



Leicestershire & Rutland Cricket League sponsored by Everards
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Minutes for Exec Meeting
27th February 2020, Banks Road

Nigel Kinch	Brad Peake	Colin Green
Richard French	Sam Rowe	Mark Ward
Roger Stead	Robin Whait	Chris Pople
Paul Whiteman	Keith Towers	Jonny Lawrance-Owen
Andy Hibberd	Pratap Odedra	Ged McDougall

Apologies; None

- **Approval and signing of previous minutes.**
Matters approved.
- **Matters arising;**
 - Charnwood Old Boys have continued to repay their loan as scheduled.
- **Grounds/Facilities**
 - Colin Green has had a good meeting with Charnwood, they are hoping to upgrade their facilities from level 1 to level 3 at Nanpantan.
 - **Nigel Kinch will inquire about a potential ground becoming available at Welbeck College.**
 - Burbage have emailed to say that they are unlikely to be able to get their ground ready for the start of the season. Lots of other clubs are likely to be in the same situation. The start of the season will not be postponed like last year as this caused problems. However teams can rearrange fixtures as outlined in rule 14b. **Chris Pople to remind clubs of this on social media.**
 - **Colin is continuing to work on the new ground rating criteria.**
 - Artificial pitches require players to wear trainers rather than spikes. **Tier Reps to inform the relevant teams to wear trainers. Sam to add to the handbook.**
- **Finance/Grants/Loans**
 - Annual fees are still outstanding from Sapcote and City Cricketers. **Another reminder will be sent and if payment isn't received by Tuesday morning then they will both receive a 25-point deduction to all their teams**
 - Broomleys have an outstanding fine for non-attendance at the AGM.
- **Disciplinary updates**
Nothing to report.
- **League Website/Fixtures**
 - Fixtures have now been generated for the upcoming season. Sapcote have unfortunately got some fixture clashes, they have been informed and can rearrange fixtures accordingly.

- Website – there is an updated page to add results to the website. The fair play system and the new points system have also been added to the website.
 - The website needs to be moved to a more modern server and a security certificate. **Mark Ward to go ahead and start renting the new server and certificate.**
- **Social media**
 - Clubs have been notified about the rules and regs for overseas players.
 - The Shropshire league were incentivising umpires by paying for the course and paying umpires to train (to be paid after 10 games). They are an interesting case study because they are struggling for umpire numbers.
- **Secretary Report**
 - Ged McDougall has volunteered to be interim League Secretary.
 - The Vice Chairman position would likely be best suited to someone already sitting on the committee.
 - The position of Vice Chairman is to be reviewed as it may no longer be necessary.
 - The constitution to be reviewed to include a process for someone taking up the Chairman position.
 - Correspondence from the ECB to be sent to Ged now.
 - Ged can also chair any disciplinary meetings if they occur.
 - **Mark to update the League Secretary details on the website.**
- **Leicestershire CCC Community Team**
 - The League has received an invoice for £8,000 from the ECB which can be paid from the league loan fund initially. This keeps the league grant fund running for the season.
 - There have been ongoing issues with flooded grounds due to wet weather over the winter. The ECB is offering support to affected clubs.
 - The Queniborough planning committee is meeting tonight to decide about the high netting solution. The club may need to rearrange some early season fixtures.
 - Newtown Linford have also had a risk assessment completed to do with the nearby tennis courts.
 - Leicester Teachers are still locked out of their pavilion facilities. A meeting is scheduled with the football club, FA, and ECB to try and resolve the issues.
 - Welfare Officers
 - Countesthorpe and Langtons' Safe Hands accreditation runs out shortly.
 - The Caribbeans Welfare Officer has left the club so they will need to train a new officer within 3 months (courses permitting).
 - In the interim the County Welfare officer can act as the clubs' officer for a limited period of time.
 - County grants scheme is soon to be released; this will replace the ECB small grants scheme. The scope and ethos of this fund will be revealed shortly and the themes will be Creating Welcoming Environments, Playing Opportunities for Women's and Girls Cricket and Sustainable Clubs.
 - Andy Hibberd, Asian Sports and Charnwood Council had a very positive meeting in respect of the Hallam Fields ground.
- **LCCDO Rep**
 - The LCCDO affiliated clubs are pleased with how the divisions have worked for this season.

- Some LCCDO funding was available so this is planned to be used for small grants.
 - New facilities at St Oswald's are looking promising for the future and work is starting soon.
 - Some clubs are interested in taking out long-term leases on grounds and the LCCDO is working with them on this.
- **Umpires**
 - The ACO had a sub-committee meeting recently.
 - The league is chronically short of umpires, including those umpiring in the Premier Division.
 - There is an average of 50-52 umpires available per week.
 - Lots of people have attended courses but are not willing to stand for games on a Saturday.
 - Courses have been running but there has been no interest.
 - Courses will be put on for female umpires, as recommended by the ECB.
 - **The ACO to work on a plan for recruiting new umpires. The League will be very keen to support any ideas, including financially. The Shropshire league case study may be a good area to explore.**
 - If umpires have disciplinary reports or ground reports then they are to be sent directly to Sam Rowe (for disciplinary) and Colin Green (for grounds), cc'ing the League Secretary and relevant Tier Reps.
 - Umpires are encouraged to use the penalty runs system.
 - If clubs want umpires for informal events such as President's Day or charity events then they are asked to contact Keith Towers or Robin Whait first.
- **Tier Rep Reports**
 - There has been a request from Kegworth for an overseas player to play one match. This has been agreed by the committee if he plays in the 3rd team.
- **Chairman**

Nothing to report
- **AOB**
 - Handbook and Rule Changes
 - The handbook usually includes a Chairman's report and stories at the start, this can be removed this time around.
 - The player loans rule to be adjusted as outlined at the AGM.
 - A cap of 4 of loan players per team, until transfer deadline day where it changes to 2 thereafter.
 - The fair play aspect of this will be emphasised to clubs at the ball meeting.
 - Rule 15e to be updated.
 - Proposed Ball meeting date – Thursday 2nd April, TBC pending ball arrival, handbook printing, and room availability.
 - **Ged's contact details to be sent to clubs introducing him as Interim Secretary.**
 - Annual Dinner date will be 30th October 2020.
 - Everards have generously renewed their sponsorship again. This can be celebrated on social media.

Meeting closes: 21:02

Date of next Committee Meeting: 26th March