

# **THE "MP SPORTS" CHERWELL CRICKET LEAGUE**

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE HELD AT BICESTER & NORTH OXFORD  
CRICKET CLUB  
ON THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at 7.30pm.

## **PRESENT**

Clive Ricks - Chairman, Richard Giles - Secretary, Len Payne - Treasurer, David Pryor, Peter Tubb (8.30pm), David Ward, Gary Murton & Stephen Brain.

## **APOLOGIES**

Stuart Misseldine

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Len Payne requested that the Finance paragraph be amended to:

The surplus to 13<sup>th</sup> October is £9,985.17 with Presentation Evening costs yet to be accounted for. Bank current account balance is £11,155.66 with a further £937.26 in the Business Reserve Account.

This was agreed unanimously.

## **MATTERS ARISING**

No matters arising not covered by agenda items.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter received from John Rolfe of Bledlow Ridge CC complaining that for the second year running BRCC 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 had been relegated because of the admission of a new club to the league. The Secretary had responded by saying that the admission of any new club had to be endorsed by the clubs at the AGM and BRCC could also have raised the issue at the September club forums.

At this point it was decided to discuss BRCC's failure to send their 1<sup>st</sup> X1 averages into the league by the required date. Despite several reminders the averages had still not been received by 17<sup>th</sup> November. After discussion the decision was to fine BRCC £50.00 and the Secretary was asked to convey this unanimous decision to BRCC.

## **FINANCE**

The Treasurer presented up to date accounts and stated that with minor tidying up these would be the accounts that would be presented to The Clubs at the AGM on the 29<sup>th</sup> November.

There followed a discussion on subscription fees and The Treasurer will give his recommendations to The Clubs at the AGM.

MP Sports had been given notice, by letter, that the contract between themselves and the league will terminate on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011.

The Executive unanimously thanks MP Sports for their past support and it was noted that MP Sports have been given the opportunity to provide sponsorship to the league, going forward, but had not yet responded to the offer.

Tony Carter had finished compiling the statistics, minus Bledlow Ridge 1<sup>st</sup> X1, for the 2012 handbook and it was agreed to pay his fee of £150.00 which will be forwarded by The Treasurer.

Steve Wheeler had requested that the MPSCL purchase a full set of Presentation Evening pictures at a cost of £80.00. This was agreed on the understanding that The League receives electronic and hard copies and also would like a selection of action shots from the 2011 MPSCL season for the 2012 handbook. The Secretary was asked to contact Steve Wheeler to action these requests.

## **AGM**

All documents pertaining to the AGM had been sent to clubs however an amendment to the proposed wide rule and a copy of the 2010 AGM minutes would be sent out in the next two days.

The Secretary was asked to prepare an attendance sheet for club representatives to sign when entering the AGM and also to prepare envelopes, for each club, which will contain a voting slip and a copy of the annual accounts.

## **SPONSORSHIP**

David Ward is putting together a Members Benefit Package for Cubs which will give discounts on a number of products and services. This will be available to all registered members of The Cherwell League.

There will be two meetings with potential major sponsors during the following week and any developments will be reported to the AGM.

The Chairman re-iterated that it was his mission to ensure that all events and the handbook should be self-financing going forward.

## **DISCIPLINARY AND RULINGS**

As the Bledlow Ridge situation had already been dealt with there were no further issues to discuss.

## **REGISTRATION AND RESULTS**

The Treasurer expressed concern that several clubs had not paid registration fees within the given period. This was deemed to be unfair to clubs that had abided by the rules and took advantage of the leeway on fines given by The Executive.

It was agreed unanimously that once registration details had been given to Gary Murton, payment MUST follow within 10 days. Any club failing to comply with this rule could be guilty of playing an ineligible player in at least one but possibly two fixtures resulting in points being deducted and a fine imposed.

## **WEBSITE**

Gary Murton reported that a new domain name had now been registered and he had compiled a mock up website, on his PC. He had several ideas including automatic result input which would update tables immediately.

Two years website hosting would cost £143.00 and it was decided, unanimously, to proceed with that payment so that the system could be made live.

The Treasurer will inform the current webmaster that his contract would be terminated at the end of 2011.

## UMPIRES

Peter Tubb reported that that he had had several enquiries from umpires looking to join the panel and was expecting more. He would like to include Division 5 in the umpire's panel but it was decided that feedback from clubs was required prior to any implementation. It was, however, decided that all Division 5 and 6 umpires be requested to send in umpire forms on a weekly basis.

It was reported that the proposed meeting with the HCPL Umpires Appointment Secretary, scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> December, had been cancelled by the HCPL and this was seen as regrettable.

The Secretary had raised the issue of communication between the two leagues, on umpire appointments, at the recent HCPL Link meeting and was assured that the message would be passed on to the relevant people.

## SUB COMMITTEES

### Cricket, Rules & Regulations

Chairman - David Pryor

Keith Arnold, Lee Morgan, Gary Murton,

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

- Nothing to report.

### Ground & Facilities

Chairman - Steve Brain.

Stuart Misseldine

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

- Nothing to report.

### Umpires

Chairman - Peter Tubb

Len Payne

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

- See previous minuted report.

### Sponsorship & PR

Chairman - David Ward

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

- See previous minuted report.

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

## AOB

Len Payne suggested that when a new sponsor is found for The League a game should be staged between The League and The Sponsors X1. This was agreed unanimously.

As contact had been lost with Simon Wilkinson, Gary Murton was requested to upload the last three executive minutes onto the website. Peter Tubb offered his assistance if required.

Date ..... Chairman