

Cherwell Cricket League Management Meeting
Thursday 20th September 19.30hrs
Bicester North Oxford Cricket Club

Present: Len Payne (LP), David Beck (DMB), David Prior (DP), Jim Howe (JH), Neilson Hinks (NH), Peter Toovey (PT)

Apologies: Brian Standish (BS), Mike Dove (MD), Ian Murdoch (IM), Gary Murton (GM), David Warner (DW),

In the absence of BS, DP chaired the meeting

Minutes of last meeting:

Minutes agreed.

Matters arising:

Would come out during meeting.

Correspondence:

- A) Email from Charlbury CC – acceptance of primacy for the CCL 3rds new side over the OCA side. Will be known as Charlbury 3rds.
- B) Email from Buckingham Town – requesting reasons why the Management Committee could not support Brackley CC re-election. To go into AGM notices. Refer Buckingham to minutes. **DMB**
- C) Email from Alan Maule Tiddington CC head coach. – re Tiddington player urinating in full view and not requesting permission to leave field of play. Mr.Maule had not referred this matter to the Club's Welfare Officer but had copied in the County Welfare Officer direct. It was noted that Mr.Maule's email was not factually correct.
- D) Cumnor CC – notification of new Acting Secretary
- E) Faringdon CC – email re disappointment over non acceptance to CCL. JH to compose letter
- F) Syresham CC – email re disappointment over non acceptance to CCL. JH to compose letter
- G) East Oxford CC – email re disappointment over non acceptance of 3rd team to CCL.

Finance:

LP reported.

The Finance report was circulated. Net assets are currently £33435.

Aston Rowant, Oxford and Brackley all now paid .

Cricket Balls new contract. LP to talk to Tiflex to get quotations on a Blenheim ball which is as the original condition and standard. It was noted that at the Cricket Forums, Clubs would accept a higher price providing the quality was there. **LP**

Disciplinary Reports

Season closed on 27 player reports and 4 Clubs had been reported for breaches of discipline.

The Committee were informed of the ongoing disciplinary process regarding the game East Oxford v Bletchley Town 18th August 2018.

It was noted that during a recent Oxfordshire Final, a captain had instructed his players twice to converse/communicate in English whilst in the field. This was seen as a very positive action.

Club Matters

Great Tew 3rds – DP gave an update. Still deciding whether to accept a relegation to Division 10 – (space would be made) **GM**

East Oxford had contravened rule 5.17 (page 58) therefore 10 points deduction had been made to EOCC 1sts. This had been acknowledged by East Oxford CC

Brackley – Letter from Buckingham Town seeking the Leagues rationale. Buckingham should be referred to the letter sent to Brackley and the Minutes of the relevant ManCom meeting. **DMB**

Cumnor 2's playing an unregistered player– The matter was brought to a conclusion by deciding the named player was considered ineligible and therefore a points' penalty should apply. This was actioned.

Cublington CC next season. – No formal response as yet.

Challow & Childrey CC – extra over bowled in game v Sandford. The incident had been admitted by C&C CC. After discussion, it was agreed the result should stand but there be a 3 points penalty to C&C Challow. **DMB** to notify.

Clubs expression of interest to join CCL

The following Clubs had been informed their facilities etc were not up to standard.

Syresham CC

East Oxford CC 3's –Brasenose College. Had been heard that this ground was to be used by Yarnton & Cowley CC

Faringdon CC

Gawcott and Hillesden CC – not acceptable as only had one team.

Witney Mills – new potential 3rd team – awaiting confirmation of ground

Charlbury 3's – accepted as noted under 'Correspondence'

League Forums

The notes from the Forums are attached to these Minutes. Some points were discussed – it was agreed to consider further at the October meeting where any proposals to take to the AGM would be agreed.

Welfare issues

Nothing to report

Sub Committee reports:

Umpires:

NH reported.

Successful season – only 4 games in Divisions 1-4 had one umpire standing.

Umpires pitch marking guidelines given to NH

NH to circulate nominations for umpire of year.

NH

Grounds:

JH reported

Grounds marks. It was noted Clubs could use their login, proceed to 'matches' and see their relevant marks. It was confirmed this was normally updated around week 4 and then updated weekly. Clubs did not have access to other Club's marks.

