**Cherwell Cricket League Management Meeting**

**Thursday 18th October 19.30hrs**

**Bicester North Oxford Cricket Club**

**Present:** Brian Standish (BS),Len Payne (LP), David Beck (DMB), David Prior (DP), Neilson Hinks (NH), Peter Toovey (PT), Ian Murdoch (IM), David Warner (DW)

**Apologies**: Jim Howe (JH), Mike Dove (MD).

**Minutes of last meeting:**

Minutes agreed.

**Matters arising:**

Letters had been sent to Faringdon CC and Syresham CC reference their non-acceptance to CCL.

Letter had been sent to Oxford & Bletchingdon Nondies ref the use of Islip Cricket Ground. Had been given to November 30th to respond. Whilst there had been no official response yet, LP reported Andy Grose (chairman OBNCC) had told him Islip had said no.

The ongoing disciplinary process regarding the game East Oxford v Bletchley Town 18th August 2018 was now concluded and Bletchley CC had been informed the matter was closed.

**Correspondence:**

1. Email from Dan Murphy BNOCC - re Charlie Harper selection for Westbury. Permission was granted as was for players from your club. GM had already replied
2. Email From Challow & Childrey - re acceptance of CCL decision on going over bowler’s allocation in a 2018 game. Request from them for CCL to ensure the rules for the 50/50 games are clear on this. **ALL**
3. Email from East Oxford CC – re non acceptance of 3rd team into the League. Request for re-consideration. – this was discussed and it was agreed that the original decision should stand and EOCC should wait at least another year.
4. Email from Westbury CC – brief confirmation of agreed works completed. JH to visit with BS **JH/BS**
5. Email from Bicester & North Oxford CC. – suggestion that the Bernard Tollet competition games be played on a Sunday. DMB had acknowledged the email and had added that the competition was under the auspices of the OCB not CCL.
6. Various emails from Brackley CC – re re-election to League.

**Finance:**

LP reported.

No report for the meeting.

Outstanding bills all related to the Presentation Evening - ie Bill for hotel. Aaron James £850 would be paid by cheque on the night. Sound system £825. Trophies £2533.

It was noted that all outstanding debts from Clubs had been paid and currently no Clubs owe money to the League on cricketing matters.

After discussion it was agreed that in future seasons, Clubs/Individuals would need to return trophies won by July 31st, and CCL would get them engraved.

**Club Matters**

Aston Rowant re improvement in facilities for the second ground – matter discussed, to wait further response from them.

Westbury - a brief response had been received. (see item under correspondence).

Thame CC and Lord Williams School – good to see progress being made and plans being made to improve on- and off–field facilities. DMB to write to ask if plans included sight screens and has the work on the condemned ‘cricket shed’ been scheduled. **DMB**

Great Tew 3rds – conceded 5 games last season. After discussion it was agreed it was in the best interests of all for them to continue but in division 10.

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

Brackley – to be discussed under AGM.

Witney Mills – no update on second ground or new potential 3rd team. Need to know by end of November 2018.

Bletchley – appreciation that some progress is being made in spite of eternal difficulties but need to keep this progress going. Will be monitored. **JH**

Abingdon Vale second ground/facilities – ok at present but need to monitor. **JH**

Dinton 3’s ground – to continue to monitor.

**Welfare issues**

Nothing to report

**Presentation Dinner**

Details for the Evening confirmed.

**Annual General Meeting**

PT/DW to co-ordinate the voting on the night. **PT/DW**

Officers/ManCom Members – It was felt that in view of his personal circumstances, MD should step down from the ManCom. DMB to discuss with him **DMB**

BS explained DMB was stepping down from the General Secretary position. IM had agreed to stand for election in this role. DMB to stand for election to the ManCom and if successful would head up the Disciplinary Process and assist JH and NH in their roles, and co-ordinate the Presentation Evening.

The ManCom proposals for slight changes to the Constitution were agreed.

Following feedback from the forums the ManCom proposals for changes to the points systems were agreed.

It was agreed to propose declarations would be allowed in 50/50 cricket with the bowling side getting maximum wicket bonus points.

All ManCom proposals attached to these minutes.

Balls – After discussion it was agreed to put to the Clubs that the Tiflex Buckingham ball be purchased at £14.40 with a £16.00 selling price to Clubs.

Membership subscription fees. It was agreed to propose that these remain at current rates.

Brackley CC – the current position was discussed along with the ManCom’s stance on the night.

Changes to the make-up of Division 1- after discussion it was agreed there should be no changes proposed to the status quo for 2019 season.

**A.O.B**

None to record

Meeting closed 10.40pm pm

Next meetings – November 22nd – December 13th (to ratify next season clubs, leagues etc)

League General Meeting November 29th 2018

**Cherwell League Constitutional and Rule Change Proposals General Meeting November 2018**

Following feedback the Management Committee propose the following changes for the 2019 season. *Page numbers refer to the 2018 Handbook*

**Proposals for Changes to the League Constitution**

**Proposal 1** Annual General Meeting

To comply with recent legislation, it is proposed to change all references to Annual General Meeting or AGM in the League Constitution to General Meeting or GM and to change all references to Extraordinary General Meeting or EGM to Special General Meeting or SGM.

