

THE "MP SPORTS" CHERWELL CRICKET LEAGUE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE HELD AT BICESTER & NORTH OXFORD
CRICKET CLUB
ON THURSDAY 9th June 2011 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:

Clive Ricks - Chairman, Richard Giles - Secretary, Len Payne - Treasurer.
Stephen Brain, David Pryor, Gary Murton, Keith Arnold, Peter Tubb, Lee Morgan

APOLOGIES:

Stuart Misseldine, Simon Wilkinson & David Ward.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by those in attendance and duly signed as being an accurate record with the following observations.

Under correspondence Bledlow Ridge should read Bledlow Village. Sponsorship incorrectly spelt.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising not covered by the agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter received from Bourton Vale officially resigning from the MPSCL at the end of the 2011 season. In answer to questions received regarding how this would affect promotion and relegation, commitment had already been given to promote two teams from each division. Relegation issues will be decided by the executive at the end of the season and will be dependent on what teams are relegated from the feeder league.
- Oxford 2nd v Cumnor - Letter received from the Cumnor captain asking for clarification on whether pitches can be cut after the toss has taken place. The executive were happy that the umpires had handled the situation correctly and that both captains had agreed with the action taken.
- Buckingham CC - Letter received from the groundsman asking for clarification regarding the temporary covering of pitches adjacent to or close to a pitch being used for an MPSCL match to prevent damage. The executive decided, after discussion, that ECB Rule 11.4 covers this situation and should apply to all MPSCL cricket squares.
- A number of clubs have raised the issue of ECB Team Cards that captains are required to complete prior to the commencement of a match. Peter Tubb confirmed that all umpires should have these cards, in their possession, and should supply them to the captains. Peter Tubb will remind umpires of this responsibility.
- Wallingford asked permission to change venue for their match against Stokenchurch on September 3rd 2011. This was agreed unanimously.
- Correspondence from Manoj Parmar concerning the presentation evening on 21st October 2011. The secretary will contact him.

FINANCE

An up to date balance sheet was distributed by the treasurer and a copy put on file.
The current balance was £10,152.00 with an invoice of £100.00 outstanding.

The treasurer opened a discussion on remuneration and expenses. No officers were being paid for the work they put into running and organising the league. The league has moved away from a fines culture and the new committee are not paid as some members of the previous executive had been. It was agreed to pay reasonable expenses to members attending meetings on behalf of the league. This was agreed unanimously and the treasurer will design an expenses claim form which should be submitted on a monthly basis. These payments will be completely transparent and will appear in future balance sheets.

It was decided unanimously that the results co-ordinator will be paid £35.00 per week on a monthly basis for the work put into compiling weekly results and updating tables.

CONSTITUTION REVIEW

The first meeting will take place on 28 June in Twyford.

RESULTS & REGISTRATION

- Gary Murton reported that a list of late results had been compiled and that some results had not been received for inclusion in the Oxford Mail. Warnings will now be given to clubs who fail to send in results on time. Fines will then follow for further misdemeanours. All clubs were informed at the captain's meeting as to what was required. The secretary was asked to remind clubs that the result systems are up and running and deadlines should be adhered to.
- It was agreed unanimously that after a club had received two warnings for sending in late results further offences will incur a fine of £20.00 each.
- In answer to a question it was confirmed that official scorers are only required in Divisions 1-4.
- There have been a number of instances where umpires have not confirmed team points with captains after matches. Peter Tubb will remind all umpires that this is one of their post match duties.

SPONSORSHIP & FUNDRAISING

The sub committee have yet to meet so there was nothing to report.

The chairman put forward an idea of holding a league cricket quiz which could be regionally based in the early stages culminating in a finals night.

It was agreed to try the idea; Peter Tubb offered to help compose questions. Clubs will be sent details shortly.

WEBSITE

- There is a problem with dates not appearing on the website. This is being dealt with and is an input issue.

UMPIRES

- Peter Tubb reported that cooperation with the HCPL was good and information is being exchanged.
- There had been two non appearances by umpires and PT has dealt with.
- The chairman reminded the meeting that the MPSCL had agreed to send umpires pitch marks at the halfway point of the season to all Division 1 clubs and to the HCPL.
- The issue of a Level 1 Misdemeanour in a match between Long Marston and Wolverton was raised. The behaviour of a scorer, in the same match, was also discussed and the secretary was asked to write to the relevant club asking for an improvement in the future.

SUB COMMITTEES

Cricket, Rules & Regulations

Chairman - David Pryor

Keith Arnold, Lee Morgan, Gary Murton,

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

A meeting of the sub committee has been arranged for the 28th June. Subjects to be discussed are.

- Rain rule
- Balls
- Timing issues
- Rules of cricket

The chairman stated that any timing issues can, at the moment, be handled by the umpires under the Rules of Cricket.

Ground & Facilities

Chairman - Steve Brain.

Stuart Misseldine

Co-opted - Clive Weston (Chearsley CC), Kevin Winfield (Long Marston CC), Adam King (Radley College)

- Visits have been made to two grounds and reports have been compiled and passed to the relevant clubs.
- All clubs should be aware that Adam King is available to visit and advise clubs on any issues concerning pitches and outfielders. There will be a cost involved and information can be passed on by the secretary of the sub committee.

Umpires

Chairman - Peter Tubb

Len Payne

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

- A meeting has been held and the discussion and feedback was good.

Sponsorship & PR

Chairman - David Ward

Co-opted - Richard Clapp (Cropredy CC), Kieren Bushell (Gt Tew CC), Simon Wilkinson (Oxford CC)

- No meetings have been held to date but ideas and discussions are taking place.

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

AOB

Two issues were raised, in an email to the secretary, by Stuart Misseldine. As Stuart was unable to be at the meeting these will be carried forward to the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Date of the next Executive Committee meeting 7th July 2011 at BNOCC Bicester commencing at 7.30pm.