

THE "MP SPORTS" CHERWELL CRICKET LEAGUE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE HELD AT BICESTER & NORTH OXFORD
CRICKET CLUB
ON THURSDAY 8th July 2011 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:

Clive Ricks - Chairman, Len Payne - Treasurer, David Pryor, Gary Murton, Keith Arnold, Peter Tubb, Stuart Misseldine & David Ward

APOLOGIES:

Richard Giles -, Secretary, Simon Wilkinson. Lee Morgan, Stephen Brain
In the absence of the Secretary, Peter Tubb kindly agreed to take minutes.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Signed as a true record

MATTERS ARISING

Manoj Parmar has questioned the concerns about the size of the match balls. The treasurer advised that Manoj was present when the balls were being measured with a ball gauge. The contract requires that the trophies will be purchased from Manoj but the League is reviewing the plans for the presentation of these at the evening. The secretary will contact Manoj regarding the cost and quantity of trophies.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence that is not to be discussed elsewhere

FINANCE

An up to date balance sheet was distributed by the treasurer and a copy put on file.
The current balance was £10,192.82 with a small number of incoming registration fees and expense claims outstanding.

The treasurer recommended that though an auditor was not a legal requirement for a body the size of the Cherwell league, an independent report on the accounts from an accountant should be a requirement within the constitution. The treasurer will send the appropriate wording for this amendment to the chairman.

DISCIPLINARY AND RULINGS

A disciplinary hearing will be arranged by the chairman concerning a captain who had entered the field of play to query an umpiring decision. Concern was expressed that his club had not responded to a request for a report on this matter to be sent to the executive before the meeting.

Clarification was sought for the position of David Ward on the Executive (DW left the meeting for this and the next item). The meeting resolved that at the time of the AGM David Ward was a member of Abingdon Vale and therefore, although he has offered to resign, there was no reason to ask for his resignation before the next A.G.M.

Abingdon Vale raised concerns about payments due from David Ward. Based on the information offered by Abingdon, the Executive believe that commercial monies due to Abingdon were paid ahead of schedule but clarification will be sought by the chairman about other payments.

CATEGORY 3E STATUS

Rules and regulation sub-committee to further review this player status before next season.

PLAYER PAYMENTS

A discussion took place on the difficulties of enforcing rules on player payment. The secretary will be asked to seek further guidance would be sought from the ECB.

CONSTITUTION REVIEW

An initial meeting has been held to discuss proposals for the constitution. Changes would need to be passed at the next AGM. It was proposed that a rules and regulations consultation meeting be held at the end of the season to guide the executive on further rules changes to be discussed at the AGM. The process of consulting clubs on rule changes was seen a very important to the process.

REGISTRATION AND RESULTS

Wolverton CC played ten players in their first team on July 2nd in breach of regulations. An email from the club has been received explaining that this was due to the consequences of a bereavement and therefore the penalty for this breach would not be enforced on this occasion.

Some results were missing from the website this week and some captains are still sending in results information late or inaccurately.

WEBSITE

The problem with dates not appearing on the website continues. This will be discussed at the sponsorship sub-committee meeting.

UMPIRES

Peter Tubb reported that communication with the HCPL was continuing and information is being exchanged. The data from the division one umpires forms is being collated by voluntarily by Tony Lord and the pitch and outfield average marks would be circulated as promised. Bob Perkin has agreed to stand in for Peter Tubb arranging umpire cover from 19th to 29th July when he is away. He will need access to the website but appointments to the end of the season will be on the website by Tuesday. The umpires form has been amended to include space for team scores and points to provide a reference for GW and to encourage umpires to consult with captains on this. Umpires will be offered the chance to receive the captain's feedback (anonymously) via email over the next week and in early August.

A letter was read out from Ian Royle, training officer with the county ACU, seeking cooperation in regard to access to captain's feedback and placing umpires under assessment in suitable games with suitable pairings. Agreement to this in principal had already been gained via email circulation but ACU have now requested a meeting in September rather than accepting the offer of consultation for the remainder of this season.

SUB COMMITTEES

Cricket, Rules & Regulations

Chairman - David Pryor

Keith Arnold, Lee Morgan, Gary Murton,

Co-opted - Jon Talbot (Tiddington CC), Steve Beck (Banbury CC)

The meeting of the sub committee has been deferred to 12th July Subjects to be discussed are.

- Rain rule
- Balls
- Timing issues
- Rules of cricket
- Promotion /Relegation

Umpires

Chairman - Peter Tubb

Len Payne

Co-opted - Mick Stockwell (Kingston Bagpuize CC), Bob Hutchins (Gt Brickhill CC), Bob Perkin (Oxford Downs CC)

Next meeting due in late August.

Sponsorship & PR

Chairman - David Ward

Co-opted - Richard Clapp (Cropredy CC), Simon Wilkinson (Oxford CC)

Sponsorship meeting will take place before the next executive meeting. Website issues will be discussed at that meeting

The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer will be ex officio on all sub-committees.

AOB

The arrangements for and potential losses from the presentation evening were discussed. The chairman has the arrangements in hand.

The chairman will follow up with the secretary regarding enquiries about joint insurance arrangements for clubs.

Stuart Misseldine voiced Twyford's concern about the impact the proposed high speed trainline was going to have on their club and asked for avenues for gaining support from clubs who have a similar problem. He also raised a proposed visit from Jon Agnew to a bookshop in Bicester which may be a good promotional opportunity for the league.

David Ward asked if the committee had considered a mid-season break and was told that this had not been considered to this point.

Meeting closed at 10.30pm.

Date of the next Management Committee meeting 4th August 2011 at BNOCC Bicester commencing at 7.30pm.

Date

..... Chairman