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**CRICKET COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING ON 26th FEBRUARY 2013 AT VICTORIA PUB, RAINHILL**

**Agenda**

1. **Apologies & Roll Call**
2. **Minutes of 29th January 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 26th March 2013**

 **Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Ray Rigby, Alan Bristow, Rob Roberts and Jason Ratcliffe.

Present: Cr Co Chair: J J Rotheram; Secretary: D H Murphy; L&DCC Player Registration: N Girvin

L&DCC Fixture Secretary: R Durand; L&DCC Hon Secretary: R C Weston; L&DCC President: E Hadfield; L&DCC Chairman: J A Williams; Hugh Evans (MCUA)

Club Representatives: Elliot Ketteringham (Formby CC); Martin Gaskell (Highfield CC); Derek Ainscough (Leigh CC); Mike Rimmer (Sutton CC); Matt Nation (Wavertree CC)

**Minutes of 29th January 2013.**

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

**Matters Arising.**

There were no matters arising.

**Chairman’s opening remarks.**

JAW announced that Bridging Finance Solutions had decided not to renew their sponsorship of the League after 6 years support. The search now begins for a new sponsor. A finance company have expressed their interest (through Shaun Anders).

**Matters relating to Fixtures issues.**

5.1 Huyton Sports Club ground will not be ready in the foreseeable future due to the work needed to bring it to an acceptable state. Other avenues have been explored (e.g. using Whitefield CC or Northern CC) but the former were unable to help and Huyton SC appeared to have dragged their feet in deciding on the Northern CC offer. An urgent reply (within 2 weeks) should be sought from Huyton SC on the offer from Northern CC; if nothing received, then their membership application should be treated as withdrawn. RCW will write to advise Huyton SC of the situation.

5.2 JAW said the cost of the work to upgrade the drainage of Ruskin Drive has been priced at £67.5K; the club have the local Council and the LCB involved in the attempt to fund the work. It is unlikely that the work will be done before the start of the season and an attempt to play this year at Windleshaw Road is being investigated, but the proposition has not been accepted by the Windleshaw Road club committee yet. The Cricket Committee felt that a decision should be reached by 15/3/13 (or by 22/3/13 at the absolute latest) to enable the rest of the teams playing in the respective divisions to be put in the picture. RCW will write to advise the club of the time frame involved.

5.3 The final number of clubs competing in the T20 competition is not known – HE thought the final entry date had passed. RCW will check and if it is not too late, will ask for any late entries to be submitted.

5.4 There have been no further fixture amendment requests per RD

5.5 JAW said the adult Isle of Man touring fixtures are not arranged yet however the u/17 fixtures are from 16/7/13 v Wallasey, Liverpool & Alder. Following the success of last years League representative u/17 fixture v Lancs u/15 at Wigan CC, it will be repeated this year. Shaun Anders has volunteered to coach the u/17 team and his offer is accepted.

5.6 RD drew attention to a request from Caldy to move their home Ray Digman Trophy games; the solution is that they concede home advantage and play the fixtures at Highfield CC and Wigan CC; the 2nd X1 games can be played at Glasspool. The Cricket Committee were in agreement.

5.7 JAW will put notices on the website about the u/16 and u/21 games.

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

6.1 The league letterhead has been changed to reflect the absence of a sponsor; similarly, the Play Cricket website will need changing, as will the main site.

6.2 The fixtures are on the site.

6.3 There is nothing further to add about the planned update to Play Cricket.

6.4 EH has arranged to meet with the ARS’s before next month’s Cricket Committee meeting.

6.5 NG has arranged 2 TCS training courses; on 17/3/13 at Bootle CC from 1pm to 4pm and 24/3/13 at Wigan CC at the same time. Spring View CC wants to purchase a second TCS computer for the club scorers. RD has obtained the 36 licences for the clubs.

**Matters relating to Registration of Players.**

NG has now taken over player registration. The player transfers between clubs and the overseas player registrations are the only matters that will need attention as the season approaches.

The registration forms are being updated for immediate use.

**Matters relating to 3rd X1’s.**

8.1 Liverpool CC has fixtures on the first and last two weekends of the season that will clash with Rugby fixtures on the 3rd X1 ground.

8.2/3 It has also come to light that clashes have occurred with S&DACL fixtures featuring Merseyside Commonwealth CC and our Goodlass CC, and Prescot Odyssey CC, who rent their 3rd X1 pitch to Dalton CC and our Wavertree CC. In both instances, it has become known too late in the day to even consider making fixture alterations.

8.4 The Embee Trophy final is confirmed as being at Liverpool CC

**Matters relating to Club and Ground.**

Rob R is now co-opted to the Cricket Committee as the Club & Ground Chairman.

 **Matters relating to MCUA.**

 HE (deputising for Ray R) said they should have 3 or 4 new umpires to officiate this year from the

 16 that attended the recent course.

 The only Law Change being introduced from October 2013 is the ‘no ball’ signal when a bowler

 breaks the wicket in his delivery stride. HE recommends that we leave well alone for this season.

 RCW has agreed to be the Disciplinary Secretary replacing Malcolm Barber.

 HE felt that the individual club captains ought to be strongly reminded about completion of the

 Umpire’s Report Card which fell below the 100% success rate MCUA achieved for the Ground

 Report Card return.

 **Any Other Business.**

* The information to be contained in this years Handbook is that which is currently on the website. It is planned to pass that information to the printer by 28/2/13.
* AB had left finance details with DHM in his absence: Wigan CC have not cashed their outstanding cheque; St Helens Town CC league debt is £410; the IOM teas cost will be met by Competition funds; the TCS computers and the training costs will be met likewise; and the Live Update facility of £12 per club per annum will be met by the league BUT the clubs will be billed for it in their end of season settlement account, whether they use it or not.
* HE said MCUA propose to let some of their newer members officiate in Sunday 3rd X1 Premier League fixtures to gain experience – they have 5 interested parties to date – a proposed expenses fee of £25 - £30 is suggested.
* EH said that slight changes have been made to the Club & Ground card for use this season.
* The next meeting is at Bootle CC on 26/3/13, starting at 7pm
* The meeting closed at 8.58pm