

ANTHONY AXFORD BOLTON CRICKET LEAGUE

MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT TONGE C.C.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 26th 2017

Present: Mr F Hinks (President); Mr J Hutchinson (Chairman); Mr P Andrews (Vice Chairman)

Mr R Taylor (Secretary) and 17 Clubs

Apologies were received from: Mrs K Knott; Mr D Morris and Little Hulton CC

It was noted there were no apologies from Atherton CC and Daisy Hill CC

Presentation 'Club Lancashire':

Jonathan, Head of Cricket Sales at LCCC gave a short but informative presentation about 'Club Lancashire'. The idea was to engage more with LCB affiliated clubs. Tickets for clubs would be available – 6 were for the 3rd day of the Test against South Africa and there would be 20 for the T20 Blast (excluding Fridays). A signed bat would be given. There was a link to the LCCC website and if anyone makes a booking it earns commission for your club. The idea is that it is a funder raiser for clubs. What each club does with the tickets is up to them – auction them off, raffle them etc. There would be a hospitality box for any county or one day game free of charge but refreshments would not be included. Club Lancashire would cost £250 and would be membership for your club. Commission (10%) would be based on number of tickets sold. Payment would be sent at the end of September or as appropriate. The aim of Club Lancashire is to allow clubs to make some money. It might be a good opportunity to entertain sponsors/potential sponsors.

The Chairman thanked Jonathan for his attendance.

The minutes of the BCL January meeting were approved and signed after an amendment of the Vice Chairman asking for his name to be included as one of the officials mentioned along with the President, Chairman and Secretary.

Pre season friendlies – please let Tracy Brooks know if you arrange any.

CricHQ – all fixtures are now on. A few minor issues are being addressed. A reminder to scorers that training is planned for March 30th with first team scorers at 6.30 p.m. and second team and any who cannot make the 6.30 session at 8.00 p.m. A cheque for £1000 was now needed to pay for CricHQ. Warwick Milne to organise this. There would be another update at the March meeting (27th).

Fantasy cricket – meeting with Neil Bonnar (Bolton News) to be arranged. The Chairman and Secretary to organise.

The Handbook for 2017 season – Mike Buckley asked for any obituaries to be sent to him as soon as possible but no later than March 10th. Frank Massey, Tony Stewart, Tony Axford, Walter Gill and Clive Knott were mentioned. The Secretary will organise those going into the Bolton News.

There were currently 40 adverts in the handbook and the handbook will need to be slimmed down. An advert costs £50 and few actually paid for an advert. If anyone wishes to put an advert in the handbook for 2017 season, please contact Mike Buckley.

It was asked if the handbook could be proof read before going to print as it acted as the source of all information for BCL cricket.

Indoor competition – FSCCC were playing in the semi finals on Sunday March 5th at 12.30 and this would be part of the Northern final and be held at Derbyshire CCC. Should they win the final is at Lord's.

Finance – The Chairman had invoiced Clubs for match balls. The cost was £13,440 for senior balls and £3984 for junior balls. March 15th is the deadline for payment. **Payment was to be in full.** Some clubs paid by Standing Order – Horwich, FSCCC, Tonge and Astley Bridge.

Some clubs still owe the League money. There had been a slight problem with Eagley due to a change of Treasurer and an invoice was needed for them. Kearsley, Daisy Hill, Darcy Lever Farnworth and Lostock had now paid in full and, Adlington, and Blackrod were due to pay. The Chairman thanked clubs for helping to sort this out.

Sponsorship – The Chairman is to meet with Martin Axford and is hopeful of a satisfactory outcome. With 20 clubs in the League, more from the sponsor was hoped.

There was £2000 in the bank and £1000 was due to be paid to CricHQ. No sponsor money had yet come in.

Warburtons had been approached but were unable to help with funding for lap tops. BCL to look at other sources. In the meantime clubs were advised to wait until the March meeting. The Chairman suggested that clubs might hold on until March 10th when he was due to meet Martin Axford. He would report back about the outcome of their discussion.

Umpires – March 21st there would be an introduction to scoring and this would cost £10. At Astley Bridge CC for £40 for four nights – March 28th, April 4th, April 11th and April 18th would see further scorers courses. Please book with David Heap.

A letter had been received from Mrs Knott thanking everyone for their emails, cards and donations to Parkinsons following Clive's death.

Umpires for the 2017 season – Mr Wiseman said he hoped all first team matches would have two umpires and he would do his very best to cover all second team matches but there were still umpires availability sheets to come in to him.

Junior cricket – Mr Buckley informed those present that the junior fixtures were now out. The Cricket Development group were holding sessions at Smithills School for Under 11's. A £100 deposit was required but this would be returnable.

Summer football – this was definitely going ahead. Please be aware of pressure placed on junior players for both sports. Fixtures for football should be on the BBDJFL web site.

Registrations – Fida Hussain (Little Hulton) had signed as their professional for the 2017 season and would play in the second division. Atherton need to register their professional please. There had been nine transfers since January 9th. Please inform Tracy Brooks of all transfers.

Adverts for clubs to join the BCL – Mr Taylor to place adverts in various papers as appropriate. Plans had changed due to costs involved.

A.O.B.

- Flixton CC were looking for a friendly match over the weekend of April 15th/16th. Any club interested should let the Chairman know. The match would be at Flixton. It was noted this was Easter weekend.
- The Chairman had met with a GMCL club and another club were looking at a variety of possibilities for the future.
- It was asked if a club signed an overseas professional, they should inform Neil Bonnar at the Bolton News

The next meeting would be Monday March 27th at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Chairman:

Date: