

THE "MP SPORTS" CHERWELL CRICKET LEAGUE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE HELD AT BICESTER & NORTH OXFORD CRICKET CLUB
ON THURSDAY 3^{1st} MARCH 2011 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:

Clive Ricks - Chairman, Richard Giles - Acting Secretary, Len Payne - Acting Treasurer.
David Prior, David Ward, Lee Morgan, Gary Murton, Keith Arnold, Peter Tubb, Simon Wilkinson.

APOLOGIES:

Stuart Misseldine, Steve Brain.

CHAIRMAN

Clive Ricks welcomed Peter Tubbs and Keith Arnold to their first meeting

He spoke about the sad death of Jonathan Stobart and said what a great loss he was to Horspath Cricket Club and the MPSCL, especially as he was to head up the drive for new sponsors. He passed on the leagues deepest sympathies to Jonathan's parent, family and friends as well as Horspath CC.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by those in attendance and duly signed as being an accurate record. One small point was raised by Len Payne regarding the spelling of Akeman Street as it had been incorrectly printed as Ackeman Street.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising not covered by the agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Acting Secretary reported that the day after the last Executive meeting (4th March) a recorded delivery letter had been received giving the formal resignations of the members of the previous Executive that had been defeated at the February 7th 2011EGM. This was acknowledged and put on file.

Correspondence had been received from:

1. Peter Tomlin - noted and acknowledged.
2. Graham Stearn - noted and acknowledged.
3. Horspath CC commenting about the rules for matches in Divisions 7-10. Agreed to run with them as published for 2011 and review.
4. MP Sports have agreed to supply Cublington CC with MP Sports stumps for this season.
5. Stuart Misseldine has arranged, in conjunction with, the Acting Treasurer to supply facilities, at advantageous rates to the MPSCL, for the storage of archive documents.
6. Bledlow Ridge Cricket Club requesting clarification re a 15 year old player who had played for two Cherwell League clubs during the 2010 season, with the approval of the previous Executive. Decided, unanimously, that he could play for one club only in 2011.

7. Horspath CC has requested that their second ground be inspected and approved for Division 6 matches. Passed to the Ground & Facilities Committee for auctioning.
8. Email from Graham Scott requesting that the timing of result submission remains the same as in 2010 so that he can meet the Oxford Mail deadline for his weekly MPSCL report. This was agreed.
9. Two requests to clarify the issue regarding junior players playing in the MPSCL. As in 2010 any player in the U13 year can play in the MPSCL after a consent form has been filled in and signed by parent(s) or guardian(s). Players in the U12 year can also play in the MPSCL if they are members of their County age group squad (proof required) and have also had a consent form filled in and signed by parent(s) or guardian(s).
10. The issue of Kaloam wicket dressing had been raised by a number of clubs. The ECB and OCB have been contacted and have the matter in hand.
11. Oxford & Bletchington Nondescripts have requested that a ban on one of their members from holding any office within their club be lifted. It was unanimously agreed that the ban had been served and OBNCC to be informed of the decision.

FINANCE & SPONSORSHIP

An up to date balance sheet was handed to the Acting Secretary to be put on file.

The agreement between the League and MP Sports and Tiflex is confirmed as a ball discount agreement rather than sponsorship and, as such, had cost the League nearly £1,000 because of VAT regulations. This agreement cannot be reviewed until the end of 2011.

Public Liability insurance is in place but LP suggested that individual Personal Accident cover should be checked by everyone.

LP told the meeting the MPSCL survived, in the past, off of the back of a fines culture and that had to stop. Fines should not be abolished but clubs should be encouraged to ensure that rules are not broken. The new Registration & Results documents will greatly assist in meeting those goals. The Presentation Evening has been largely financed by fines in the past and should, in the future, be self financing. This can not happen until 2011/12 because arrangements for the 2011 event are already in place. The Chairman said that he would investigate a fund raising dinner.

MP Sports has committed to delivering all balls to clubs before May 7th, arrangements to be confirmed at the Captain's meeting on 14th April. 19 of 38 clubs have so far paid for balls. The Acting Secretary had sent a further reminder to clubs.

HANDBOOK & WEBSITE

Simon Wilkinson reported that the website was up and running and he was handling any questions or queries that clubs had.

The handbook was near to completion and a discussion was held as to the amount of pages, content and paper quality.

SW was empowered to visit, discuss and negotiate with the printers on Monday 4th April.

The Chairman thanked Simon for all of the hard work, with little assistance, which he had put into producing a draft version. This was unanimously agreed by all in attendance.

Registration & Rules

Gary Murton reported that copies of all of the Registration Documents and Rules are now with clubs and he was also handling any queries that had cropped up.

There is an issue regarding the notification of junior players to umpires prior to the start of games. GM is happy that the spreadsheet combined with the umpires ECB form covers this requirement.

The Chairman thanked Gary for all his hard work and acknowledged the help he had given to Simon Wilkinson by supplying information to go into the handbook. This was unanimously endorsed.

The Chairman also said at this point that local rules forums will again take place during 2011 and 2012 to enable clubs to make suggestions. He was also proposing a Working Group to look at the Constitution. Standing orders for Executive meetings and members conduct will be put into place in the near future.

UMPIRES

Peter Tubb reported that all clubs in Division 1-4 had now nominated umpires and initial allocation of games will be available on the website in the near future. He also reported that there were now more umpires than games and this was due to several returning to the MPSCL fold.

PT will organise printing and distribution of all umpire forms and asked the Acting Secretary if he request the umpire's marks for the 2010 season could be obtained from the previous Secretary.

There will be a meeting of umpires on Tuesday 19th April at BNOCC.

Peter was thanked by the Chairman for his hard work and congratulated him on the diplomatic way he had gone about the task.

SUB COMMITTEES

There will be four Sub Committees:

Cricket, Rules and Registration
Umpires
Ground & Facilities
Sponsorship and PR

There will also be an independent Disciplinary Committee appointed as and when necessary. Members of the sub-committees will be published after the EGM and Captains meeting.

AOB

The appointment of a Results Coordinator was discussed at length and approaches will be made in the coming days.

Attendees at the EGM will be offered two alternatives to vote, a show of hands or a ballot. All nominees will be voted for on an individual basis,

Meeting closed at 10.35pm.

Date of the next Executive Committee meeting 28th April 2011 at BNOCC Bicester commencing at 7.30pm.

NB. It should be noted that all unanimous votes came from the members on the Executive allowed to vote by the terms of the constitution of the MPSCL. However the views of all members of the Executive Committee were considered and all decisions reflected this.

Date

..... Chairman