



Leicestershire & Rutland Cricket League sponsored by Everards.

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Minutes for Exec Meeting - Wednesday 19th May 2021

Attended:

Nigel Kinch (NK)	Brad Peake (BrP)	Colin Green (CG)	Ged McDougall (GM)
Richard French (RF)	Sam Rowe (SR)	Mark Ward (MW)	Badal Pandya (BaP) co-opt
Roger Stead (RoS)	Paul Whiteman (PW)	Chris Pople (CP)	Jonny Lawrance-Owen

1. **Apologies and Approval of previous minutes 21/04/21** Pratap Odedra, Keith Towers, Russel Spiers, Andy Hibberd. Minutes approved.
2. **Matters arising / Chairman report (NK)** COVID Step 3 guidance 17th May. The latest Govt regulation changes will not change very much in terms of cricket. Changing rooms are available to be used if this is possible to be done safely at the discretion of the club. Clubs are to be aware that showers may not have been run for months so they need to be aware of the possibility legionnaires disease, especially if there is a water tank. Teams will not be required to provide teas – there are tea regulations to be followed if clubs do want to provide teas. Car sharing is now allowed. Spectators are also now allowed at the match. <https://www.ecb.co.uk/covid-19>
3. **Secretary report (GM)**
 - a. Upper Broughton CC – SSCC & H&TCC. There was an issue related to the safety of the pitch. New Facilities Criteria proposal (examples attached). **CG will work on adapting the Ground and Facilities Criteria from other leagues to update and improve our own Ground and Facilities Criteria.** There are about a dozen pitches in the league that are falling below their required standard (CG). GM and CG proposes that a team of volunteers visit the 12 or so League grounds to inspect their pitch and facilities. Pitch scores from the matches can also be analysed as part of this. Reports to be sent to CG who can offer practical groundskeeping advice. This way clubs can sort out pitch problems and make improvements sooner rather than later. **Anyone who would like to be part of this team to contact GM.** Discussion about umpires reporting poor pitches and the need to cement the best protocol for this.
 - b. Disciplinary - There have been some minor disciplinary issues at the start of the season. There has been some flexibility with the disciplinary action that has been taken by the League – this is dependent on a number of factors including umpire reports, and whether it is a first offense. A disciplinary meeting, following a complaint from Sibley, has been arranged on Zoom which CP will chair. CP, GM, PO, RS, PW are requested to attend.
 - c. Fines - A spreadsheet detailing the clubs who have been fined is currently emailed to the clubs. There is a notice on the website which also informs a club that they have been fined. Fines have been paid promptly by clubs so far this season.
 - d. Mountsorrel vs Broomleys - A comment was made in the fair-play section that not much effort was made with covers in a rain-affected game. A club made disparaging comments about a pitch. The pitch was in fact covered before the match and during the tea-break, so the complaint was factually incorrect.
 - e. Lutterworth are currently missing a point on the website. **MW will give them this point on the website.** The rules around rounding up/down percentages of runs in a chase need to be clarified.
 - f. Queniborough have requested changing their name to LCSCA (a non-league club). However, because LCSCA is not currently in the league, a proper new-club application will have to be made, or the merger will have to be formalized with the LCCC community team.

4. **Finance (BrP)** - £8,000 will be repaid to the ECB as previously discussed. BP has paid for all the balls. BP will contact Everards in the next couple of weeks to tie up the loose ends of sponsorship. Charnwood Old Boys have started repaying their loan.
5. **Social Media (CP)** - Social Media guidance circulated. There have not been any further social media discretions since the social media guidance was issued to clubs. There continues to be good helpful engagement on social media.
6. **Grounds / Facilities (CG)**
Nothing further to report. CG was at Leicester Banks CC to investigate their issue with the square.
7. **Officials (KT)**
 - a. Emailed Update from RW:
Speaking on behalf of Keith he has had problems in all 4 games so far resulting him being 3/4 umpires short of his minimum requirement of 30. This is represented by 12 in Premier, 12 in Division 1 plus at least 6 in Division 2. This then leads to finding umpires from both of the Division 3's. We have managed to achieve this by taking Division 4 umpires to cover 3.
The result then makes endless work adjusting appointments and advising the umpires concerned and always supposing they are happy with their new appointment. Thankfully, we do not appear to have a problem.
Keith was informed preseason that there may be some Northampton umpires available, but this now seems a nonstarter.
Cup games have also been a problem, due mainly to more umpires not wishing to officiate 2 days. Also, there are National and any replayed County Cup games that must take priority. The County Cup replays result in the following weeks Challenge Cup suffering. Maybe an idea to have a 2-week break between County and Challenge Cups. Having said all of the above we are managing and only recently have added 4 new umpires to the Web Site list.
 - b. Discussion about umpire shortages. Umpire training could be further incentivised. Each club could provide an umpire to the umpire pool. This would shift the onus back onto clubs and aid umpire recruitment. This can be further discussed by the ACO and supported by the League.
8. **Fixture secretary (MW)** Rothley player Connor Roff is approved to play as he is exempt from Rule 15 section F in the League handbook. He is under 18 on 31st Aug 2020 and is now a permanent UK resident.
9. **Commercial (SR)** Nothing to report.
10. **LCCC Community report (AH)** Safe Hand management system – all Clubmark clubs are now loaded onto the system. AH will be providing Clubmark support. The ECB 'Inspired to Play' grant scheme is available for clubs to apply for <https://www.ecb.co.uk/news/2167522> The Community Team are working with QE College regarding the use of their pitches.
11. **LCCDO Report (PO)** Community Cup is being planned for seniors.
12. **Premier League (RuS)** - **GM will forward a link to an MCC survey regarding short-pitched bowling and concussion to MW. This is more relevant to Premier League teams.** Premier League T20 match balls have been sent to relevant clubs.
13. **AOB** - The VC at Rothley has a business sanitising workspace. For a discounted price of £50 he is prepared to visit clubs and sanitise the pavilion facilities. **This offer is to be sent to clubs via Tier Reps.**
14. **Date / time / venue of next meeting**
Next meeting **Wednesday 30th June, 7pm.**
Venue TBC
Meeting closes 20:40