

ANTHONY AXFORD BOLTON CRICKET LEAGUE

MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT TONGE C.C

MONDAY JANUARY 30th 2017

Present: Mr F Hinks (President); Mr J Hutchinson (Chairman); Mr R Taylor (Secretary) and
17 Clubs

Apologies were received from Blackrod CC and Golborne CC

No apologies were received from Darcy Lever CC

The Chairman opened the meeting by saying it was with great sadness we had lost to long serving members of the BCL – Clive Knott and Frank Massey. Richard Blagg (Eagley) said a few words about Frank and the Chairman said a few words about Clive. The meeting stood for a minute's silence in memory of these two members.

The minutes of the 2016 AGM were approved and signed as were the minutes of the Committee meeting held in December 2016.

Matters arising:

The Vice Chairman, Mr Andrews, gave an update on the progress relating to Crichq. Tracey Brooks had done a draft for the junior section. A training session had taken place at Bradshaw CC for Club Administrators. Ian Pilkington had collated information re the various options open to those using the system.

Training for scorers would take place on Thursday March 30th at Bradshaw CC at 6.30 p.m. (for 1st team scorers) and also at 8.00 p.m. (for second team scorers) with a view of giving all scorers the option to get to the sessions. An email would be sent out to the scorers as to which session they would be attending. Mr Andrews thanked Ian and Tracey for all their hard work and efforts regarding Crichq.

The Chairman thanked the Steering Group for their hard work regarding all of this.

Correspondence:

The award in memory of Neil Edwards would see five winners but overseas players will not be eligible. The BCL Amateur of the Year will be nominated in future. All present agreed to this.

T20 quarter final: 5 winners and 3 best runners up. This will be points based. If points are still equal, the details of the competition as per the handbook will be used. The rules for the Peter Stafford trophy were already in place.

2017 Handbook: this was beginning to be prepared for the forthcoming season. Mr Buckley will email clubs. The deadline for alterations to the handbook is MARCH 1st. The Secretary also needs any amendments to him for the LCB handbook – deadline is FEBRUARY 14th. Both asked for details to be got to them as soon as possible. Those present asked that the BCL handbook be proof read to try to have all details correct for the new season.

Umpires: the AGM had been held. Mr Wiseman asked that if one umpire officiated a match on his own the fee would be £60 (an increase of £10 from 2016). A suggestion of £55 was made but a vote was taken and it was agreed that £60 was the payment for an umpire officiating on his own. Mr Wiseman informed those present he would do his best to ensure two umpires were appointed to every 1st team game but last minute changes were inevitable so please be understanding.

6 people had shown an interest on coming on the umpires course. There would be a review of the Laws of the Game in September/October 2017.

A scorers course would be starting on March 21st at Astley Bridge CC. Please contact David Heap if interested. Mrs Knott thanked everyone for their cards, telephone calls and support following the death of Clive.

Finance:

The balance at the bank was £1370 – 00. Horwich RMI had been paid for use of their facilities for the Junior Presentation Evening. Readeys had also been paid for the trophies.

The general situation was not a particularly good one. Clubs had been asked to support the League by making a contribution. Some have paid, others have yet to do so. Some clubs were still unhappy about not receiving an invoice regarding this and as such, were not able to make any payment. The Chairman would meet Adlington CC and Daisy Hill CC to try to sort things out. It was noted that Darcy Lever CC owed the most. Eagley CC's Treasurer had resigned and Mr Blagg would inform the Committee the replacement was at the next meeting.

Indoor competition:

FSCCC had retained the trophy having beaten Eagley CC in the final. All clubs who had entered were thanked for doing so. Next year's competition would again be at Bolton School. Clubs were asked to let Mrs Knott know if they did not wish to take part. 16 places were available. Axfords had paid for the hire of the hall. The umpires had had their expenses paid. The final would be at Bolton School where FSCCC would be the BCL representative. The organisers, scorers and umpires were all thanked for their efforts.

Registrations and transfers:

Tracey Brooks outlined the situation regarding CricHQ and the Secretary added some other points about overseas players. Any doubts, the ECB should be contacted. There would be no issues for those professionals ranked as Tier 5. As for the BCL, it was not a matter for them to discuss. The matter was with the Border Agency.

League Presentation 2017:

Mr Buckley informed those present the date for this year's Presentation was November 10th and the Holiday Inn, Bolton had been booked. The Cloister Suite was reserved for the BCL. The cost would be £20 per head and a two course meal plus cheese and biscuits and coffee was included in the price of the ticket.

Juniors:

The fixtures had been sent out. The Under 18's would start half way through the season. The Under 9's had 15 teams involved and the Under 15's had 17 teams involved. There would be no game for two teams each week. The cup draws had been done and the Oxbridge ball would be used. The cost for a 4 and $\frac{3}{4}$ oz ball would be £8 and for a 5 and $\frac{1}{2}$ oz ball - £10.50. Daisy Hill, Darcy Lever and Atherton should give Mr Buckley their order for cricket balls. There were plenty of games planned for the season and a possible 20 weeks were available of which 18 would be needed! The Junior Committee were thanked for their hard work to organise the programme for the season. The next meeting of the Junior Committee would be March 16th. The draft of the junior fixtures would be sent out followed by a final copy.

Child welfare/Clubmark:

Mr Buckley would like the spread sheet to be returned by April 29th. 1st and 2nd team captains must have the correct names. It was advisable to have the Vice Captain named as well and also DBS checked.

Clubmark – new Clubmark “My Club” would be used. Clubs were asked to log in “on line” from April. The new electronic system would be available and all BCL Clubs would be re-assessed and have until 2018 to do this.

LCB:

Those present were informed that £75,000 had been cut from the LCB budget.

The Lancs KO final would be at Old Trafford on September 3rd. Play cricket operates in every round and the Duckworth – Lewis system would operate as appropriate. There were eight BCL clubs in this year's competition and there would be seven in 2018. The fee for the umpires would be £40.

The GMCL would not be awarded Premier League status. The ECB would need to sort funding. The Pennine League could see the four best clubs go into the Lancs league. This would hit them hard.

It was agreed that the BCL advertise for clubs to join us and it was decided to let the Pennine League know we would be doing this and what we were intending to do.

BCL Sub Committees had been decided and one club rep was to be seen on each sub Committee. These were as follows:

Competitions Committee:

Karen Knott (Chair) plus Martin Hodgkiss, Jimmy Walsh-Hill, Stephen Merry, Andrea Moxon, Paul Walsh and Richard Blagg

Registration Committee:

Tracey Brooks (Chair) plus Mike Cregan, Mike Buckley and Ian Pilkington

Grounds Committee:

Derek Derbyshire plus David Morris Senior, Gemma Buckley, Darren Mulineux, Colin Sutcliffe, Phil Knowles and Warwick Milne

Disciplinary Committee:

Simon Rees (Chair) plus Neil Redford, Nigel Pantak, Paul Schofield, Malcolm Venn, Tony Tipping and Laura Hargraves

A.O.B.

- The BCL had a new email address which was boltoncricketleague@gmail.com
- If Clubs played any friendly fixtures these should be scored using CricHQ – please email Tracey Brooks with details
- Concern was raised regarding District Managers “poaching” players. Managers were appointed through the Bolton Development Committee so it was suggested that BCL raises the issue as appropriate.

The date of the next meeting would be February 27th

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9 – 26 p.m.