

## Cherwell League Management Meeting Minutes

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June at Bicester and North Oxford Cricket Club

Attendees – Clive Ricks (Chairman), Len Payne, Gary Murton, Stuart Misseldine, Stephen Brain, Neil Megson, Nick Pykett and David Pryor

Apologies – Peter Tubb and Richard Giles

Meeting began at 7.30pm

### **Matters Arising**

Chairman reported on a close Representative match against the O.C.A. Trophies had been purchased and costs to be shared with the O.C.A.

### **Finance**

Net funds stand at £34667 taking into account known assets and known liabilities.

The Cherwell League is now in a position to run itself for 2 years without an income. There was £2108 in funds when the current management took the reins.

The possibility of lowering registration fees again for 2014 season was discussed.

Personalised Cherwell League banners cost the league £2056.08 once VAT was added. Clubs are requested to display the banners during all CL matches.

### **Correspondence**

Issue involving Leighton Buzzard player dealt with by Cherwell League disciplinary hearing. Management committee would like to thank the Leighton Buzzard committee and the umpires involved for their swift action.

Management committee would like to remind umpires to be as vigilant as possible and urge captains to ensure that the Spirit of Cricket is observed.

There have been a few issues regarding under age players; the Cherwell League rules are very clear and are on the website and on page 131 of the current Handbook. No player under the age of 12 on September the 1<sup>st</sup> on the season before the current one is permitted to play in open-age cricket. Clubs will forfeit points if they play under age players.

Kingston Bagpuize regret to inform the Cherwell league that they will be withdrawing their 3d XI from the league as they have been unable to field a side for 4 of the first 7 games of the season. Their record will be expunged.

An issue between East Oxford CC and Buckingham CC has been dealt with; the Management Team would like to remind clubs that when issues are being raised they should they come through the correct channels.

There have been a number of issues arising regarding teas. Clubs are reminded that they need to consider vegetarians and religious/ethnic groups when preparing teas. Clubs are also reminded that if they can foresee a problem a phone call, text or e-mail could help.

The Secretary has written to a club regarding a post-game registration. The player was registered after playing, 1 week later, with no address or DOB. This is unacceptable and a points deduction has been made.

### **Registration**

Over 150 players have been registered for divisions 1-6 since the beginning of the season

### **Website**

There have been far too many match results entered incorrectly. It is reminded that when bowling figures are listed they are in the format of 5-25 opposed to 10-4-15-5. It is a laborious and time consuming job for the management team to go through and edit all of these errors. It is also reminded that a \* should denote not out opposed to the phrase itself.

The provision of a 'player brokerage' service was discussed as an option for the website. When clubs are struggling for sides at the beginning of the season before university/school students are available, or in the summer months when holidays are frequent the possibility for clubs to be able to access a database with players from other clubs. This would enable clubs who had for example 38 players for 3 sides and another side was struggling with just 29. The struggling side could ask players if they would like to have a game for them. It could also enable societies such as the SOA who were struggling for players, to call on people who had made themselves available via the website.

### **Sponsorship**

Banners very well received by clubs and the Cherwell League would like to thank everyone for their co-operation in providing logos and the collection of banners.

Stumps – The idea of stumps has been researched and due to a long lead time the management committee have decided to put on hold until the off season. It will also minimise the chance of errors due to rushing the process.

Sponsored umpires coats is also another idea explored by the management committee. Hopeful that we can get a wider package for the 2014 season rather.

If anyone would like to advertise on the website then there is ample room and provision to do so. Please contact a member of the management committee to discuss further.

### **AOB**

Rain Rules – Umpires are reminded that in rain affected games the time is taken back from 7.30 in the second innings to reward sides for bowling their overs quickly.

Potential review of wides for the 2014 season as captains and players still commenting on lack of continuity between game to game, sometimes even in the same game but from different ends.

Cassington CC's ground inspected for potential use for Kingston Bagpuize 3<sup>rd</sup> XI before their decision to withdraw from the league. It was decided that the ground would only be fit for division 10 games only.

Cherwell League to assess OCA teams' grounds who could be looking at potential victory of OCA league and application to Cherwell. Will be assessed in July/August when league table has begun to develop.

Win/Lose cricket to be discussed at end of season forums. Players' views would be greatly appreciated at forums to get views on following the HCPL into the 50/50 split of Win/Lose or Win/Lose/Draw cricket.

It is the Cherwell League's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2014 season. The management committee has a number of ideas about how to celebrate but would like to hear ideas of how to celebrate. Clubs wishing to play a Sunday fixture next season against the League Representative Side should contact the Chairman as soon as possible.

Peter Tubb is standing down from his position and the end of the 2013 season and is also away for the last 2 weeks of the season. If anyone would like to take on the role then please do get in contact.

Cherwell League dinner to be at either the Oxford Hotel or the Kasaam Stadium. Guest speaker and prices to be announced shortly, along with confirmation of venue.

Meeting closed at 21.35.