

**Cherwell Cricket League Management Meeting**  
**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018, 19:30hrs**  
**Bicester North Oxford Cricket Club**

**Present:** Brian Standish (BS), Neilson Hinks (NH), Len Payne (LP), Gary Murton (GM), Ian Murdoch (IM), David Prior (DP), Jim Howe (JH), Pete Toovey (PT), Rosie Beck (REB) (non voting),

**Apologies:** David Warner (DW) & David Beck (DMB)

**Minutes of last meeting:** Minutes agreed.

**Matters arising:**

None to record

**Correspondence:**

Printer's Invoice for handbooks – given to LP. £1500 for handbooks and £750 for artwork – Question asked regarding the charge for new artwork year on year?. LP reported figure appears every year. To be queried next year if we use same printers. Feedback from some players that there is disappointment about lack of averages.

Wolverton Town – advised a change of club secretary Suzanne Keech.

Brackley – NH has a had a number of emails from Keith Cartwright regarding Umpiring situation. During this correspondence, Mr.Cartwright had drawn attention to a Shipton game where the nominated Umpire was not qualified. On the day the captains and the other umpire sorted issue, (Shipton Umpire stood at square leg for the rest of the game). NH had spoken to Shipton CC Chairman and sent email to all involved. As a follow up to this Brackley CC had asked for 5 points deducted due to unqualified umpire. After discussion it was proposed by PT and seconded by IM that a 5 point penalty suspended until the end of the season ( if they provide a suitable umpire) be imposed. All agreed. NH to write to Shipton and copy DB in.

**NH**

Brackley CC - – Concern over umpires and docking points. Keith Cartwright wants to meet with MC.

**DMB**

Long Marston CC. – Passing away of Bryen Rose. DMB had written to LMCC with League's condolences.

Thame CC Lord Williams School – Condition/Suitability of ground discussed. GM received two reports on the ground. Appeared more effort was being made and therefore currently acceptable. A Gazebo should be provided if there is no cover for scorers/kit. MD to ask for feedback for the Committee.

**MD**

Cropredy – JH/DMB have been in communication with Pete Cooling Cropredy Chairman. Poor weather has played havoc with 2<sup>nd</sup> team pitch and building of new pavilion. Cropredy have advised clubs regarding the position.

Didcot vs Sandford – recent reports on abandoned match -DP declared an interest and left meeting.

The matter was fully discussed including the reaction of player(s) to the abandonment. Specifically, Richard Cook (Didcot CC) was verbally aggressive to the umpires over their decision. Umpires deemed his conduct unacceptable, but didn't report him. After discussion it was agreed that NH to speak to Didcot Chairman unofficially about the behaviour. **NH**

Cubblington vs Oxford Downs – Various emails over early cancellation of fixture due to weather. JH had someone inspect pitch on the Saturday. Independent view which was if effort had been made the game could have been played. After discussion, it was agreed that no further action to be taken.

Oxford Downs vs Buckingham – Umpires' Reports noted and had been recorded with outcome letters sent to Sam Chapman (Buckingham) - suspended sentence of two games up to game 9 – and Steve Beck (Buckingham) reminded of a captain's responsibilities

GM - Oxford CC 4ths are unable to get team up for 19<sup>th</sup> May.

Aston Rowant 5ths cancelled again for 19<sup>th</sup> May. Awaiting players coming back from school and injury. IM proposed a trial in which players who get their game called off in Divisions 9/10 can play for another club in Divisions 9/10 for a week. If a club forfeits a game, other clubs can approach that club for players in Divisions 9/10. Clubs to be informed of this move. To be reviewed in 4 weeks. **IM/DMB**

#### **Finance:**

LP reported.

The Finance report was circulated

6 clubs still haven't paid their annual subscription. LP to get in contact with the clubs. **LP**

#### **Sub Committee reports:**

##### **Umpires:**

NH reported

Full complement of umpires week 1. Week 2 saw a few umpires missing, but full complement week 3.

It was confirmed Divisions 5,6,7 umpires are basically club umpires.

##### **Grounds:**

JH reported

Still concerns about Bletchley CC preparation of ground/wicket. GM was playing there next game and would report. **GM**

JH had spoken to Thames Valley Cricket League representative. They are running a similar Grounds criteria document as CCL, and both are talking about the same ideas. There is a need for HCPCL to engage with clubs who are likely to be promoted to HCPCL in the near future.

### **Social Events:**

It was reported.

The Venue require the contract to be signed and the deposit paid. LP won't sign contract until it is known what is going on. Deposit of £500.00 to be paid. LP to circulate the contract to DP and PT to consider. Aaron James (Comedian) price of £850 has been agreed.

### **Cricket Playing:**

It was reported.

Twyford CC didn't have printer at the start of a recent game to issue Duckworth Lewis forms. GM had received an email on the matter from Twyford this evening.

### **Links with other Leagues and County Boards:**

9<sup>th</sup> May 2018 - DMB and BS met with members of OCA. OCA have removed from their the item CCL considered offensive and a had been letter sent to members of OCA. Minutes from the meeting had been taken.

14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 - BS, NH, & LP met with Matt Stevenson and Raj Patel from TVCL. Discussion on various topics.

League balls – TVCL to send LP some of the balls they use. Tiflex were sending a £14.00 ball to add to the £16.00 premier ball LP has. PT to evaluate all the balls and report back. **LP/PT**

Umpires - TVCL panel is not as extensive as CCL. Potential for exchange in the longer term.

Ground standards – Criteria documents to be similar for consistency.

Raj Patel - stepping down from TVCL committee in October 2018.

It was agreed that the Representative game would be a good opportunity for further dialogue.

**ALL**

BS to arrange meeting with the 4 counties League.

**BS**

### **Sponsorship:**

Nothing to report

### **Website:**

GM reported.

No issues to report.

The potential 2 points penalty for late submissions has made a real difference

### **A.O.B**

DP – there had been a lot of criticism on twitter about the rain rules and the points awarded.

Item to be added to the next meeting agenda. for Rain Rules. Please circulate opinions and suggestions prior to the meeting.

**ALL**

LP – had located a box of old handbooks. To be given to DMB for keeping. Also has 3 boxes of 2017 handbooks which are to be recycled. There were still 20 2018 handbooks at BNOCC.

NH - Has base of Peter Baker trophy. MD to give it to the last winner

PT – Whilst there is no proof, it is thought there are still paid players in CCL. Constant monitoring required.

**ALL**

JH – by next meeting we need list of those clubs who need help with grounds.

DP- club forums in July? - DW to set dates/venues for July Forums - North of Oxfordshire,  
South of Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire. **DW**

Meeting closed 10:23pm

Next meeting 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018

Presentation Evening 20<sup>th</sup> October 2018

League General Meeting November 29<sup>th</sup> 2018