**Proposal 2**

In 7(e) (Page 85) of the League Constitution it is proposed to replace the sentence;

*Constitutional Proposals shall only be carried if they are supported by two thirds or more of the member clubs voting.*

**Replace with**

Constitutional Proposals shall only be carried if they are supported by a majority of over 66% of the member clubs voting

**Proposals for Changes to the Playing Rules**

*The following proposals have been formulated by the League Management Committee (LMC) based on feedback from the forums in September 2018. NB, the issues of regionalisation and shorter games in the lower leagues were discussed in the forums, but across the three meetings it was felt that there was insufficient support for these ideas for the LMC to propose them.*

**Proposal 1**. Playing format

It is proposed that the ‘split season’ be extended to **all** divisions of the Cherwell League for season 2019, i.e. weeks 1-5 win/lose, weeks 6-14 win/lose/draw, weeks 15-18 win/lose, in **all** divisions.

*If this proposal is adopted, the League management Committee will draw up a detailed set of rules for divisions* ***7-10,*** *however the headlines would be as follows…*

*Innings of 45 overs each*

*Bowlers to bowl a maximum of 10 overs per innings (‘5th bowler’ must bowl a minimum of 10% of available overs. The* ***‘5th*** *bowler’ can be made up of* ***more than one bowler****)*

*No powerplays/fielding restrictions*

*More lenient approach to wides than in divs 1-6*

*Simplified process for calculating targets in rain affected matches.*

**Proposal 2.** Points system for win, tie, loss and bonus points.

*Highlighted issues: Inconsistency between win/lose and win/lose/draw, inconsistency between batting and bowling points, inconsistency between batting first and second, washout/abandoned points.*

*A win* ***remains*** *at 25 points, a loss at 0 points, a tie at 18 points each.*

*In win/lose cricket, a tie is defined as a game where both teams score the same number of runs. The number of wickets lost by either side has no bearing.*

*In win/lose/draw cricket a tie is defined as a game where scores are level and the team batting second were bowled out. If the team batting second achieve the same number of runs but have wickets in hand, the result is a draw.*

It is proposed that there be a maximum of 7 bonus points for both batting and bowling, irrespective of the innings. This applies in both formats, i.e. win/lose and win/lose/draw.

Batting

For divisions 1-6

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 100 | 125 | 150 | 175 | 200 | 225 | 250 |
| 1pt | 2pts | 3pts | 4pts | 5pts | 6pts | 7pts |

For divisions 7-10

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 75 | 100 | 125 | 150 | 175 | 200 | 225 |
| 1pt | 2pts | 3pts | 4pts | 5pts | 6pts | 7pts |

Bowling (all divisions)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 4th wkt | 5th wkt | 6th wkt | 7th wkt | 8th wkt | 9th wkt | All out |
| 1pt | 2pts | 3pts | 4pts | 5pts | 6pts | 7pts |

Abandoned games 7 points each or bonus points already earned, whichever is the greater

**Proposal 3** Points system for a draw

*Highlighted issues: Current system heavily favours the team batting first, particularly if weather intervenes after the game has started, no reward for batting out a draw.*

It is proposed that in a drawn match, the team which has achieved the higher run rate will earn a winning draw and be awarded 7 points plus all bonus points earned. The team with the lower run rate will earn a losing draw and be awarded 2 points plus all bonus points earned. If run rates are identical, the team that batted first will be considered to have the higher run rate. For the purpose of calculating run rates, if a team is bowled out in the first innings, they will be considered to have batted all the overs that were available to them. In the event of a declaration, an over that has been started will be deemed to have been completed.

For a match to be considered a draw, the second innings requires to be at least 20 overs unless a result is achieved before this. If a team opts to bat with less than 20 overs available in the second innings and a result (win for either side) is not achieved, the match is abandoned.

**Proposal 4** Declarations in win/lose cricket

It is proposed that declarations be allowed in win/lose cricket. If a side declares, the side batting second will still only receive the number of overs they would have received had the team batting first batted their full allocation. In the event of a declaration, the side bowling first will receive maximum bowling points, regardless of how many wickets they have taken. If Duckworth/Lewis is required to be used in the second innings, the team which batted first will be deemed to have batted all of the overs that were available to them for purposes of calculating the par score.

**Playing Rules for 2018 - Failure to fulfil fixtures Rule 3.4 *Page 55***

In accordance with this rule Brackley CC are required to apply for re-election to the League.

Brackley CC re-election proposed by Abingdon Vale CC

Seconded by Westbury CC.

*The League Management Committee (LMC) is regretfully unable to support this proposal on the following grounds: After a number of years of regular communication and offers of help regarding the condition of Brackley CC’s playing facilities, the club has been unable or in some cases unwilling to take the steps the LMC recommended and felt were necessary. The LMC feels that insufficient progress has been made towards rectifying the issues that have been highlighted to them in terms of their pitch and the condition of their outfield, culminating in their ground being deemed unsafe to play on (by both the LMC and Brackley CC) at the end of the 2018 season.*

*To be successfully re-elected, the motion will require a majority of over* ***66% of the voting clubs*** *as outlined in the League Constitution (Membership 3 (e) page 83). Clubs who abstain are* ***not*** *counted as voting clubs.*