

**Cherwell Cricket League Management Meeting**  
**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August 19.30hrs**  
**Bicester North Oxford Cricket Club**

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

**Apologies:** Mike Dove (MD), Peter Toovey (PT), Gary Murton (GM), Rosie Beck (REB), (non voting),

**Minutes of last meeting:**

Minutes agreed.

**Matters arising:**

Stopping of promotion of teams because of facilities..... Aston Rowant need better off field facilities for 2<sup>nd</sup> pitch. Letter sent July 1<sup>st</sup> – no response. DMB to write for an update. **DMB**  
Bletchingdon – no response as yet

Westbury. Written assurances required from Westbury that only the agreed four wickets would be used for 1<sup>st</sup> team and what efforts they are making towards the recommended improvements. **DMB**

It was noted that Dom Pritchard had not resigned as Buckingham Town Secretary but would be stepping down at the end of the season.

It was agreed that assistance may be required to GM for Player Registrations etc.

REB to step down as assistant to CCL General Secretary because of work commitments on a Thursday evening.– will stay on as Welfare officer. Agreed to advertise for a new assistant.

It was noted that two teams, Dinton and Shipton under Wychwood would be relegated from HCPCCL.

DMB had written to Thame CC re non suitability of Lord Williams School for play for 2019 – no response received as yet. DMB to re-contact. **DMB**

DP expressed concern over the Officers overruling a decision reached by the Committee. IM supported this concern. The concern was accepted and it was agreed if there were similar circumstances in the future the matter would be returned back to the full Committee.

**Correspondence:**

- A) Long Marston – request for local fixtures on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – given to GM. Also offer of LMCC for a 2018 forum.
- B) Various game forfeitures had been received. GM was informed each time and all the forfeiting Clubs are told to contact by phone any Umpires and the opposition.
- C) Eligibility of players queries from Bledlow Village and Horley CC responded to by GM
- D) Email from Dan Murphy BNOCC 2nds – re Westbury 2's selection of Charlie Harper v Wolverton August 25<sup>th</sup>. This matter was discussed at length. GM had responded.
- E) Email from Challow & Childrey CC re the use of D/L on August 25<sup>th</sup> 2018. Matter discussed. Agreed result stands.
- F) Sam Roberts Twyford – various emails regarding the ban given to A.Hill of Twyford CC. It was noted A.Hill's previous record was taken into account when imposing the 2 match ban.

## **Finance:**

LP reported.

The Finance report was circulated. Net assets are currently £35,361.82

All clubs paid up outstanding subscription debts including East Oxford completing their payment plan.

Aston Rowant, Oxford and Brackley still owe for balls. Deadline 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018. LP to inform.

**LP**

Discussion took place over Clubs' late payments of dues. Strategy needed for 2019 – could this include points deductions? To be discussed at the Committee's planning meeting for the AGM so the strategy could be announced to Clubs at the AGM.

**ALL**

## **Email communication within Management Committee**

Discussion over method of decision making within the Management Committee.

Suggestions discussed - any Policy/Strategy items could wait till next meeting with one/two members in their area of responsibility to do research then debated at that next meeting.

Day to Day issues (that could not wait for up to 30 days until the next meeting) - email debate over a proposal over 5 days, then an email vote within 2 days, simple yes or no. This strategy was agreed.

**ALL**

## **Disciplinary Reports**

So far 24 players and 4 Clubs had been reported for breaches of discipline.

The Committee were informed of the ongoing disciplinary process regarding the game East Oxford v Bletchley Town 18<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

## **Club Matters**

OBNCC 3rds Islip ground – IM/JH to compose letter to OBNCC to ascertain their plan going forward. OBNCC need a contingency if Islip proved not available.

**IM/JH**

Great Tew 3rds – DP to talk to D.Freeman to see where they see themselves for next meeting  
East Oxford – had contravened rule 5.17 (page 58) therefore 10 points deduction for 1sts. **GM**  
Brackley – 2nds had forfeited 3 times, therefore the Club would need to seek re-election at the next AGM. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed the Committee could not support the re-election because of Brackley's failure to make progress in the improvement of the ground and square in spite of repeated conversations and visits by League representatives over recent seasons. DMB to write and inform them of Committee's decision.

### **DMB**

Cumnor 2's – email from G.Setterfield regarding the playing of an unregistered player. The matter was discussed as to whether this player was ineligible and should there be therefore a points' deduction. After a vote it was agreed that the player should be considered ineligible and therefore a points' penalty should apply.

**DMB/GM**

Cublington CC next season. – DMB to write for their position.

**DMB**

East Oxford CC – Incident regarding a player who was not named on the team sheet playing in a recent game. DMB to write for explanation.

**DMB**

### **Clubs expression of interest to join CCL**

The following expressions of interest were discussed

Syresham CC– not ready as yet. Could they consider the Four Counties League or OCA?.

East Oxford CC 3's –would use Brasenose College. It was agreed following the Club's financial issues during 2018, a year of financial stability would be required before any acceptance. EOCC could re-apply in the future.

Faringdon CC– progress made but not sufficient. Improvements on square, but not outfield.

Charlbury CC 3's – actually the 4's to play in CCL – 3's to remain in OCA. Accepted, but the League need to make it clear that the CCL would take primacy and the League Committee could not accept a 4<sup>th</sup>'s forfeiture of a game if the 3<sup>rd</sup>s played on the same weekend.

Gawcott and Hillesden CC – New expression. Had only one team therefore the matter could not proceed.

DMB to inform all Clubs.

**DMB**

### **Welfare issues**

It had been heard by DMB that there had been a welfare issue in a recent CCL game. Neither REB or DMB had received anything official from OCB welfare officer who was apparently dealing with the issue.

### **Sub Committee reports:**

#### **Umpires:**

NH reported

Umpires course at Tiddington on 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> November and December 1<sup>st</sup>. It was agreed the League would consider suitable applications from Clubs/Individuals for the payment of the Course fees.

After discussion and vote it was agreed the umpires match fee is increased to £45 as from next season.

#### **Grounds:**

JH reported

Continuing dialogue with Westbury CC over ground and square. The Committee need in writing Westbury's commitment to do the recommended changes.

### **Cricket**

OCA update – None of the top Division One teams could be considered for CCL next season.

Ball trial – results discussed. It was felt the Blenheim ball should continue with the possibility of a better quality ball for Divisions 1 & 2. To be a topic for the Forums.

**ALL**

Firm quotations from ball suppliers to be considered at September Meeting.

**LP**

The stats on the number of wides during 2018 were reported. Topic for the Forums.

**ALL**

Beamers – The new Law on beamers needs re-inforcing with umpires and Clubs. There could be legal issues if the Law was not applied correctly.

### **Social Events:**

DP reported

Annual Dinner – progressing. Trophies being collected in.

**League Forums**

Venues 11<sup>th</sup> September Oxford Downs DW - 12<sup>th</sup> Horley DMB -13<sup>th</sup> Bledlow Ridge IM  
Start 7pm

Invitation to attend should include Umpires.

**Links with other Leagues and County Boards:**

No meeting as yet with the Four Counties League.

**Sponsorship:**

Nothing to report.

Whilst any interest would be considered in the future, the subject to be taken off the current agenda.

**Website:**

Nothing to report

**A.O.B**

None to record

Meeting closed 11.05pm

Next meetings – September 20<sup>th</sup> – October 18<sup>th</sup> (AGM preparation)

Presentation Evening 20<sup>th</sup> October 2018

League General Meeting November 29<sup>th</sup> 2018