

Minutes of Cherwell League Management Committee, Thursday 19th September at BNOCC

Present: D Pryor, L Payne, L Pykett, P Toovey, I Murdoch, J Howe, D Warner, G Murton, D Beck

Apologies: B Standish, N Hinks

Minutes of last meeting

Nothing that would not be covered under the agenda.

Finance

It was agreed that subscriptions to remain the same for 2020, £125 for 2 teams plus £25 per extra team. Registrations £2 pre season and £6 in season.

Club Matters

Email received from Thame regarding the pitch and facilities at Lord Williams's. Promotion to Division 7 would be accepted but until the ground and facilities meet league standards, no further promotion would be allowed. It was agreed to investigate an independent ground inspection, J Howe recommended D Doyle. This would be followed up. The cost to be paid by Thame.

Aston Rowant had provided plans for work to bring ground to Division 4 standards. The league requires written confirmation of work being in place before promotion being allowed. This needs to be received by the AGM.

Chipping Norton's application to join the league had been supported by Great Tew and Charlbury. Since the application, certain registration irregularities in the OCA had been highlighted. It was unanimously felt that the LMC could no longer support the application and they would be advised that the nomination would be rejected.

Cropredy had expressed an interest in having a 4th team.

Sub committees

Umpires

N Hinks had nominated Gary Panons as Umpire of the Year, taking into account his marks in the league this year. The LMC thanked N Hinks for his work on the umpire rota for this season.

Discliplinary

No new reports since last meeting, there were 26 reports this year compared to 27 last year. The disciplinary rules would be reviewed for next season.

Forums

Balls - the feedback was mixed, with a 50/50 response. The Buckingham was an upgrade from the previous season, it was felt that the Buckingham ball would stay for another season and ask Clubs to return any faulty balls with notes on how many overs it was used for.

Win/Lose in all divisions was a big topic. The w/l was brought in to mirror the HCPCL, so that clubs aspiring to that league would have the same experience. It was felt that if our leagues played different rule between top and bottom divisions, would make it difficult for players moving between

teams. Playing a shorter format in lower leagues was also discussed, as it was the first season of new formats, it was agreed not to change for 2020 and review next year.

Points – Again, first year with new points, leave for another year and encourage captains/players to read the rules at start of the season.

Category 3/3E player Some Clubs felt that overseas players were penalised in not being able to play at the correct level. Quite a few working/studying in Oxford in various roles. It was agreed to put to AGM that those with the correct visas could play in any division.

Age Limit: Agreed no change to age limit for overseas players.

12 a side format in divisions 9/10, brought varied responses, some felt it would be difficult to manage and bring in extra sets of rules. The LMC agreed not to change it.

Player pool – this would be looked at again.

Week 17/18 Rule – this brought a lot of discussion at the forums from the HCPCL clubs. A proposal would be put to AGM that in weeks 17/18 that the team you played most league games for in weeks 1-16 would be the one you are allowed to play for, this would bring it into line with rest of divisions. No proposals received from HCPCL on this.

Wides – there was an increase in the number of wides but didn't affect tables. The teams that won most games were top of the league. No change in wides.

I Murdoch to produce a set of proposals for LMC approval and to submit to AGM

Clubs would be asked to submit any changes by end of September for inclusion in AGM

Dinner

The ticket sales were slow, reminders would be sent out. Thanks to D Beck for his work on this.

Website

More hits this season. The minutes had been uploaded and the Secretary's Shout outs would also be put on.

Forfeits this year 3 for Oxford 4, Challow 3, emails would be sent to all Clubs to ask whether any changes in teams would be in place for 2020

Meeting closed at 9 :40

Next meetings

October 24th

AGM November 21st