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**CRICKET COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING ON 2nd JULY 2013 AT RAINHILL CC**

**Agenda**

1. **Apologies & Roll Call**
2. **Minutes of 4th June 2013**
3. **Matters Arising**
4. **Chairman’s opening remarks**
5. **Matters relating to Fixtures**
6. **Matters relating to Reporting of League/Cup Results and Play-Cricket**
7. **Matters relating to Registration of Players**
8. **Matters relating to 3rd X1s**
9. **Matters relating to Club & Ground**
10. **Matters relating to MCUA**
11. **AOB**
12. **Next Meeting: Tuesday 30th July 2013**

**Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Neil Girvin, Rob Roberts and Jason Ratcliffe.

Present: Cr Co Chair: J J Rotheram; Secretary: D H Murphy; L&DCC President: E Hadfield; L&DCC Chairman: J A Williams; L&DCC Hon Secretary: RC Weston; L&DCC Treasurer: A Bristow; L&DCC Fixture Secretary: R Durand; MCUA: R Rigby

Club Representatives from: Leigh CC; Highfield CC; Formby CC; Ainsdale CC; Sutton CC; Wavertree CC;

**Minutes of 4th June 2013.**

The minutes of the previous Cricket Committee meeting had been circulated and were accepted as a true and correct record.

**Matters Arising.**

JAW reports that the Competition caps have been purchased and worn by the representative sides. A sample was later shown to the committee who voiced their approval of it, particularly as it contained the new sponsor’s logo on it.

In response to a query over the minutes, raised by Ray R, about the use of suspended bans, EH & RCW said that virtually every disciplinary decision this season has had a one week ban and a one week suspended ban implemented. Ray thanked EH for clearing up his misunderstanding.

Ray R also said that the MCUA will discuss the fee in reduced overs knockout games at their end of season meeting.

**Chairman’s opening remarks.**

JJR welcomed everyone to the meeting saying he was glad parking spaces were available tonight! He invited JAW to give an update of the new sponsorship.

2.2 JAW said that a 3 year contract has been agreed and signed at a yearly fee of £4,000 for 3 years with Med Imaging.

2.3 It was felt that the Competition logo including the Liver bird ought to be copyrighted

2.4 Action points are now inserted in the minutes.

2.5 RCW has copies of the Cricket Board Handbook available for Committee members and/or clubs who do not have a copy.

**Matters relating to Fixtures issues.**

3.1 Although not present Rob R had e-mailed an up to date report on the Cups. The Digman and Chester Cups are proceeding well with quarter finals in each to be played. The Embee Trophy is progressing, the club 3rd X1’s receiving his praise as the best organised of the Cups. The ECB t20 has two quarter finals to be decided. The u/16 competition is on target; the u/21 has a preliminary round game outstanding, being played tomorrow, that is holding up progress. Overall everything is running to plan. Ray R said that clubs need to contact Steve Ball if they want umpires appointing to Cup games. RD said the u/21 game between Caldy and Alder had been settled by the toss of a coin in Caldy’s favour.

3.2 RD said the S&B v Fleetwood Hesketh is now set to be played on 4/8/13. Apart from that it is all quiet. JAW took a moment in the proceedings to praise the work done by Steve Ball on the appointments. Ray R then explained the difficulties he and Kevin Wilson encountered getting to the Lytham CC game because of a carnival. He felt that in order to prevent similar occurrences in future years that the club 2nd X1 play at home on Carnival Day as their game starts at 13.45pm. There were no objections to the suggestion. There had been no club notification of the event.

3.3 JAW began by saying the caps would be presented to the squads involved in the u/12, u/14, u/17 & u/21 teams He went on to say that the u/14’s have 2 home games on 14/7 & 28/7 to be arranged subject to ground availability; he asked Formby CC and Wavertree CC if they would be prepared to host the fixtures, as the other clubs represented tonight had already or would host junior games. They will liaise with him. The Isle of Man Touring games are arranged. The u/21 game v MCC will be captained by Ian Robinson (Ormskirk CC) as an over age player.

**Matters relating to reporting of Results; League, Cup and Play-Cricket.**

4.1 JAW said the web site has been updated to include a Club Notice Board news section where announcements for club functions can be placed. Clubs wishing to advertise an event will need to contact the site administrators with the details.

4.2 There has been no change in the TCS usage by clubs. It was felt that the block booking of licences is not working and will need to be looked at afresh at the end of the season.

4.3 EH has encountered a couple of problems with points claimed in ‘no decision’ games where more than 15 overs have been bowled in the second innings; he will keep an eye on such games when the result sheet is available.

**Matters relating to Registration of Players.**

There were no outstanding matters relating to Player Registration.

**Matters relating to 3rd X1’s.**

6.1 Goodlass CC and Merseyside Cultural CC have 2 months to get their insurance set up.

6.2 Orrell Red Triangle CC is to be asked for details of their AGM proposal about fines. A discussion ensued led by Ray R about the level and appropriateness of fines; a Working Party was suggested to meet and discuss fines in general.

6.3 The eligibility of Mike Bowe (Birkenhead St Mary’s CC) to play 1st and 3rd team cricket was called in to doubt on age grounds (he was u/19, not u/18 @ 1/9/12). Playing Regulation Rule7.6 was broken and the appropriate penalties will apply for the games in question.

**Matters relating to Club and Ground.**

AB has been following up comments on the report cards with the clubs involved.

St Helens Town CC have been informed The Meadow will not be used from 2014; that the Ruskin Drive drainage is to be improved, but the Windleshaw Road ground continues to receive bad marks.

A Pitch Quality Survey will be carried out at Spring View CC in the near future.

**Matters relating to MCUA.**

Ray R was pleased to report that there has been a 100% return of the captains’ cards so far.

The subject of moving sightscreens during play had been discussed because, traditionally, the fielding side does it. But in some games were the bowler is constantly changing sides for a left/right hand combination it becomes a time wasting situation, when the solution is to have the batting side station a couple of players by the screen. Can an instruction be issued stating so?

It was drawn to Ray’s attention that the umpire cards returned do not always indicate whether 2 scorers were present as it is a fineable offence. It would be brought to the umpires’ attention.

**Any Other Business.**

9.1 AB was happy to announce that ALL clubs have now paid their yearly subscription.

9.2 EH said that fines had totalled £1900, but would more than likely be over £2000 now.

9.3 See 9.1

9.4 Nothing further to add.

9.5 The close proximity of Sefton Park’s boundary railings to the playing area were a cause for concern as there had been two injuries recently. A letter is to be sent asking that the boundary be brought in by a metre to prevent any further happenings.

9.6 and 9.7 The Spirit of Cricket and Club & Ground marks will be put on the web site monthly.

9.8 RCW drew people’s attention to the LCB OSCA’s on 19/7/13. The notice is on the web site.

9.9 RCW urged completion of the LCB/ECB Player Survey at club level.

9.10 As the only Premier League within the LCB, they take an interest in the level of player retention within the League by clubs and adult participation at various levels including women’s leagues.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

The next meeting is at Bootle CC on 30/07/13, starting at 7pm