

Cherwell Cricket League Management Meeting
Monday 7th December 2017, 19:30hrs
Bicester North Oxford Cricket Club

Present: Brian Standish (BS), David Beck (DMB), David Warner (DW), Len Payne (LP), Gary Murton (GM), Neilson Hinks (NH), Mike Dove (MD), Ian Murdoch (IM), Pete Toovey (PT), Jim Howe (JH) & Rosie Beck (non-voting) (REB)

Apologies: David Pryor

Matters arising:

Thame 4th team application to join. DMB has met with Club and Lord Williams School twice. The School amongst other things had offered kitchen/dining room for teas and changing rooms. They were looking at the 'shed' on the playing field. After discussion, it was agreed Thame 4th's be admitted.

Feedback from General Meeting:

DMB circulated a review of the main points.

It was noted the new committee had received 96% approval of all votes placed.

It was confirmed Cheersley CC had only voted on proposals presented after they were re-elected.

East Oxford:

DMB over a period had sent three emails to Mr.Hussain and a letter recorded delivery to Messrs Khan and Hussain of EOCC and heard nothing back. There had been one 'strange' email from Mr.Hussain with no content but it was felt this was spam.

After much discussion it was decided to follow a disciplinary route, for EOCC's failure to respond at all on this serious matter and in addition that the committee will seek ECB guidance.

It was also noted ALL outstanding monies should be paid by the last day in February 2018.

LP

League format/Divisions 2018

It was noted that final approval on any season's League structure should be made by the Management Committee.

Thanks were given to GM for his work in preparing the draft structure for 2018.

GM gave the rationale behind the proposals.

MD – raised concerns on behalf of Witney Mills about their placement in 2018 of their First Eleven. WMCC had been told late season they had a good chance of promotion should they finish third.

MD withdrew from meeting so the Management Committee could discuss the matter.

After discussion it was agreed that the structure of Divisions 3 and 4 remain as proposed and MD was informed of the decision.

It was noted that Management Committee members should show caution in talking to individuals/Clubs on matters that needed full Committee approval. **ALL**

Charlbury CC to be entered into Division 4 and Eynsham CC Division 6

The proposed League structure was approved.

Grounds/Facilities questionnaire

JH- reported there had been c.80% response from Clubs. Once closer to 90%, start looking at figures and start rating teams, and put together what is expected.

Strategy for 2018 is confirming results of questionnaire and having face to face conversations with those who are at lower end of rating.

JH happy to continue to do ground facilities, but would appreciate help.

To be three grades. A) serious issues. b) not serious but need chat c) to be monitored.

It was confirmed some clubs needed immediate dialogue. JH/DMB to progress **JH/DMB**

It was noted Westbury second ground needs to be inspected before 3rd team being brought into the league. **JH**

Correspondence:

Thame Town CC - Application for their 4th team to join League

Oxford Downs CC – Two previous letters were recorded. , 1st letter with queries about payments and playing groundsman and coaches etc. 2nd letter with queries on AGM matters. DMB had responded to both at the time.

Financial:

LP reported.

No report prepared. LP gave an update on the finances.

It was confirmed Clubs at the AGM had accepted a revised price on the cost of balls for 2018.

Umpires:

NH reported.

Umpires nomination forms to be sent out.

Confirmed courses were being planned for early 2018 by ACO on the new Laws. ACO would also attend the Captains' and Umpires' pre-season meetings.

Any other business:

IM- Meeting needed for captains of Divisions 5 and 6 for explanation rain rules.

Committee decision needed regarding which system we are going to use. **ALL**

GM – Handbooks, do we need so many pages? Do we need to put all stats in? It was agreed that stats would be published on the website only. It was agreed that main points from the cricket forums should be published on the website. **GM/DMB**

DMB – had ordered 2500 team sheet cards for captains and umpires for next season.

NH – Merger statement update from OCA website. Much concern expressed by the Committee. BS to ask OCA about the content of the statement. **BS**

BS – seeking a meeting with CCL Buckinghamshire teams to discuss and other leagues within our catchment area about a coherent league structure. **BS**

Communication to be sent to Eaton Bray CC, Chipping Norton CC and Syresham CC Spring 2018 regarding potential application to CCL for 2019. **DMB**

BS – to speak to Rupert Evans regarding position of CCL president. **BS**

Meeting Closed – 21:48

Next meeting January 25th 2018

Proposed dates for 2018 meetings:

25th January – 22nd February - 22nd March – 19th April- 17th May – 21st June

23rd/24th April Captains' & Umpires' pre-season meetings