

Cherwell Cricket League Management Meeting Thursday April 25th 2019 at Bicester North Oxford Cricket Club, Akeman Street, Bicester, commenced at 19.30hrs.

Minutes

1. Apologies DW, LPy
2. Minutes of last meeting
Approved
3. Matters arising /Actions
*PT will order 24 shirts for the rep games at £14 per shirt.
Lords Taverners are looking to set up collection points at a small number of clubs where they can collect unwanted kit which can be sent overseas to cricket charities.
We will put the Lords Taverners logo onto our website*
4. Correspondence
*All clubs have now replied to the Chairman's letter regarding payment of players and acknowledged the content.
Letter from an angry parent of a player in Aston Rowant 3s complaining that the League should not be judging teams on facilities. IM replied and clarified that the committee had been in constant touch with AR and was elected on a mandate to improve all aspects of cricket in the Cherwell League. Referred him to AR if he had further comments.
No response from Cublington re laptop. IM will chase.*
5. Finance
*Bank balance remains constant at approx. £31K.
Final ball order has been sent out.*
6. Club matters outstanding
Nothing to report
7. Sub-committee reports
 - Umpires
*Agenda set for next week. Non panel umpires are welcome to attend
1st 6 weeks appointments are on the web site
Availability is looking slightly worse than it was at the last meeting but is still slightly better than this time last year. NH will contact clubs who have not provided nominations and inform them that they will potentially be subject to points deductions
DB will address umpires meeting re new beamer law
Confirmed that there will be no handbook this year and it was suggested that all information could be accessed online. NH registered disappointment that we had not pursued the 'umpires' pocket book' idea*

that was floated in the last meeting. After further discussion, it was agreed that IM would provide pdf versions of the new win/lose rules to GM. GM would then rip copied of the w/l/d rules, rain tables and contact details onto pdf and either provide to DP who would take into a print shop for print and bind, or access an online printer for next day delivery. In either case, the objective was to have the pocket book ready for the umpires' meeting (100 copies).

There followed a general discussion about what the League could do to encourage the recruitment of new umpires. This will be followed up at subsequent meetings, but the basic premise remains that we do not have the resources to initiate recruitment, this must remain the responsibility of the clubs however there may be things we can do to make it more appealing, e.g. provision of 'Cherwell League Umpire' branded kit. Further ideas needed before we can make an approximation of cost and viability.

- **Disciplinary**
Hampshire County Cricket Board have put forward a proposal for a 'totting up' policy on disciplinary points. Will be discussed at the Lords meeting on April 26th and DB will consider how or if we might put this into effect.
- **Cricket/Playing**
*DW not present but will be at the captains' meeting. Discussed briefly the topics we need to cover including, D/L for lower divisions, 45/45 rules inc bowling restrictions if questioned, new points system, use of laptops, primacy of rules as written on the website.
TVL game is confirmed for 29th May. Can't be at BRCC as there is already a match that day. DP confirmed Didcot available and happy to host. DP and DW to liaise.*
- **Grounds/Facilities**
*Thame 3 will play a game at Stanton. Ground not checked as yet but felt that it is likely to be OK for a one off div 8 match.
Nondies have tweeted that they are in need of a sight screen for the Exeter College ground. Provision of SS was a condition of the approval for this ground. No official notification from Nondies, but IM will chase up and ascertain current situation.
JH expressed some concern over Nondies home ground. Surface has been fraise mowed, but latest observation suggests it is not in great nick. No further comms from or regarding Brackley. Not heard anything from the Northants guy. Suggested to leave it be for now and wait to see how their pitch marks were in first few games.*
- **Social Events**
Dinner confirmed and we will start to mention it in next week's meetings and subsequent Secretary's Shout Outs.

8. Links with other Leagues and County Boards

BS briefed on the ECB meeting at Lords tomorrow (26/4) and will report back at the next meeting.

9. Website

All under control and the new rules and points will be up by captains' meeting

10. Any other business

IM Requested that all matches in week 1 should observe a minutes' silence prior to starting as a mark of respect for 2 young cricketers who died in tragic circumstances over the winter. Approved and we will write to clubs just in advance of week 1.

DP Can we get a flag to present to the div 1 winners? Generally thought to be a good idea. Will discuss at next meeting.

JH Would like to run a groundsman's course in conjunction with Jason Briggs. Will need access to the groundsman's list. More details to follow.

Date of next meetings of Management Committee

Captains' meeting April 30th

Umpires' meeting May 2nd

May 23rd

June 20th

July 18th

August 22nd