

ANTHONY AXFORD BOLTON CRICKET LEAGUE

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING (25/9/17) HELD AT TONGE CC AT 7.45 p.m.

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

There were 19 clubs represented.

Apologies were received from Mr P Andrews and Darcy Lever CC

The following club was not present: Darcy Lever

Daisy Hill were represented but due to a lack of attendance (80%) their right to vote at the AGM was withdrawn (as per rule in the BCL handbook)

Darcy Lever are to attend all remaining meetings to be eligible to vote at the AGM

The meeting stood for a minute's silence in memory of two long standing colleagues. Eric Smith – umpire, Fixture Secretary (umpires), former Chairman of the Umpires, League Vice President, former Junior league Secretary and winner of the Hubert Pendlebury trophy for outstanding services to the BCL and Jack Wallwork – Clifton CC, former player, Manager of Junior Clifton teams and member of the Bolton Association and for a short time the BCL. His funeral will be on Friday September 29th at St. Anne's Clifton at 1.00 p.m.

The minutes of the August meeting were approved and signed after an amendment stating that Atherton were present at that meeting.

Matters arising: there were none

Fixtures 2018: the proposal from Farnworth for 27 league matches during the season (clubs would play each other three times) was rejected.

It was agreed the league fixtures had started late. It was suggested that League fixtures start straightaway and after a few had been played the Stafford Trophy group games were then started. The idea for the Stafford Trophy was right but the format might need to be adjusted accordingly. 40 overs/coloured clothing/pink ball were good. There was a question as to whether second teams were to have coloured clothing.

Finance:

- there was a balance of £3829 – 20
- Some clubs (7) still had to pay the £100 agreed at the August meeting
- The total owed by clubs was £2337
- Axforads had paid £4700 to the League. Heineken owed £2400 and this would be paid by 30 September

- The League owed £2559 – 97 to their various suppliers
- Net current assets stood at £10,706 – 23
- It was noted Farnworth and Little Hulton still owed over £400 each
- It was **agreed** Golborne would pay £150 rather than £200 as some of their junior players play representative cricket in another League

Umpires: various points were raised –

- Teas for scorers – separate table to be set up for them please!
- A competent scorer (as per BCL handbook rule) to score
- Scorers **NOT** to use mobile phones while scoring
- When weather makes play look extremely doubtful, umpires must still go to the ground as team cards need to be completed and details must go onto CricHQ whether the match is played, drawn or abandoned. It was agreed an umpires nearest to the ground could be used for this – it did not necessarily have to be the umpires appointed for the match
- All umpires had been contacted about the 2018 season. Negative comments from umpires had been in evidence during the season. 40 umpires were needed to cover the Saturday league matches – 28/30 at the present time for the 2018 season.
- There was a new law for discipline for the 2018 season. The Umpires' Secretary was attending a meeting on October 8th and would bring back final details.
- It was agreed to organise a meeting between the BCL and the BCLU&SA to discuss the current situation regarding numbers wishing to umpire in 2018. NOTE: this was duly arranged after the meeting for Saturday October 7th.

Registrations: this was now open again. There was a new process. Please fill in the form which is obtainable from the website. Players transferring **MUST** get clearance from the club before they move.

- Rain affected matches **MUST** go onto Cric HQ
- Full and completed team list **MUST** be completed for EVERY game regardless! This must be done **THROUGHOUT** the season.
- There are a number of Captain's reports still to be completed. It is in your interest to do so.
- Fines were levied on clubs who failed to follow the BCL rules on completing details as required. There will be a rule change here for 2018.
- Prizes – nominations for the best Professional and best Amateur of the Season were required. Please let Tracey know by **FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 29th**. Also the neatest scorebook.
- The Chairman and Secretary had been to a meeting at Lancashire CCC where the ECB; Home Office and Sport England had been represented. Discussions had been round the eligibility of players from overseas to play cricket in the UK. This

is an on-going situation with further details to be advised. The BCL representatives made their points firmly to those present!

Competitions:

- Horwich and Bradshaw had been abandoned.
- Clubs had been fined if they had no professional
- An ineligible player was found to have played in the Under 11 cup semi final
- There was no scorer for one game
- Atherton had forgotten their match ball for a league match

Indoor competition: 16 clubs were in the draw. Astley Bridge and Adlington would like to participate but at the moment there were no places spare. If clubs did not wish to take part, please contact Karen Knott ON OR BEFORE THE NEXT LEAGUE MEETING – OCTOBER 30th. The sports hall at Bolton School had been booked and Axford's will pay for the hire of the facility.

Discipline: 29 reports had been received during the season. The latest had been D. Mather (Kearsley) and T and C Barrow (FSCCC). Bans had been levied which would be in place for the start of the 2018 outdoor season. Details could be found on the BCL website.

Grounds: Daisy Hill had been visited and it was noted only a few wickets had been used over the season. The square was in good condition but was always damp. The Chairman of the Grounds Committee thanks his "team" for their support and efforts in inspecting grounds and encouraging clubs to raise the standard of their grounds. A letter had been sent to Daisy Hill. It was noted the wet weather continually made it challenging for all clubs to maintain the quality of their ground.

Juniors:

- Thanks were expressed to all clubs as the planned programme was just about completed
- The Under 15 cup final was not played
- There had been a lot more fixtures this season
- Most games had been played. There had been few "concessions"
- It was noted there had been too many disciplinary reports at junior level – some involving parents
- The theme of junior cricket is to "Grow the game"
- The junior presentation evening will be in mid November
- Inter League Under 12 – missed place in the final due to a "technicality"
- The Under 18 Inter league team beat the Pennine League in the final by 10 wickets. It was most disappointing to see a BCL player go to the Liverpool Competition having gained so much from being in the Bolton League. This was being publicised by his

new club on social media before the player had had a proper chance to tell people at his existing club. Players were being “encouraged” by a variety of different people – LCB, ECB coaches etc to join the Liverpool Competition to “further their game”. The BCL believe this is not in the “Spirit of the Game”.

Prize claims: this point had already been covered (see Registrations)

League Presentation evening:

- This would be on Friday November 10th at the Holiday Inn in Bolton.
- **All monies** were to be in by **FRIDAY OCTOBER 13th**. There would be a minimum of 6 tickets per club.
- Tickets are priced at £21 each
- Number of those attending to Mike Buckley by **FRIDAY OCTOBER 6th**
- Clubs not attending should notify Mike

A.O.B.

- All clubs would be sent an invoice for the Presentation Evening (JH to send to TB who would email to clubs)
- ALL trophies to be returned by **OCTOBER 20th** to Readeys (Chorley Old Road, Bolton)
- Please make sure they are engraved from 2016 season (if appropriate)
- IT WAS AGREED A FINE OF £20 WOULD BE LEVIED ON ANY CLUB WHO FAILED TO RETURN ANY TROPHY IN TIME
- The Under 11 cup – there was a new trophy for this annual award

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8 – 56 p.m.

Chairman:

Date: