstone & Bilsthorpe CC in their Championship division fixture at Cuckney CC on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

The league disciplinary sub-committee, in conjunction with Clipstone & Bilsthorpe CC, imposed a two-week ban, with a further 3-week ban suspended until the end of the 2021 season.

GV had informed the county wide disciplinary group of the actions taken via Joe Fish. Joe will also circulate details of the ban to other local county cricket boards.

It was also agreed that GV will inform John Leaning of any disciplinary actions taken (once the 7- day appeal period has expired) to enable John to update the match umpires of the sanctions imposed on players and/or their club.

The disciplinary sub committee commended Clipstone & Bilsthorpe CC for their prompt and decisive actions in respect of this matter.

### 6.3 League Web Site and Correspondence.

The league web site is up to date and all changes to officials reported by individual league clubs have been made.

The weekly updates of sanctions and player registrations will continue to be done and uploaded to the league website. Reminders about team-cards/scorebooks not received, player registration anomalies etc will continue to be sent to league clubs to give them an additional opportunity to provide the information required prior to the deadlines set by the league before any sanctions for missing deadlines are imposed.

The BDUA were adamant that no reminders will be sent out prior to the agreed deadline in respect of Umpire Assessment forms

The weekly update will not contain details of any league player suspensions, these will be reported in the relevant LMC meeting minutes and the Countywide Disciplinary Committee will maintain a database of disciplinary reports, actions taken and player suspensions.

### 6.4 An e-mail had been received from a Championship division club in respect of Nottinghamshire Premier League clubs playing their NPL squad players in BDCL Championship Division matches prior to the start of the NPL season.

It was agreed that this does not break any league rules, although may be considered against the spirit of cricket. However, this matter will be reviewed at the end of this season, considering the structure of the BDCL for the 2022 season and the starting date for the two leagues, which for the BDCL will be dependent on the number of teams in each division.

### 6.5 Scoring in John J Mallen trophy matches. It was noted that in two recent fixtures the 'live scoring' had been carried out by the away team scorer. Therefore, as both fixtures were scored electronically and could be viewed live on Play Cricket as required by league rules, no sanction would be applied to the home team in either case.

## 7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### 7.1 Mallen Trophy. TH reported that to guarantee delivery of suitable trophies in time for the Mallen Trophy final, a small additional surcharge has been applied to the usual costs because of supply issues caused by the Covid-19 situation.


### 7.2 Registration of overseas players. It has been noted that there have been changes to registration requirements and procedures for overseas players since the UK has left the European Union on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020. These came into effect towards the end of March with updates from the ECB. League Document D 'Qualification and Registration of Players' has been updated accordingly and is now available to view/download from the league web site, with all registrations now required to follow the new rules.

Several on-line forms are also now available to accompany such registrations (<https://www.bdcl.org.uk/forms-player-registration-instructions/>), which clubs should familiarise themselves with. Clubs should be fully aware

that incorrectly registered players can have serious consequences with the UK Home Office and / or HMRC, and as such the LMC will take swift and consequential action against any club in breach.

- 7.3 Gerry Graney. IR updated the LMC on the recent unexpected bout of illness recently suffered by Gerry. It was agreed that NF should write to Gerry's family offering best wishes and support from the LMC and the wider cricket community.

**END OF PROCEEDINGS**

<b>Signed:</b>	
<b>Position:</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN</b>
<b>Date:</b>	25 May 2021

## **LMC MEETING – AGENDA**

<b>Date</b>	08 June 2021
<b>Time</b>	7.00 pm
<b>Venue</b>	Virtual – Via Zoom

- 1 Apologies for absence**
- 2 Declarations of Interest**
- 3 Acceptance of the minutes of the May 2021 Meeting**
- 3 Matters Arising**
- 4 Finance / Sponsorship**
- 5 Safeguarding and DBS Matters**
- 6 Correspondence**
- 7 Any other business (including updates from other relevant meetings)**

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