

## **BOLTON CRICKET LEAGUE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD AT TONGE C.C. ON NOVEMBER 28<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 7.45 p.m.**

**Apologies** were received from Little Lever CC and Daisy Hill CC.

Those present stood for a minute's silence in memory of Tony Axford.

**The minutes** of the October meeting were approved and signed.

### **Matters arising:**

☑ Cricket Development – JH had written to the Bolton Council to say that all Bolton Cricket League clubs were available for community use

☑ Summer football – this was to start in 2017 and it was hoped both parties would work to ensure the best outcome for the players. Good communication was essential

☑ CricHQ – an update was given as follows:-

- Currently 255 of the Senior League fixtures have been entered
- All club's basic set ups have been produced
- All match types have been set up – these are easily amended for rule changes
- Umpires list will possibly be entered in the near future
- Mike Buckley is sorting out to get player information from iteammate for CricHQ to enter all registered and approved players from last season (both Senior and Junior). We are expecting this imminently!
- Club administrator training has been arranged for the end of January 2017 and scorer training has been pencilled in for two dates (Thursdays) in March. With a possible extra training course at the end of April
- 1<sup>st</sup> teams – home team to score game on CricHQ and home team responsible for uploading result after game is finished. Away scorer to score game with book. Although it is envisaged many home scorers will probably want to do both CricHQ and book
- Captains' marks for umpires to be input into CricHQ system
- Currently looking at ground's reports options with CricHQ system
- Tracey has been requesting IT information from clubs to ascertain who is going to require more advice
- Shortly a request will go out to all clubs for their nominated CricHQ administrator so these can also be set up
- It is envisaged the Steering Group will be able to offer one to one support to assist club administrators/clubs with training and advice/support in using the system after the initial January training
- John Hutchinson is looking into possible sponsorship options towards costs for clubs. More details to follow

- Ian Pilkington is looking into the various options for scoring the CricHQ matches. These include ipads/kindles/tablets etc. We are proposing to restrict the use of mobile phones for scoring the matches – too much risk of things going wrong and younger scorers messing with their personnel phones. More details on costs to follow shortly

- For clubs wishing to integrate the CricHQ platform into their websites, we will have more details in the new year. Similarly for clubs wishing to display live match data in the club about either the current game at their ground or the others matches taking place in the league – we will have support in helping club's implement this

- The target date for full working system is 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 so club's can be in a position to use the system for pre season friendlies and the Peter Stafford Trophy before the full league programme begins (this should help iron out any flaws in the system)

- A further progress update will be made sat the AGM in December

☐ LCB movement/clubs – meeting with LCB officials had been requested. Three representatives had been suggested – Bobby Denning, Paul Bryson and Bob Hinchcliffe. The date was to be December 12<sup>th</sup>.

☐ At the LCB Recreation sub Committee meeting in October, after both the Greater Manchester and Lancashire Leagues had indicated they would be interested in recruiting more clubs, the Bolton League Secretary said that unless leagues collectively agreed to maintain the status quo, they would be advertising for new clubs

☐ Insurance – deferred to next meeting

**Umpires information** – umpires course starting January 17<sup>th</sup> at ABCC at 7.30 p.m. for 8 weeks. £40. Further details on the website. New umpires were needed for the 2017 season and, sadly, five current umpires were quite seriously ill.

Clive Knott, who had been nominated for the Hubert Pendlebury award sent his thanks for being nominated. David Heap is recovering well after his heart attack.

**Indoor competition** – the draw was given to all clubs. If clubs wished to opt out they could do so before December 12<sup>th</sup>. FSCCC were in action at the Indoor Centre at Old Trafford on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Support would be welcome.

**Finance** – the Treasurer informed those present that the accounts were due and would be signed off. There was still the dinner to be paid for (£3900) and Readeys (£2300). He asked for every club to send £200 to cover costs of League dinner and trophies. Some clubs present asked for itemised invoices before monies could be paid. JH and TB to put invoices

together for Atherton; Blackrod; Daisy Hill; Darcy Lever; Eagley; Golbourne; Horwich; Little Hulton; Westhoughton and Lostock.

**T 20 fixtures** – was 4 groups of 5 and then after some discussion it was suggested 5 groups of 4 playing each other twice (h) and (a). A vote was taken that 4 clubs in a group was the best option. 13 were in favour and 3 were against. Clubs would be allowed two weeks to discuss this and a final vote would be taken at the AGM.

**League presentation** – the Chairman thanked Mike Buckely for his efforts in organising the event. It was noted that Atherton CC and Heaton CC were not represented. The presentation for 2017 was being planned and there seemed to be three possible venues – Bolton Town Hall, Bolton School and Bolton University. Tickets were usually £20 and the thoughts were along the lines of what would we get for £20? Further investigation was to be carried out.

**Additional clubs in the BCL** – a 3 man sub committee will look into this. Any significant developments will be notified to all clubs. The Secretary went through his draft proposal for 2017. This was as follows:-

☐ At the end of the 2017 season a minimum of two clubs will be promoted from the Association division in both first and second teams

☐ A maximum of two teams will be relegated from the Premier divisions. All will be based solely on league positions and definitive numbers will be known after 30<sup>th</sup> June

☐ A three man sub committee will be established for the sole purpose of recruiting new clubs. This will comprise the Chairman, with the Vice Chairman acting as his deputy, plus two players or recently retired players known to clubs outside the BCL.

☐ The sub committee will keep the League Committee updated on a confidential basis (not minuted), at each League meeting. Between meeting League Officials and one member of each club, relevant information will be given as appropriate

☐ The sub committee may negotiate with any club within 45 minutes of St. Peters way, Bolton. Above this travel time would require the permission of the League Committee

☒ If there has been a lack of progress by the May BCL meeting, the sub committee will be given additional powers to negotiate with clubs

☒ A club's second team will be placed relative to their own league position

**Fantasy cricket** – it was suggested this be re-opened. Neil Bonnar (Bolton News) implied he might be able to get a sponsor. A MVP could be generated based on each match. There would be free entry and a monetary prize for the winner. 5 players from the Premier Division, 5 from the Association and 1 professional (11 in all) would be allowed and “your team” would be yours for the season. **This is to be discussed again at January's meeting.**

**Hamer Cup** – the first round would be as follows:

FSCCC v LOSTOCK

ASTLEY BRIDGE v LITTLE LEVER

LITTLE HULTON v EAGLEY

TONGE v KEARSLEY

All the other clubs had a bye.

The BIRTWISTLE CUP would see the reverse off these fixtures.

**Rule changes** – Mike Buckley and Karen Knott had looked at the information returned by the clubs regarding proposed rule changes for 2017. All proposed changes were carried EXCEPT:-

☒ Rule 13 (b)

☒ Rule 26 (c)

☒ Rule 26 (d)

For the Junior league – delete rule 14 failed; Under 18 failed

All those proposed rule changes passed tonight go to the AGM where clubs have two votes each.

**A.O.B.**

☒ The President gave a vote of thanks to Warwick Milne for his work as Treasurer

☒ Cross Cup – the Chairman had been approached by the Bolton and District Association and it was decided not be involved

☒ The Chairman asked if clubs would consider hosting a LCB Deaf team for friendly matches. The standard was 3<sup>rd</sup> team level

☒ The meeting with the LCB on December 12<sup>th</sup> was to be conducted appropriately and positively

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40 p.m.

Chairman: ..... Date: .....