Conditions at Lord Williams School were discussed. Awaiting an update from Thame CC

No written confirmation had been received from Westbury CC regarding the improvements they were proposing/required.

Aston Rowant CC to confirm what improvements they were proposing for their second ground.

Cricket

Ball trial – quotation to be obtained for a Tiflex Blenheim ball that was back to the original standard. It was noted HCPCL clubs paid c.£21 for their balls

There was a discussion over the subject of Clubs' 2nd X1 teams playing in Division 1. To be further considered at the October ManCom meeting.

Social Events:

DP reported

Annual Dinner – progressing.

Trophies being collected in.

A Photographer still had not been found.

Links with other Leagues and County Boards:

Nothing to report

Website:

GM reported

Through 2018 season, all bar one game was entered on TCS and 72% of games had been done on laptop.

It was agreed that for 2019, a laptop would be made available for Clubs with teams in Divisions 5 & 6

A.O.B

LP - paid GM for website host & domain name (£600.)

Meeting closed 10.17pm

Next meetings – October 18th (AGM preparation plus dinner) JH apologies

Presentation Evening 20th October 2018

League General Meeting November 29th 2018

Notes from 2018 Cricket Forums

Regional Structure for Div. 7 – 10

- Would need a full fixture list with no gaps
- For the bottom 4 divisions, with 7a & b + 8 a & b
- Maybe shorter games 40/40. Although there was a poll 6 against 4 for
- Reason for regionalisation was due to excessive travel times
- Use an average points structure to determine league table
- Maybe the possibility of having a bank holiday break although we didn't have evidence that there are more cancellations during these weekends
- 14 game season, only playing home or away
- **Consensus was whilst there could be some merit in Regionalisation, generally not for it. Concerns about mismatch of teams although it was agreed it would level out over a couple of seasons. It was also noted that the Clubs present at the Forum were used to travelling anyway.**

Points structure for 50/50 games

- A game should be considered completed at 20% of the overs have been bowled in the 2nd innings in line with ECB (50/50 game would mean 10 overs instead of currently 20 overs) - **agreed**
- 7pts for batting an d7 pts for bowling available in 50/50, George Sandbach sent NH an email regarding his thoughts on this proposal, NH to circulate.
- Can we revisit the rain rules pts, discussion was around the current 50/50 bonus where a team bowling first could get 10 pts and the batting side could only achieve 5 pts even though the contest could be sorely in the favour of the batting side i.e. 400-10?
- Div. 7 – 10 split season structures with DLS calculations made from a predetermined sheet or average run rate to aid captains, we had a poll, 7 for, 4 against - **Horley poll all agreed**
- **Continue to use DLS on laptop or the app.**
- **Not in favour of average run rates.**
- **Need to re-visit the points structure on rain rules etc as they were not fair and favoured in many occasions one team over the other**
- **Both formats of the game need equal basis – to be the same points structure.**
- **Everything a team does should count towards their end of game points total.**
- **Very much in favour of Paul White's suggestion which was outlined to the meeting and discussed at length as follows....**

Win – 15 points

Tie – 10 points

Loss – 0 points

Abandonment – 5 points

All these results would also have the addition of bonus points, along the lines of:

Batting:

- At a run rate of 2 rpo – 1 point
- At a run rate of 3 rpo – 2 points
- At a run rate of 4 rpo – 3 points
- At a run rate of 5 rpo – 4 points
- At a run rate of 6 rpo – 5 points

Bowling:

- After taking 2nd wicket – 1 point
- After taking 4th wicket – 2 points
- After taking 6th wicket – 3 points
- After taking 8th wicket – 4 points
- After taking 10th wicket / All out – 5 points

This would give a side batting second an extra element when chasing – can they get to another bonus point by upping the run rate. An example:

Team A scores 199ao – Team A pick up 2 batting bonus points (run rate of 3.98); Team B pick up 5 bowling bonus points for bowling the side out

In the second innings: Team B would have to chase 200 in 33.2 overs or less to pick up 5 batting bonus points, under 40 overs to pick up 4 points, etc.

This would even out the points in the win/lose games.

