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**M/C Meeting held at New Brighton CC on Thursday 12th July 2012 at 6.00pm:**

**Present:**

Eric Hadfield (President) John Rotheram (Cricket Chair) Chris Weston (Hon Sec)

Malcolm Barber (Hon Treas) Alan Bristow (Chair C&G) Rob Durand (1st / 2nd XI Fixtures Secretary)

6.05pm

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| **Agenda item** | **Recorded Minutes** |
| **1****Apologies** | * John Williams had given his apologies; he was working away. He had sent detailed comments based on the agenda these appear in these minutes
* EH took the Chair.
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| **2a****Minutes of previous meeting****and****Action Points** | * CW apologised for having omitted MB with a cut and paste from one list of those present at the last meeting. The now corrected June 2012 minutes were to be signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
* The Action Points were considered.
* Action Points: all were taken en passant.
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| **2b****Matters arising** | * Most of these were covered by the agenda and would also be taken en passant as usual.
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| **3 Cricket Chair’s Report** | * *Cricket Committee Minutes JR*
* These had been circulated and were taken as read.
* *M CC update JR*
* The latest M CC meeting had been a disaster; only 4 clubs had turned up. There had been a web site posting. There was no feedback from the remaining clubs. It was repeated that any offer from us to help must now be initiated "the other way round", i.e. the remaining clubs must come to us not us to them as before.
* *3rd XI changes sub Committee composition and operational criteria JW*

JW was very happy to set this up and chair first meeting ( in Sept) * *Skelmersdale proposal re 2013 Cups from Cr Co JW*

This was basically for each Division to have its own cupi.e. there would be 11 separate Cup Competitions. RD suggested that there was perhaps room for a "Plate type competition" after the round robins or the first round of the Embee. This was thought to be a good idea and a sensible suggestion. M/C was surprised by this from Skelmersdale. The feeling had seemed to be that clubs wanted fewer Cup Competitions not more. M/C **unanimously agreed** that (i) this Skelmersdale proposal could go forward to the development group as a 3rd XIs idea together with the M/C suggestion re an Embee Plate Competition (ii) M/C was strongly opposed to it as a crude "Eleven Cups" idea. If Skelmersdale CC wished to propose it to AGM 2013 so be it but M/C would argue against it there.* *N Girvin replacing ML JR*

A notification on the website was needed. MB would do this.* *Date of next Cr Co and clash with Lashings CW.*

After discussion and consideration JR shifted the meeting one day earlier to Monday 30th July also at Bootle at 7.00pm. JR would tell Dave Murphy who would circulate Cr Co. CW would check that this date was acceptable to Bootle CC and notify accordingly. |
| **4****Club & Ground Chair’s Report** | * *C&G Inspections 2012 AB*

JW had no real comments – good work was being done in this area 10 inspections had taken place, 6 more were planned so 16/35 so far. Formby had actively requested their inspection. Those inspected so far had been the ones that were, for a variety of reasons, at a higher level of priority than those of the remaining clubs.Birkenhead Park and Old Xaverians had both expressed a strong wish to be included as part of the PQS assessments system and AB had set this in train for 2012. He would monitor this.* *Ainsdale score board AB*

This had been looked at.* *BHP update AB*

AB and CW had been to BHP about two weeks ago. BHP had successfully applied for and was now in receipt of a £2.5k Local Authority grant. After discussion with AB/CW they would spend this on (i) fixing the roller shutter on the score box, (ii) increasing the provision of sight screens and (iii) repairing their covers. The "new" sight screens were second hand from Stockport CC but serviceable. * *Umps cards marks, second tranche AB*

2 games were not included. CW drew attention to the clear club Best/Worst patterns here as exemplified by the colour/shadings in the papers for this meeting. Several clubs needed a letter either congratulating them or requiring an Action Plan from them with the intention that they improve their marks. CW would write.AB was also continuing to follow up on adverse comments by umpires on their cards and went through a list of examples Maghull and S&B CCs had both sent in interim *captain's marks* on playing surfaces. They were very similar to those of the umpires in the relevant games. This was a real step in the right direction.There would be no surprise that JW remained thoroughly disappointed at the average pitch mark rating still coming out for the Comp overall. He just could not believe that, taken across the 12 Premier grounds and the 35 grounds in total, the overall mark was that low. Through the District and County games he saw (as he knew others did) lots of other grounds. We were simply not the worst and in most cases were better. (Statements around the recent wet weather were a smokescreen). * *Presentation on updated C&G procedures 2013 AB*

