Cherwell Cricket League Management Meeting Thursday Feb 13th at Bicester North Oxford Cricket Club, Akeman Street, Bicester.

Minutes

1. Apologies *David Beck, Jim Howe, Lesley Pykett*

2. Minutes of last meeting
   Approved and loaded on to the website

3. Matters arising /Actions
   Final audit of the accounts remains outstanding and GM still to investigate cost of new banners. Otherwise complete

4. Correspondence
   Rupert Evans acknowledged receipt of the letter sent from the League
   Aston Rowant and Horspath had both raised requests for a flexible approach on the age of overseas players. It was agreed that the current ruling would be enforced as it stands. ***IM to convey to the clubs.***
   Shipton and Brackley confirmed they would pay the fine for non-attendance at the AGM. It was noted that Brackley had paid but Shipton had not. ***IM to chase***

5. Finance
   Reserves steady at around £30K with £2k to pay in insurances. A further £3.5K approved for the purchase of stumps and CCL branded umpire's shirts. All club subscriptions bar 1 received. ***LP to chase****. Payment for balls was discussed and it was agreed that we will take a less flexible approach to late payment this year.* ***IM to include in next SSO.***

6. Club matters outstanding
   Outstanding payment issue re 2019 balls
   Relevant chairman has confirmed that all outstanding monies will be paid by 7th March. ***LP to monitor***
   Any outstanding club subscriptions
   See finance
   Aston Rowant ground improvements
   Simon Tremlin has emailed an update which has been circulated around the committee. It appears that most of what was required is in hand, however it is felt that an inspection date should be arranged sufficiently far in advance of the season to allow for any required changes. The end of March was suggested. ***IM to communicate to Simon Tremlin.***

7. Sub-committee reports

   - Umpires
     Nominations coming in slowly. IM will remind in next SSO
   - Disciplinary Finalise communication procedure
     It was agreed to leave the initial communication with the Disciplinary Chair

- Cricket/Playing Revised rules for W/L
  Lee Beesley at Long Marston has agreed to take on the management of the TVL game. Unable to contact Neil Megson at the moment about the OCA game, so ***DW will follow up.***
  Revised W/L rules have been proof read and sent back to IM/GM. Comments will be noted and a revised and final set got ready for sending out with the March SSO
- Grounds/Facilities
  Kevin Winfield is happy to inspect grounds if needed. No invoice as yet received for the inspection at Thame. JH to follow up.

- Social/Events Presentation evening venue suggestions
  IM to contact Wycombe Wanderers, GM to contact Lambert Arms. *Dates can be anywhere from 26th Sept to 24th October*

8. Links with other Leagues and County Boards
   No response from the 4 Counties League. GM confirmed that TVL are keen to meet for a sit down. ***IM to contact TVL secretary.***

9. Website
   Facility to enter club umpires names (pre match) for lower divisions is done and will go live for testing shortly.
   Half a dozen or so new laptops required to replace current stock.

10. Any other business
    There was a further discussion about the quality of the Buckingham ball. It was felt that there was a lack of consistency of quality, sometimes even from the same box. There have been some complaints from clubs but it was noted that no balls were sent back to the League. It was agreed that we would continue as planned but make our concerns known to Tiflex and monitor carefully during the season.

    NH raised the subject of the length of games in lower divisions. Given that the ECB surveys all indicated there was an appetite for shorter games, should we not canvas the clubs to see if that was the situation in the CCL. IM and GM both said that they felt the tone of the ECB surveys was biased towards that outcome, however it was agreed that we should do some research and try to get the opinion of the captains and players in lower divisions. It was felt that this was unlikely to get much purchase pre-season, so it would be more appropriate to send out a neutral question at the start of the season when these people were more accessible.

    Date of next meetings of Management Committee

12th March	
16th April	23/4 Umpires' meeting, 30/4 Captains' meeting
14th May	
18th June	
16th July	
13th August	
17th Sept	Forums 8/9/10 September
15th Oct	