



Leicestershire & Rutland Cricket League sponsored by Everards.

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Minutes for Exec Meeting
Thursday 25th February 2021, 6:30pm

Attended:

Nigel Kinch (NK)	Brad Peake (BrP)	Colin Green (CG)	Ged McDougall (GM)	Russell Spiers (RuS) co-opt
Richard French (RF)	Sam Rowe (SR)	Mark Ward (MW)	Pratap Odedra (PO)	Paul Whiteman (PW)
Roger Stead (RoS)	Keith Towers (KT)	Chris Pople (CP)	Andy Hibberd (AH)	Badal Pandya (BaP) co-opt
				Jonny Lawrance-Owen

• **Approval of previous minutes 14/01/21**

• **Matters arising / Chairman report (NK)**

North Kilworth CC have accepted the application to the league, and they will need some help with putting results onto the website. RoS is in touch.

Government Announcement 22/2/21 - this seems to be positive news for playing cricket this season. The ECB will advise on a cricket-specific roadmap ASAP.

• **Secretary report (GM)**

Grace Dieu Park CC - The club believe they will not have enough players for 2 teams. They want to remove their 1st team (Div 4W) and continue with only their 2nd team (Div 7W). There is a concern that the club may fold if they have to play in Div 4W. Committee decides to remove the 1st team from the league and to allow GDPCC one team to play in Div 7W. This will mean there are some blank weeks with no fixtures in Div 4W. The teams in Div 4W will be informed of this. GDPCC will have to start in the bottom division. If they add a team in the future

YMCC are a new club who have recently applied to join the league. They have ground options in the city. GM has informed them that they are too late to apply this season, but they can be added to the list to join the league 2022. PO and GM have been communicating with them. CG will need to assess their ground so that they are up to speed for the 2022 season.

University of Leicester Staff CC – the groundsmen are remaining on furlough, so their ground is unavailable this season.

The club are actively looking for alternative grounds and have approached various clubs to host their games. The 1st team will need to play on a grass wicket in Div 3 rather than artificial, but the 2nd team can be play on NTP.

Loughborough Town CC – the grass on the square has been killed. Alternative venue required. 1st XI has to play on a ECB Premier league compliant ground.

LCCC Academy applied to enter the cup too late, however the league is open to working with the academy in the future. AH and RuS have been communicating with them. LCCC does not wish to take players away from other clubs, rather to develop younger players. There will need to be ongoing conversations about this in the future, and it may be helpful for Ali Maiden join a committee meeting in the future.

Insurance and Risk Assessments - The evidence of this is usually collected at the ball meeting. This year the mechanics of this may be different. The committee decides that clubs should email SR their insurance certificates. Public Liability and Indemnity Insurance must be at a minimum of £5million. Clubs to be informed of this. SR has noticed some deficiencies on club risk assessments. Club risk assessments must be published and be available for any visitors. However, there is no requirement for the league to collect risk assessments in. This keeps the responsibility for these risk assessments with each club rather than with the league. Each club does need to confirm that they have done their risk assessments and be aware that there may be spot-

checks and requests from the league to see them during the season. If an opponent arrives at a ground and are not happy to play due to health and safety issues related to COVID, they should collect evidence if possible and report to the league. Discussion about whether to reduce the game to 40 overs due to the 6 over sanitation breaks. This can be reviewed once ECB guidance is known.

- **Fixture secretary (MW)** There were some minor adjustments to divisions because of how the ground sharing worked. 2021 fixtures will now be uploaded to Play Cricket. Some teams have needed to rearrange fixtures. After the fixtures are released it is the responsibility of the individual teams to rearrange to fixtures if they need to.
- **Finance (BrP)** - The league's Public liability Insurance has been renewed. **A league savings accounts will be opened with Redwood Bank.** When BrP took over as Treasurer there were five people who counter-signed cheques. There are now only two remaining committee members of these original five. **BrP to arrange adding GM and CP as signatories.** Readers can deliver balls to clubs at £6 per parcel. Clubs will need to provide the league with a delivery address for these balls week commencing 12th April. Dukes do not offer this service but there are a smaller number of balls so could be managed by a committee member – SR has volunteered to help with this.
- **Commercial and Cups (SR)** - £2,500 advertising has been secured for the handbooks. The County Cup fixtures have been drawn, however the final date has not been confirmed yet.
- **Social Media (CP)** - Fixtures have been released on social media. Encourage clubs to start working on their ground while the weather is good.
- **Grounds / Facilities (CG)** - Started work on reviewing the ground criteria. This will be a lot of work. **CG will keep GM and PO in the loop as the criteria develops.**
- **Officials (KT)** - There is currently low umpire availability for the first round of the County Cup. KT will keep working on this. Umpires will need handbooks – **SR will liaise with KT to distribute these.** There are nine umpires who are currently willing to be “rain umpires”. These are spread across the county. **KT to direct them to BrP.**
- **LCCC Community report (AH)** - Safe Hands management system has gone live. AH is getting lots of requests to DBS check for team captains, this is positive progress for making the game safer. The return to cricket grant is still open. £70,000 has been received from this fund so far. Clubs can access additional funding from local authorities.
- **LCCDO Report (PO)** - The new LCCDO office has been set up in town and a phone number will be supplied shortly. There has also been development of a website and social media presence. St Oswald Road ground development is still ongoing, and PO will be finding out more information soon. Looking to expand through new initiatives including fundraising, sponsorship, and also offering coaching for kids. There is good work going on with youth development and developing pathways for the future.
- **Premier League (RuS)** - Premier Leagues had an ECB meeting last week. Only 3 junior teams up to U15 are required for this season. There is a need to expand the representation on the committee, this includes at least one female officer. **Kerry the County Safeguarding Officer could be co-opted onto the committee, AH will talk with her about this.**
- **Date / Time of next meeting: Thursday 18th March at 7pm**