

Minutes of the Zoom Cherwell League Meeting Wednesday 17th June 2020

Present : B Standish, I Murdoch, D Beck, D Warner, D Prior, G Murton, P Toovey, N Hinks, L Pykett.
L Payne joined later during meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

2020 Season

Wait until further information from ECB on what formats and numbers allowed when the announcement on cricket being able to start.

IM feels need to write to Clubs and explain competitive cricket would not be on the same scale, but local leagues could be set up with a competitive edge. If stating no promotion or relegation in the league this season, with new clubs possibly coming in, there would have to be movement within the divisions. With some Clubs unable to use grounds and maybe unable to play at all we should not state no promotion or relegation but there would be an adjustment in the structure of the divisions based on 2019 season. There may be Clubs that do withdraw. IM would ask Clubs for updates on ground availability from all clubs.

An update to be sent if nothing heard by 1st July.

If the go ahead comes through it may be just local cricket, which can be organised.

The date of 11th July not yet confirmed by government and we cannot speculate on the unknown. HCPCL have stated no games after 5 September. Some Clubs would struggle to play after this date as football may well start by then and availability could be an issue.

Might be some free OCA grounds that Clubs could use.

DW suggested we keep with two rep games at present to be reviewed at the July meeting.

New Applications

There are currently 5 applications in front of the committee and most have been visited. Reports will be circulated separately.

Grounds

Jordan Hill, Oxford CC do not have a home. OUP have closed facility, cutting had been done but not to a high standard. Could be an issue in HCPCL, who have issued no promotion/relegation to clubs.

Disciplinary

What happens to those that have suspended sentences, are they carried over. It will depend on what happens, friendlies would count on suspensions. DB would report back.

DW wishes to keep rep games in calendar, may need to move dates. Should be able to find grounds, subject to ECB guidelines.

DW had produced a powerpoint on a joint league with OCA, and investigate how a regional structure could be achieved between the two leagues. Density of Clubs within Oxfordshire, need to be aware of moving team on promotion and going out of area. Need a clear vision on the proposal we are offering, also possibility of needing more sub committees to work regionally.

DW outlined his ideas. Need to agree principles. Could also include cup competitions. Need to be aware of OCA sides that only have 1 side. IM to make contact with OCA and facilitate discussions. It really needs to be in place by 2021 and it may take a couple of years to find the balance.

Welcome to L Payne joining the meeting.

Finance

Very little change but cost of balls to arrive at the end of June, at a cost of around £13K

Tiflex will hold the balls until we require them. A general concern was that if there were any problems with Tiflex, we would have a problem in receiving them. 150 boxes of balls, People have volunteered to store them. Agreed to take delivery. Currently £25K in account.

Website

GM changing order of Clubs in each division, based on information that can be found on the website. If anyone needs any information to go on website to contact GM

AOB

JH had asked around about the type of cricket that players would be happy to play and it was felt that the majority of cricketers wanted similar to league basis.

Adaptive play had been discussed but no further information on what this entails.

Stumps , Clubs would be happy to receive a set of stumps , cost around £50 each. Agreed to put on hold until 2021 as we are not sure how many teams/grounds we will end up with.

Agreed we won't charge any registrations fees for pre season, but must have registrations in place. IM would write to clubs to explain that players need registering but no further fees will be due.

Next meeting Thursday 16th July 2021