

Cherwell Management Meeting
Thursday 22nd February 2018, 19:30
Bicester North Oxford Cricket Club

Present: David Beck (DMB), Neilson Hinks (NH), Len Payne (LP), Gary Murton (GM), Ian Murdoch (IM), David Prior (DP), Jim Howe (JH) & Rosie Beck (REB) (non voting)

Apologies: Brian Standish (BS), David Warner (DW), Mike Dove (MD), Pete Toovey, (PT)

In the absence of BS, DMB chaired the meeting

Minutes of last meeting: Minutes agreed.

Matters arising: Will all come out in the meeting

Correspondence:

Email from Rupert Evans on behalf of Oxford CC 3&4 - to use Marston Sports Ground. Approved for 15 games. Sat 5th May Sat 2nd June & Sat 9th June – unavailable, trying to get Horspath Sports ground. JH disappointed it had been left so late to get in touch.

Email from Buckingham CC - have got a ground change for 1 game for 3rd X1 and 1 game for 4th X1- they've booked North Marston for dates in August and September. DMB to respond venue not been approved and will need approval. **DMB**

Email from Dennis Faulkner - regarding Umpires facilities on the 'Grounds Criteria Document' – DMB to respond. **DMB**

Website shows wrong Cherwell 50/50 rules – GM to change on website. **GM**

Email from Clive Wrench – re start times and end times of matches on website – GM to change. **GM**

There are some errors in the 2018 Handbook. Addendum sheet will be needed. Agreed the website was the main 'bible' and arbiter.

Notice from ECB (Robert Chambers) – ECB not going to ask for players' feedback for future surveys.

DMB had sent letter to all Chairmen about Grounds/Facilities standards.

Meeting informed Toby Davidson from Tring CC had passed away.

Finance:

LP reported.

The up-to date Finance report was circulated and discussed.

Balls are sorted and will be here for Captains' Meeting.

Roughly half of ball money has been received.

LP to chase clubs who haven't paid 2018 subscriptions – 8 clubs outstanding. **LP**

Twyford CC – an application for a loan for a sight screen had been received. Two guarantors had been confirmed. Application for £1800 over 2 years. LP to see up to date accounts before approval. Committee agreed in principle subject to acceptable accounts. **LP**

Start of season 2018 and seasons beyond:

A discussion took place on whether the start date for fixtures for 2018 should be moved back a week in view of the weather conditions. It has been a topic of discussion within the League Link group. TVCL and HCPCL are not changing. Some other Premier leagues have moved, but their calendars allowed for this.

After the discussion, it was agreed that it was impracticable to move for this and for foreseeable seasons. Main reasons being it was important to keep in line with other Leagues (HCPCL & TVCL in particular) and a move could present issues for Clubs who rent their grounds, share with other sports etc.

New clubs 2019:

The subject was discussed.

It was confirmed there is an open invitation on the website for Clubs to apply to join.

Last season's applications were confirmed as Middleton Cheney, Syresham, Hook Norton, Eaton Bray, Faringdon, Charlbury, Chipping Norton, East and West Hendred, Eynsham and Yarnton. 3 Clubs were accepted after the process but E & W Hendred withdrew their application at late notice.

Sub Committee reports:

Umpires:

NH reported

First 6 weeks appointments are on the website, and have been since Easter, some umpires have subsequently dropped out.

G. Brickhill have got another Umpire.

NH has emailed 5 clubs who haven't nominated, stating what will happen if they don't.

Discussion over the general shortage across the country and CCL need to be aware and be ready to instigate changes if necessary.

Grounds:

JH reported

Still written contact to be made with Clubs who are being monitored this season **JH**

Tiddington CC – issues with a neighbour regarding the boundary. ECB have funded a 19 metres high fence along the 'right hand side' boundary and the work had been completed over the last 3 weeks. Draining issues had led to flooded outfield. Tiddington CC may be looking to play the start of their season on the far side.

GM - Wolverton are only ground to have not to do their ground survey and there has been no response from them. GM to send one more email. **GM**

Thame 3rds ground – DMB is in communication with them. LWS groundsman has left the school. Thame are to help and a new contractor has been found.

Cricket Playing:

August 19th agreed for OCA Representative game, CCL to find ground. Potentially at Sandford or Didcot?. **DW/JH/N.Megson**

Captains' meeting next Tuesday - Handbooks will be available.

NH to chair Umpires', DW to chair Captains' meetings. Ian Royle will be in attendance at both .

Social Events:

DP reported.

Annual Presentation evening budget and format was discussed.

It was agreed there would be a 'Junior price' ticket and a PA system.

After discussion it was agreed first choice for entertainment was Aaron James (comedian) (with no band after the function).

Rupert Evans to be asked to present awards etc.

Photographer required . DMB may know of someone.

ALL

Dress Code – Collar and jacket.

Links with other Leagues and County Boards:

DMB received an email from TVCL grounds committee reference square preparation/rolling in line with the current wet conditions.

BS/DMB to meet TVCL for an informal discussion in May.

Sponsorship:

IM reported.

A meeting had been held with Serious Cricket without a lot of progress. Appeared they were primarily interested in supplying CCL with gear (eg balls) and not to financially support CCL. LP reported the deal with Tiflex was up and a new deal would be needed for 2019, so it might be an opportunity to talk to Serious Cricket as well. DMB also talking to TVCL regarding balls.

IM/LP/DMB

Website:

Nothing to report

Handbook:

Handbooks – to be delivered to BNOCC in time for the Umpires and Captains Meeting.

A.O.B

None

Meeting closed 9:35PM!

Next meeting – 17th May

Proposed dates for 2018 meetings:

21st June – further dates required

General Meeting

November 29th