

Minutes of Cherwell League Management Committee, held via Zoom on 14th May 2020
Present : B Standish, I Murdoch, D Pryor, D Warner, J Howe, G Murton, D Beck, N Hinks, L Pykett.
Apologies : L Payne

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and accepted.

Matters Arising

DB had received quotes for new branded stumps, order was on hold until further notice.
Registrations had been received from a few clubs, some details needed update on website.
Rep Games were scheduled for 15th July and 22nd August. It was agreed to put these on hold and PT would advise the team managers accordingly. A lead time of 2 weeks would be needed to prepare grounds and organise team.s
Cricket balls, we are holding stock of enough match balls to meet one week's play. 9 weeks of balls are on order from Tiflex, and they can deliver with 10 days' notice. Stock would arrive in July whether needed or not and would stay in stock for next season.

Club Matters

Agreed that if the season started there is a possibility that Division 4 may have 9 teams and it was agreed to keep it this way to avoid further fixture confusion. Also, post lock down, there may be other changes to number of teams Clubs enter and whether new Clubs come in.
Expressions of interest in joining had been received from 2 OCA clubs and at least 3 more are expected.
DB will conduct ground inspections and report back.

It is too early to make any decisions until we have details of what may happen during the season.

With regard to start dates of the league, it is not possible to make any decisions until guidance is received. If there was a possibility of a later start, then ground issues/availability could be a problem. Could run later and use Sunday dates. IM would write to Clubs asking what problems Clubs may have with regard to ground prep/availability in particularly school/college grounds

Finance

LPayne had advised that currently there was £30,623.83 in the bank, we are committed to pay £12960 by the end of June for 900 cricket balls.

Umpires

There would be no deduction of points from teams that had not nominated an umpire on the weeks with no cricket.
If and when the season runs, if illness/age precludes an umpire standing then no penalty.
We must be as flexible as possible to try and get games on.
The umpires shirts would be put on hold until next season.
NH would design some pocket cards for umpires that covered rules and regs. He would send out to the sub committee for comments when completed.
There were online courses now for umpires and the link could be sent out.

Discliplinary

No reports had been received.

Cricket/Playing

DW had been working on discussions with OCA on regionalisation of lower leagues. This to be followed up as time progresses. DP and DW would work on this as there may be a lot of support needed for small Clubs in Oxfordshire to maintain teams in leagues.

JH would keep the dialogue going with supporting clubs in maintaining grounds. Advice could also be found from GMA (formerly IOG). Links would be sent out to Clubs.

End of Season

There would be no need for a formal evening due to the lack of cricket, possibility of an online evening. This had worked well in other settings.

Links with other Leagues.

Discussions have been had with TVL and HCPCL. These would be ongoing during the summer, when there is the need.

Website

GM would continue to update and cancel matches on a weekly basis. Registrations had been received and it was agreed to waive any pre season registrations fees. L Payne agreed with the decision.

AOB

A number of Clubs had received income from various sources, to help during the pandemic.

Next Meeting 18th June via Zoom unless situation changes.