AB did not intend to make his full presentation at this meeting; he would do that at the August meeting..Following the C&G sub committee meetings he did however want to raise two points for this meeting to consider. All proposals would need M/C approval and then be put to the clubs at the 2013 AGM for implementation in 2014.Point 1 It was suggested that we should change the wording to 3(e) i.e. in respect of potential "shared sports damage" to playing surfaces.Point 2 It was further suggested that the 24 ECB categories be put into 5 groupings. One of these 5 would be **Playing Surfaces**/Areas; another would be **Ground Equipment**/Machinery. These two categories would account for 60% of the final mark. From 2014 onwards c*lubs that wished to be considered eligible for promotion* would have to achieve an overall pass mark as at present but would also have to achieve compliance in these two categories *as well*. This would stop clubs for example "passing" and being eligible for say the Premier Division based on their car parking spaces etc. In these two categories it was suggested that:For promotion to the Premier Division a club would need a minimum of 64/75 marks i.e. 85% in each of these two categories.For promotion to the First Division a club would need a minimum of 60/75 marks i.e. 80% in each of these two categories.For promotion to the Second Division a club would need a minimum of 56/75 marks i.e. 80% in each of these two categories.A separate meeting/discussion would be needed to discuss these implications.  |
| **5a****Hon Treasurer’s Report** | * *Figures of Account MB*

Were given The interim payment from ECB had been received since the last meeting.* *LCB LCC invoice MB*

All Invoices were paid to date.MB was explicitly congratulated by M/C for "saving" the L&DCC about £500 (!) on the LCB Invoice which was calculated wrongly. MB suspected that the LCB was seldom challenged on their arithmetic.* *Subscriptions2012 MB*

Some clubs had not paid and were being fined as per the regulations.* *Fines EH MB*

These were not up to date as the O2 mobile network was still malfunctioning and Rob Roberts had been unable to keep his data fully up to date.Formby CC's appeal for a reduction in fines after the loss of Mike Leddy had been raised by the club. The matter was discussed and acted upon.* *Dunkley Ball contract CW*

This had been circulated. The offer was discussed. As usual this offer in no way compelled clubs to buy from David Dunkley, clubs were free to buy from whoever they wished. It calculated to a very similar final price to the previous "contract" because the increased sponsorship offset the increased price on Special County Imperial Reader balls. Clubs would need reminding to claim back their Reader ball subsidy which did not apply to Duke balls. It was **agreed** without dissentthat this David Dunkley offer would be accepted. CW would write accordingly.MB suggested looking at Oxbridge balls too. He had come across them as he umpired outside the L&DCC. These balls were well spoken of and used currently by some of the Lancashire Leagues. He had a box of 6 trial balls. * *Insurance renewal MB CW*

There was no sign of the renewal yet, CW had the paperwork from 2011 and would ring them* *TCS update RD*

MB had emailed TCS. MB repeated the importance of a club ringing up TCS if they had no connection and stating to TCS who they were and that they were part of L&DCC who had paid a block subscription. MB felt that his attempt to simplify things upon renewal in 2012 had been thwarted by the computer systems at TCS. It was very disappointing.* *Player of the Month*

MB enquired after this item on the Cr Co agenda. JW had explained to a player when he umpired there how the system worked and he had been happy with the explanation. It was **agreed** that this system should continue. |
| **5b****Website matters** | * **lpoolcomp**

*Gud Design Update progress therewith MB*MB had nothing to add.JW made just a point – within 30 minutes of the LDCC Twitter site tweeting, the June PoM details with a direct link to the website and tagging in the three winning clubs – all three had linked to the LDCC site and re-tweeted messages of congrats to the winners. Powerful – website and twitter working together. * **play-cricket**

*Merging player stats BHP EH CW*BHP CC had successfully carried this out; the player in question now had just one play-cricket number and therefore a single set of statistics. |
| **6****Publicity & Sponsorship Chair’s Report** | * *PoM queries JW MB*

This matter had already been dealt with under item 5. |
| **7****Fixt Sec's Report** | * JW felt that the two Robs and Eric are doing a great job.
* *Cups Comps update RD*

