

Minutes of the Bolton Cricket League monthly committee meeting

held at Tonge CC on Monday June 26th at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr J Hutchinson (Chairman), Mr R Taylor (Secretary) and 17 clubs

Apologies were received from Mr F Hinks (President), R. Blagg (Eagley) and Mrs P Aspinall (Golborne)

It was noted there were no apologies from Daisy Hill or Darcy Lever.

There was a minute's silence in memory of Mr Ernie Johnson after Mrs Knott had said a few words about Ernie – he was a well respected umpire, he helped train umpires, he had been in both the Bolton Association and the BCL. He was someone who had much knowledge of all sorts of cricketing matters. He will be greatly missed.

Minutes of the May meeting: these had been distributed.

There was an amendment to the rules for the Hamer Cup in that they would be the same as the Peter Stafford trophy. The Birtwistle Cup would be the same rules as the Stafford Shield.

There was £8500 owing from our various sponsors and invoices would be sent as soon as possible. The Chairman amended these in the previous minutes.

Matters arising:

- all clubs had sorted their Public Liability Insurance
- cricket balls – decision for next season was needed. Still problems with current balls being used in the BCL. However, the Dukes ball lasted well but was more expensive
- the Under 18's would use the spare cricket balls the Secretary had brought for the Under 18's cup. 6 for the first games; 4 for the semi finals and 2 for the final
- the Development group would meet and discuss the matter further
- BCL web site – work still on going. Access to officers of the BCL was still not available. This was to be arranged in the near future. It was noted the results go on automatically
- Overseas players – one player in Lancashire had been banned from playing by the ECB who were going through all cricket clubs to check whether players were eligible to play
- Finance – outstanding monies still to be paid. Bank statements had been received from the bank recently. Daisy Hill still owed £215 and Darcy Lever had an invoice waiting for them. Little Hulton still owed a small amount. Overall, the BCL was in a better position than a few months ago as clubs had paid.

- Bank balance £12, 251 – 71 but Tifflex invoice was £10,000 but sponsors invoices were about to be sent out (£8500 in total) and the BCL will wait for payment from the various sponsors.
- It was noted the LCB also had to be paid

Registrations:

- 6 clubs had not registered players correctly
- Deadline June 30th
- Junior players in the main were the ones not registered
- Penalties to be levied after June 30th
- Scorers need to search carefully for players
- Contact Tracey if help needed
- Captain's reports for June 17th had been 100%. Please keep this up! Reminders sent for outstanding reports

The Chairman thanked Tracey for all her hard work

Grade of professionals to be checked. Discussion for 2018 season was to take place regarding professionals missing matches. Rule may need amending.

Competitions:

- 3 problems had been dealt with.
- Matches – if cancelled it was sometimes required that clubs reimburse the club they would have played. Atherton were to pay the League £50 and Heaton £50 which had been done. It was agreed the cost to stage a match was about £150.
- Junior matches were also being cancelled at the last minute. The Junior Committee would discuss this at their next meeting

Hamer Cup draw:

Horwich v FSCCC Westhoughton v Walkden

Birtwistle Cup draw:

FSCCC v Little Hulton Farnworth v Heaton

Peter Stafford draw (1st teams):

Heaton v Adlington Daisy Hill v Westhoughton

Walkden v Bradshaw Kearsley v Horwich

Stafford Shield draw (2nd teams):

FSCCC v Heaton Westhoughton v Lostock

Bradshaw v Eagley Little Hulton v Farnworth

THE DATES FOR THESE MATCHES WILL BE SUNDAY JULY 30th

The T20 will be drawn on Tuesday June 27th at ABCC at 9.00 p.m. If weather is bad, bowl out then toss of a coin – result must be had. The home team decide when match is played. Let the Umpires Secretary know when umpires are needed.

For information for the 2018 season – Peter Stafford trophy – no replays will be needed as run rate will be taken into account. As the BCL have CricHQ, this can easily be done.

This year's finals – when details known clubs will be notified. Westhoughton had kindly agreed to pay for the catering and the umpires. The Chairman would speak to the sponsors. It could be the T20 finals could be moved to a slightly later date.

Grounds:

- Reports from captains coming in.
- Umpires rooms still unsatisfactory – cluttered up/storage room. Request to ask clubs to ensure room is clear and tidy.
- Bowlers run ups not being covered fully. Umpires have reported this. Players need to act on it when required to do so and cover ground as appropriate
- Eagley were having new nets installed in same location as before.

Umpires:

- Struggling to cover Sunday fixtures
- Saturday fixtures also very tight to cover all requirements
- Scorers need to show ipad AND book to umpires at tea and also AT THE END OF THE MATCH
- It was requested that scorers should be competent and there were courses for them to go on
- Teams can declare BUT overs cannot be added/given to the other side
- **The latest time a match can start is 4.25 p.m.**
- Fielding circles – should be about 10 yards apart. Some grounds they were too far apart

Junior fixtures:

- Blackrod have no Under 18 team
- Heaton Under 15's won the Lancs knock out
- Adlington asked if Blackrod Under 18 players could come to them and play for them as there was no U18 at Blackrod. It was decided that they could but the games they played in would be counted as friendlies.
- BCL Under 14 against the Ribblesdale League. Heaton had offered to stage this but due to internal situation at Heaton it might prove difficult. Warwick Milne kindly agreed to sort the situation and offered Heaton on Sunday July 2nd at 1.30 p.m. He was thanked for seeing to this to avoid a difficult situation for the BCL.

Discipline:

- 14 reports so far
- Three had been under 15 which had involved foul and abusive language
- Most of the other reports for senior players had involved foul and abusive language
- There were currently four reports to be considered
- There was a situation with Walkden and Heaton which was proving to be a little embarrassing for the BCL. It was hoped it would be brought to a conclusion as quickly as possible

A.O.B.

- Hamer Cup final – Atherton CC on Sunday August 6th at 1.30 p.m.
- Peter Stafford final – yet to be decided. It would be up to the two finalists to decide unless any interested clubs came and offered to host it. If you are interested please contact Ray Taylor
- Duckworth/Lewis is on CricHQ but not to be used. BCL run rate calculation is to be used and is in operation.
- Printer for Secretary – agreed that up to £200 be spent to get a new one

There being no further business, the Chairman brought the meeting to a close at 9.30 p.m.

Chairman: Date:

