**L&DCC CrCo Meeting: Monday 20th February 2017**

**1. Chair's Opening Remarks**

1.1.Introduction and Welcome.

1.1.1. Sixteen delegates were present, viz J.Rotherham (Chair) J.Williams (L&DCC Chair) C.Weston (L&DCC Sec) R.Durand (L&DCC Fix/Reg Sec) A.Bristow (L&DCC Treasurer) EJ.Shiff (L&DCC 3rd XI Co-ordinator) J.Broad (SV) C.Daniels (SPk) J.Dodd (Glass) C.Firth (S&B) GC Jenkins (Minutes) P.McCann (Skem) P.O’Brien (Wav) J.Pearson (Rain) R.Rigby (MCUA) K.Wilson (MCUA). JR welcomed said delegates who introduced themselves 'around the table’.

1.1.2. AGREED that all future meetings should be on Mondays at Bootle CC starting at 7pm.

1.1.3. Terms of reference duly NOTED. (Appendix 1 refers).

1.1.4. Code of Conduct TABLED and NOTED. Importance of Disclosure of Personal Interests duly HIGHLIGHTED.

1.1.5. Attendance of Associate Members at CrCo NOTED. Welcome extended to JD (Delegate Goodlass CC).

1.1.6. Sponsorship details REPORTED (JW).

1.1.6.1 L&DCC will now have the ascribed prefix 'Liverpool Gin’, with the three year deal involving financial support and the provision of mineral water for players and spectators.

1.1.6.2. Icon Sports and Scorpion Cricket have become 'Sponsor Partners’, with the former providing a £50 voucher for each Player of The Month award, plus a discount on shirts.

1.1.1.6.3. Thanks RECORDED to JW and EH for their expertise and commitment in securing new sponsors/sponsor partners.

**2. Apologies and Roll Call**

2.1.Apologies received from E.Hadfield, I.Harrison, R.Jansen.

2.2. Minutes of Previous Meeting AGREED as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

2.3. REPORTED (CW) that matters detailed under AGM Proposal 27 were not resolved as Chair chose not to proceed following extensive debate regarding Proposal 26.

2.3.1. NOTED that Proposal 27 will be tabled at PSEGM for resolution.

**3. Fixtures**

3.1. NOTED that any 'special circumstances' relating to 1st/2nd XI League games would require notification by 31/05, with CrCo being updated at March meeting

3.1.1. NOTED that Lytham v Southport and Birkdale now resolved.

3.1.2. REPORTED (CW) that having missed relevant submission date Burscough have requested permission to approach Prestatyn regarding a change of date due to a charity event being held on their ground.

3.1.2.1. AGREED approach can be made to Prestatyn re potential rearrangement.

3.2. REPORTED (EJS) that 3rd XI TBAs have been largely resolved.

3.3. REPORTED (CW) that all Cup Draws effected and posted.

3.4. NOTED that Ray Digman Cup posted as in 3.3.

3.5. NOTED that Ray Tyler Cup posted as in 3.3.

3.5.1. REPORTED (CW) that Caldy have been notified that the complaint lodged against Northop Hall will not be upheld.

3.5.2. NOTED that Northop Hall duly included in the competition.

3.6. NOTED that 33 clubs have entered the ECB T/20 and that draw posted as in 3.3.

3.7. NOTED that Chester Cup draw posted as in 3.3.

3.8. NOTED that Tittershill Cup draw posted as in 3.3.

3.9. NOTED that Chrysalis Cup details posted as in 3.3 and that the late entry from Leigh has not been accepted.

3.10. NOTED that Leddy Cup draw posted as in 3.3.

3.11. NOTED that Embee Cup draw posted as in 3.3

3.12. REPORTED that all Premier League clubs have been entered in the ECB/LCB U19 ko, although concerns have been expressed that some may not be able to raise sides. A report is in hand.

3.13. Schedule of Representative fixtures TABLED and NOTED. Home venues still being sought.

3.13.1. REPORTED (JW) that selection will be by recommendation, although U12s/U14s will have to play at district level.

3.13.2. NOTED that at least one player from a host club will always be included in the team at all age groups.

3.14. REPORTED that the Winter League, in which there appears to be little interest, requires a complete rethink due to ongoing financial losses.

**4. Reporting of Results**

4.1. REPORTED (CW) that as TCS have been taken over by Cric HQ there will be a change in Playcricket tables. In addition 'live update' will no longer function. By way of response ECB have constructed an App (live at 20/02) and may build their own Playcricket interface.

**5. Player Registration**

5.1. REPORTED (RD) that 13 registrations have been received and that despite potential difficulties with the 'managed migration' of overseas players matters are in hand.

5.1.1. NOTED that a new ECB form, relating to all overseas players, will be uploaded onto the website.

5.1.2. NOTED that Tier 5 players will be guaranteed access although those on certain visas cannot be paid.

5.1.3. NOTED that throughout the season ECB will be conducting visitor visa spot checks.

5.1.4. NOTED that club Chairs will be required to sign a 'non-payment' statement for given overseas players. Any breach will constitute a criminal offence with said signatory facing a fine of £20k.

5.2. REPORTED (JW) that following a 'dual registration' request from S&DACL consideration is being given to the formulation of a 'loan system' between leagues. This will potentially apply only in the northern area covered by L&DCC and will be tabled for later discussion.

**6. Third Elevens**

6.1. Fixture related matters previously documented under 3.2

6.2. NOTED (EJS) that Birkenhead St.Mary's and Norley Hall despite their 'non-active' status remain Associate Members of the L&DCC.

**7. Club and Ground**

7.1. NOTED that C&G Sub-Committee is currently inactive due to the lack of a Chair.

7.2. NOTED that EH will be conducting structured 'rolling programme' visits.

**8. MCUA**

8.1. REPORTED that there had been a poor response to umpire training courses with those at New Brighton and Bootle yielding only a small number of new candidates. In consequence ,and in light of the declining numbers of existing umpires, it may not be possible to allocate umpires for Division 2 fixtures.

8.1.1. NOTED that clubs need to encourage their members to undertake umpire training.

8.1.2. NOTED that Revised Laws, already operative in the southern hemisphere will come into effect in the northern hemisphere as from 01/04. This will require additional training.

8.1.3. Congratulations RECORDED to Ted Williams (Sefton Park) who has completed a Level I umpire training course, having recorded a mark of 98%.

8.1.4. NOTED (KW), by way of clarification, that MCUA were responsible for the appointment of umpires only. Training is the responsibility of ECB/ECB/ACO.

8.1.5. NOTED (JW) that earlier starts, which would facilitate umpires returning home at a more civilised hour, which combined with the increased fee of £45, may encourage higher levels of recruitment.

8.1.6. NOTED (PMc) that approaches should be made to unemployed individuals (i.e. ‘Doleys’), who would welcome the fee of £45, to train as umpires. (See Appendix 2) *Outwith this meeting this comment was referred to Management Committee*

8.1.7. Vote of thanks RECORDED to RR who will be standing down from CrCo after ten years’ service. KW will replace him as from the march meeting.

**9. Welfare**

9.1. NOTED (CW) that clubs will be notified via a website posting, the need to provide full and accurate lists of relevant individuals and of the importance of updating appropriate certification.

**10. AOB**

10.1. REPORTED that Captains meeting scheduled for 06/04, with agenda to be decided at next meeting.

10.2. REPORTED (AB) that accounts are in order.

10.2.1. NOTED that orders for pink balls received from eight clubs.

10.2.2. Thanks RECORDED to AB who will be standing down as Treasurer as from October 2017.

10.3. NOTED that new ECB Clubmark website is operative as at 20/02.

10.4. NOTED that issues regarding TCS documented under 4.1.

10.5. NOTED that handbooks are currently in print.

10.6. NOTED that report re Managed Migration has been tabled.

10.7. NOTED that S&DACL Junior Divisions are having administrative difficulties.

10.8. Standardisation of rules and regulations ratified by LCB CrCo January 2017 meeting duly NOTED

**11. Next Meeting**

Monday 13th March, Bootle CC, 7pm.

***Addendum: L&DCC Improvement Grants***

**1. Declarations of Interest**

GC Jenkins, EJ Shiff, R.Rigby, K.Wilson, EJ Shiff and K.Wilson left meeting. GC Jenkins remained in order to take minutes.

**2. Background and Context**

(a) Applications were considered from eight clubs, within a budget of £1500.

(b) Successful clubs will be required to submit statements/invoices to provide evidence of completed work.

(c) Smaller applications will be easier to report/monitor.

(d) Previous awards were directed at achieving maximum benefit.

**3. Allocation Scenarios**

Four scenarios were considered, viz:

(i) EIGHT awards of £400.

(ii) FIVE awards of £300, to exclude those clubs requesting £1,000 or more (i.e. Alder, Highfield and Liverpool)

(iii) NINE awards of £300, to include Wigan.

(iv) SIX awards covering 50% of the amount requested, to include Wigan and to exclude those clubs detailed in (ii).

**4. Resolution**

Following rigorous examination of the scenarios documented above it was agreed, nem con, to make awards to Fleetwood Hesketh, Maghull, New Brighton, Rainford, Wallasey and Wigan as detailed in (iv) and totalling £1392.90. This allocation satisfies both budgetary and maximum benefit criteria. It was also agreed to donate any non-allocated monies (i.e. £1,500.00 - £1,392.90) to the 'Opening Up' charity.

***Appendix 1***

***Cricket Committee***

**1. Delegates**

(i) Members of Management Committee.

(ii) Representatives of seven clubs (i.e. six Full Members and one Associate Member).

(iii) MCUA Representative.

(iv) Welfare Officer

(v) 3rd XI Co-ordinator

(vi) Minutes Secretary

**2. Roles and Responsibilities**

(i) To meet on a monthly basis and prior to Management Committee.

(ii) To feed ideas, issues and information into Management Committee.

(iii) To deal with difficulties relating to fixtures and disputed results.

(iv) To deal with extraordinary registrations and other eligibility issues***.***

***Appendix 2***

***Recruitment of Umpires 8.1.6***

(i) Subsequent research indicated that to offer any form of payment to individuals in receipt of out of work benefits could be interpreted as an incitement to break the law. It was therefore potentially illegal, both in terms of donor and recipient.

(ii)The suggestion would be discussed by Management Committee and formally raised at the next Cr Co meeting under Matters Arising.