



Cherwell League Management Meeting Minutes
Thursday 20th April 2017 at BNOCC, Akeman Street, Bicester.

Present

Len Payne (LP), David Beck (DMB), Neilson Hinks (NH), Gary Murton (GM), David Warner (DW), Jim Howe (JH), David Pryor(DP), , Ian Murdoch (IM)

Apologies

N.Megson (NM), Brian Standish (BS), Mike Dove (MD)

In the absence of Brian Standish, DP acted as Chair.

Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd March 2017 were agreed and approved with the exception of an amendment under *Sub Committee reports – Umpires* regarding defaulting clubs on failure to supply umpires to *Defaulting clubs on failure to supply an umpire will be penalised 5 points on each occasion that their umpire is appointed to a match, including when he is called up from the stand by list. NH will organise the stand by list on a strict rota basis and advise of any defaults as they occur.*

Matters arising

GM had arranged for Great Brickhill's laptop to be brought to the Captain's meeting.

JH reported that Neil Megson would be delighted to manage the CCL League's representative sides. The game against OCA still to be arranged.

All other matters outstanding would be covered during this meeting.

Correspondence

- Faringdon CC – email from FCC requesting further details on how to join CCL. DMB had responded.
- Bicester & North Oxford CC – details regarding their new 2nd team captain were noted.
- Leighton Buzzard Town CC – shortage of 1st team scorer and 2nd team umpire. DMB had responded with suggestion to contact their County ACO representative.
- HCPCL – email from Peter O'Neill (Chairman HCPCL Discipline) seeking suitable persons to sit on HCPCL Disciplinary and Appeals Committees. IM to respond on behalf of CCL **IM**
- Bletchley CC – email regarding their current position. LP to cover under 'Finance'

Finance

LP circulated the monthly report which showed the League net assets at £27,999.

- 2017 season balls would be delivered ready for the Captain's Meeting.
- Steve Wheeler Photographer. – The contract had been renewed - paid £60 for producing the photographs from the 2017 Annual Dinner and £25 per week for photographs produced during the season.
- LP had received an email from Bletchley CC regarding their current organisation and financial status. They had paid their 2017 subscriptions, but the new organisation had not been aware of outstanding debt from last year. The debt now included cricket balls. It had been agreed with them to pay £100 per month to CCL until the outstanding debt was cleared. LP/BS to respond to Bletchley.

LP/BS

Blewbury & Wallingford

DMB had received on April 10th 2017 an emailed resignation from CCL. The matter was discussed at length. It was too late to make any changes to CCL League structure for 2017. Meanwhile TVCL had also received a late resignation and it may be that CCL clubs could friendlies against TVCL sides on their 'free' dates. GM had produced a draft fixture list. DMB to inform CCL clubs immediately regarding the situation, with an official statement from CCL to follow soon afterwards including the draft fixture list. It would be the individual clubs' responsibility to arrange any friendly games.

Brackley

It was noted there still had been no response from Brackley CC. The Committee were determined to see an improvement in grounds facilities in certain clubs and to that end Brackley CC would be asked to attend an official inspection JH/DMB would make (whether they were there or not). JH/DMB to arrange. DMB/LP/NH had been appointed as umpires to the first 3 First X1 fixtures and would report back accordingly.

JH/DMB

BS had informed Bletchley that JH would be performing a watching brief on their grounds facilities.

New Club entry requirements/criteria/process.

The potential expansion of the CCL was discussed. It was noted that TVCL had invited new applications to join their league. 16 applications had been received of which 7 were to be invited into TVCL for 2018 having met the set criteria.

It was agreed that CCL would invite applications from clubs with amongst other things, good facilities, aspirations, strong Junior sections and financially sound. A deadline of May 31st would apply for any applications. It was noted that the Clubs would give final approval to any clubs who were invited to join at either a SGM or the General Meeting. DP/DW/JH to produce the CCL guidelines/criteria for new club entry into CCL.

DP/DW/JH

GM to place the invitation on the website and other suitable media.

Following on from this JH circulated a draft CCL Grounds Criteria document relative to the different divisions. It was agreed this was a good starting point as a working document for discussions on ground standards. It was noted that some existing clubs would not necessarily meet these standards, particularly on boundary sizes, however it was felt at least it was an aid to Clubs' aspirations.

Sub-Committee reports

Umpires - NH

Appointments made for the first 5 weeks had been produced and discussed by NH/DMB
Stokenchurch still had not nominated an umpire.

A full discussion with handouts on the new playing regulations would be presented to the Umpires' meeting, along with DLS.

Grounds/Facilities - JH

As reported earlier, JH had produced a draft CCL Grounds Criteria document relative to the different divisions.

Bletchley CC – BS had informed Bletchley that JH would be performing a watching brief on their grounds facilities.

Oxford & Bletchingdon – monitoring to commence.

Cricket/Playing -DP

Captains' pre-season Meeting April 24th. BS to chair.

BS

As reported earlier, NM to manage the CCL Representative sides

Social/Events -

2017 Dinner - Henry Blofeld had confirmed guest speaker at a cost of £1500 plus hotel room for him and his wife.

CCL/OCA Merger

Nothing to report.

Links with other Leagues and County Boards.

Nothing to report

Website -GM

GM reported all things running ok.

The League would not be issuing any new laptops currently due to the dispute and legal issues between ECB and CricHQ. The issues revolved the issuing of licences. It was noted that Clubs should not upgrade to TCS version 9 even if requested.

CCL now had 1250 followers on Twitter.

Any other business

2017 Handbook – GM/DMB had produced all necessary copy for the printers and proof-read. DMB to contact Printers to arrange deliver to BNOCC on Monday 24th April.

CCL President. A preliminary list of names was noted.

LP reported the Bank Mandates were still to be completed

JH reported Tiddington CC were having issues with a neighbour. May have to pursue fencing which could be cost prohibitive. ECB were involved with the discussions.

Future Meetings and Events - All meetings will be held at Bicester & North Oxford Cricket Club, Akemen Street, Bicester and commence at 7.30pm.

May 25th - Management Committee

June 29th - Management Committee

July 27th - Management Committee