Rob Roberts had had communication difficulties via the O2 network. There was no report from him as such.Cup Fixtures were rolling along.Clubs needed to put rearranged Cup fixtures onto play cricket. Clubs risked being fined if they did not do this. EH would draft something for MB to put on the site as a reminder to them. * *Digman /Chester /Embee 16/20 t20 Finals day RD*

SP v CB CCs in the Chester Cup had been an issue. SP had been instructed to contact CB CC. It was **agreed** that there was some flexibility here as we had a month before the finals but we were not going to change the date of that Final for SP CC for the reasons given.* *League Comps update RD*

3rd XI FWH v Formby was 5 points each as they had run out of re arrangement dates.* *L&DCC t20 Final at NB CC MB CW*

Matters were well in hand at NB CC. The L&DCC t20 Finals was on Sun 15th at NB CC. EH, MB, JW and CW would be going. * *Area Finals ECB t20 at NB CC MB CW*

NB CC was in some ways using the L&DCC Final as a "trial run". CW might have to be in North Wales or Scarborough on ECB duty.* *M CC game JW MB*

MCC U21 game : JW had started putting team together – feelers out (would welcome any suggestions from Committee members) Sorry cannot attend on 6 August (am in Taunton)M/C recommended 3 players.* *Lashings game JW*

Lashings: The team was sorted – it looked like it could be a big successThere was no other report.The clash of dates with Cr Co's next was taken under Items 3 and 12* *Rep sides U13/U15/U17/U21/All Age v Cheshire JW*

U13/U15 – decimated by weather but both age groups due to play on Sunday 12 August |
| **8****Registration Sec's Report** | * *Approaching the closing date*

Many 3rd XI players continued to be registered.EH would draft a reminder to clubs about the closing date for 1st and 2nd XI players being the 31st July for MB to post. He would stress that trying to use 3rd XI players registered legitimately for 3rd XIs any "higher" would be punished according to the "full letter of the law". No circumventions and manipulations would be tolerated; "being short in the 2s this week" was not a good enough reason etc.* *Changes in structure for registration for 2012?*

The matter was discussed again. M/C was not keen on making changes here.  |
| **9****Hon Secretary’s Report** | * *Spring View update CW*

Things seemed to be progressing well; the relevant papers had been circulated to all. CW felt that we had laid out an Action Plan cum time line here that would be usable by any new club joining the L&DCC in the future. It might save work in the future.* *Dates for season 2013 CW EH*

We needed to agree this; we usually did so at this time of year. Using 13th April 2013 was the equivalent date to 2012. It was **agreed** that the 13th April 2013 should be used. |
| **10****LCB / ECB Issues** | * *Rec Committee meeting*

JW had attended his first Recreation Committee Meeting on Monday 9 July. The main issue was the problem experienced this year in getting the LANCS KO games played, not just through weather. Lots of different ideas – LCB are going to look at the rules/guidance for clubs in agreeing fixtures. Leagues asked to notify LCB of the 5 clubs for the KO by no later than 12 October.* *LCB OSCAs reminder*

MB JW and CW were to attend.  |
| **11****AOB** | * *John Isterling*

John was still very unwell. EH had been to see him. CW had already sent a card on our behalf and M/C repeated their best wishes to John and Myra. |
| **12****Date of Next Meeting** | * Cr Co **Mon**  **30**th July Bootle CC 7.00pm
* M/C Thur 9th August Bootle CC 6.00pm
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**The next meeting will be held at Parkfield Liscard CC on Thursday 13th Sept 2012 at 6.00pm.**

**Agenda to include**

**1 Apologies**

**2a Minutes of Previous Meeting & Action Point Items** *to include*

**2b Matters arising** *to include*

**3 Fixt Sec's Report** *to include*

**4 Registration Sec's Report** *to include*

*C&G Inspections 2012*

*Presentation on updated C&G procedures 2013*

**5a Hon Treasurer’s Report** *to include*

*Figures of Account*

*Income/Expenditure*

**5b Website matters** *to include*

**(i) lpoolcomp**

 **(ii) play-cricket**

**6 Publicity & Sponsorship Chair’s Report** *to include*

**7 Cricket Chair’s Report** *to include*

*Cricket Committee Minutes*

**8 Club & Ground Chair’s Report** *to include*

**9 Hon Secretary’s Report** *to include*

**10 LCB / ECB Issues** *to include*

**11 AOB** *to include*

**12 Date of Next Meeting**