Consideration of going back to minimum 100 games in the timed format i.e. if you bowl your overs quickly, you get more overs to bat.

Balls

- Could we get a quote from Reader for their sovereign balls?
- General feedback is that the current Tiflex is Ok, although there is a feeling that they quality had diminished over the past 5 years while the price has remained the same
- Some appetite for a better quality of waxed finished ball, would need to know costs before agreeing to a change.
- There was some negativity around having a different ball for Div. 1 & 2 – **felt not necessary**
- Could we team up with the HCPL to get a deal with them on the Dukes they use? Volume discount agreement maybe over 5 years?

- Trial Ball not good.
- Tiflex kept shine better this last season.
- Agreed about Readers Sovereign balls.
- Banbury to send DMB what they pay for HCPCL balls

Registrations

- Extend the registration deadline from week 12 for under 18's Cat 1 players
- Can we look at the week 17/18 player restrictions currently in place and apply them to the HCPL second teams? **Agreed, although the consensus was that the current system seemed to work ok.**
- **Extend deadline for u-15's only. Concerns that Clubs could bring in very talented young players from teams in other (possibly higher) leagues. Proviso that the U-15 cannot have played for another Club (certainly not higher standard) in the same season.**

Website

- Can we integrate Play Cricket scoring into our website/scoring apps?
- Can we export of fixture lists automatically into play cricket?
- **Can Clubs have access to their OWN grounds marks through the season.?**

Umpires

- Need to be DBS certified
- A match card needs to be completed before every game in every division
- We discussed panel/club umpires to Div. 8, this was mixed, however there seemed to be more of an appetite for club umpires in the lower divisions against neutral umpires.
- **Concerns expressed where a Club's nominated umpire is on both HCPCL and CCL Panels. Clubs could be penalised if their umpire does a HCPCL game and not replaced.**
- **Number of reported incidents discussed. New Laws/Rules had an influence. Agreed Captains/Players/Umpires all had responsibilities to improve this.**
- **Umpires courses and CCL offer of payment of fees discussed. If there were sufficient numbers other 'local' courses could be arranged.**

Start times

- The 12:30 start was not universally liked; however, it was explained that with the extra time for 50/50 games it was a necessity. We polled this discussion point, with 7 for a 12:30 start and 2 against moving back to 13:00. **It was felt it was not possible to please everyone. Some players worked in the mornings, some worked in the evening or**

wanted to be away earlier (family reasons etc). After discussion it was agreed to leave the 12.30pm start but to have it for all weeks 1-18.

- Could we start at 12:30 in weeks 17 & 18? - Agreed

Time Length of Innings

- Rushing to get overs in is not conducive to good cricket. EG Wanting to bring a quick bowler on towards the end to take the last couple of wickets, but because of time he has to bowl off a shorter run up.
- HCPCL have a time allowance for each wicket taken. Admitted they start earlier.
- Extend the innings to 3 hours 15 minutes. Admittedly that means a '7 hour' day and therefore 7.30pm finish which goes somewhat against earlier finishes and consistency in weeks 17 and 18.

Reduced overs Divs 8,9,10.

- Felt it should be 40 overs per game for these divisions as tended to be younger and more 'senior' players.
- Extended the debate – 100 overs Divs 1-4, 90 overs 5,6,7, 80 overs 8,9,10. Poll taken 4 for 1 against.

Wides

- The stats were reported to much shock and dismay.!!. Discussion on whether leg side wides should only apply 50/50 games in Divisions 1-4. Should re-consider after another season of stats.

AOB

- Can we publish the minutes from each forum and provide dialogue on our thoughts and proposals for change before the AGM so that the clubs can discuss internally and provide feedback? There seems some frustration that ideas were presented, although good ideas could not move forward due to issues with the details.
- CLMC present, Brain Standish, David Warner, Ian Murdoch & Neilson Hinks, in all 22 people present 9 of which were umpires including Neilson, with 15 different clubs represented
- CLMC present – David Beck, Brian Standish, Jim Howe. In all 10 present, 3 of which were umpires (including David B.) and one scorer/Club Official. 5 different Clubs were represented. (Special thanks to Lee Beesley of Long Marston for travelling long distance to attend.)