L&DCC Cricket Committee. 18th September 2017.

1. Present

14 delegates were present, viz: J.Rotheram [Chair], E.Hadfield [President L&DCC], J.Wiliams [Chair L&DCC], C.Weston [Hon Sec L&DCC], R.Durand [Fix Sec L&DCC], EJ.Shiff [3rdXI Co-ordinator L&DCC], C.Barnes [S.View], S.Byrne [Glass], C.Daniels [S.Park], P.Green [Wav], I.Harrison [Welfare], GC.Jenkins [Minutes], P.McCann [Skem] & K.Wilson [MCUA]

2. Apologies

A.Bristow & J.Dodd

3. Conflicts of Interest

3.1. As per previous meeting.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

4.1. Agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

5. Matters Arising

5.1. NOTED [GCJ] that while it is entirely appropriate that L&DCC supports member clubs competing in National/County KOs this should not cause undue disadvantage to other member clubs [Minute 6.3.3 refers].

6. Fixtures

6.1. League: For Information.

6.1.1. NOTED [EH] that 2018 season may run over 23 weeks in order to accommodate R1 of 1st/2nd XI KOs on Saturdays with a view to resolving the shortage of umpires for games scheduled on Sundays.

6.1.2. NOTED [EH] that 3rd XI 2018 Sunday league season may need to be extended to 23/09 in order to facilitate the rearrangement of games postponed due to the various KOs.

6.1.3. M/C decision to reject request for 3rd XI fixture between Spring View and ORT to be played on 20/09 [wed] REPORTED [CW].

6.1.4. NOTED [CD] that in 3rd XI cricket restricting the number of overs to be bowled by any bowler to 14 is worthy of consideration. Also NOTED [GCJ] that regulations of this nature are in place in Cheshire cricket which in the lower divisions often leads to grossly inflated scores due to non-bowlers being forced to bowl.

6.1.5. NOTED [PMc] that in order to increase participation consideration should be given to playing 40 over cricket at 2nd/3rd XI standard. Also NOTED that for Saturday league cricket this is a 'truly dreadful' form of the game [GCJ], does not constitute 'proper cricket’ [CW] and M/C have not received comment from any member clubs regarding a change in playing conditions.

6.1.6. NOTED [GCJ] that consideration should be given to establishing a fixture pool to mitigate the impact of 3rd XI concessions.

6.2. League: For Discussion/Resolution.

6.2.1. AGREED that decision reached at previous meeting to award NLW and St.Helens five points each for their 'failure to rearrange' a 3rd XI Sunday Division 1 [NE] fixture should stand as per Playing Reg 1.3.3.

6.2.2. AGREED that the appropriate forum to debate suggestions relating to the reduction of the number of games in 3rd XI Saturday Div 1 and the regionalisation of the 3rd XI Sunday Divisions [see Tabled Paper] would be the 3rd XI EoS SGM.

6.3. Cups: For Information.

6.3.1. M/C decision to suspend completion of 2017 Digman Trophy until 2018 duly REPORTED [CW].

6.4. Cups: For Discussion/Resolution.

6.4.1. AGREED that suggestions for potential efficiency improvements to the various competitions [see Tabled Paper] be raised at the EoS SGM.

6.5. U19s: For Information.

6.5.1. No paper tabled.

6.6. U19s: For Discussion/Resolution.

6.6.1. No paper tabled.

7. Representative Cricket

7.1. For Information.

7.1.1. NOTED that Senior and U21 XIs won their competitions.

7.1.2. REPORTED [CW] that the quality of delivery of L&DCC representative cricket has been recognised by LCCC.

7.2. For Discussion/Resolution.

7.2.1. No paper tabled.

8. PDP.

8.1. For Information.

8.1.1. NOTED that use of fines [approx k£7] to fund the 2018 programme [i.e. 10x Saturday afternoon sessions for 13-18 year olds] will be discussed/resolved by M/C.

8.1.2. NOTED that 42/44 players completed the 2017 programme.

8.2. For Discussion/Resolution.

8.2.1. No paper tabled.

9. Reporting of Results

9.1. For Information.

9.1.1. REPORTED [RD] that some difficulties had been experienced with Playcricket.

9.1.2. NOTED that erroneously posted bonus points may be subject to sanction via fine.

9.1.3. NOTED that only one 'Captain's Card' remains outstanding.

9.1.4. REPORTED [JW] that the lack of scorers continues to be a cause for concern.

9.2. For Discussion/Resolution.

9.2.1. No paper tabled.

10. Registration & Eligibility

10.1. For Information.

10.1.1. NOTED that 'Dual Registration' paper [version 10] has been circulated/posted on website.

10.1.2. REPORTED [EH] that in their fixture with Caldy [09/09] P&O 3rd XI fielded three ineligible players.

10.1.3. NOTED [PG] that Sunday 3rd XI Playcricket postings are not checked by L&DCC often resulting in ineligible players remaining undected. AGREED that all instances of eligibility infringements must be appropriately reported.

10.1.4. NOTED and CLARIFIED that players who have not activated their registration by 31/07 are eligible only for 3rd XI cricket.

10.1.5. CLARIFIED that as a matter of principle refugees wishing to play in the L&DCC have been/will be treated equitably, with procedures applied as detailed under Registration Regs 1-8. NOTED that the procedure for juniors is straightforward.

10.2. For Discussion/Resolution.

10.2.1. No paper tabled.

11. Club & Ground

11.1. For Information.

11.1.1. NOTED that scheduled inspections have been completed although details have yet to be published.

11.1.2. NOTED and CLARIFIED that match by match marks remain strictly confidential in order to protect umpires from potential adverse comment.

11.1.3. REPORTED [EH] that the ground at Sutton is still extremely wet and there remains a considerable amount of work to be done to bring the facility up to the required standard.

11.1.4. REPORTED [CW] that L&DCC are in regular contact with Ainsdale due to a disappointing downward progression in match by match marks during weeks 1-18 of the season [i.e. 18 down to 11] although following intervention[by AB] there has been an improvement.

11.1.5. NOTED that in 2018 a modifer, based on the disciplinary record of each club, will be built into the 'Spirit of Cricket' mark rubric, with a potential award at the end of the season.

11.1.6. REPORTED [JW] that in light of concerns re declining standards of conduct outside 1st XI cricket M/C intends to despatch designated observers to 2018 2nd XI fixtures in order to monitor player behaviour with specific focus on junior participants.

11.2. For Discussion/Resolution.

11.2.1. No paper tabled.

12. Finances.

12.1. For Information.

12.1.1. No paper tabled.

12.2. For Discussion/Resolution.

12.2.1. No paper tabled.

13. MCUA

13.1.For Information.

13.1.1. NOTED that details of a 'man management' meeting for 2nd XI umpires will be circulated in due course.

13.1.2. 'Ten Over Umpires’ [see ECB website] RECOMMENDED [JW/KW] as being worthy of a wide audience.

13.1.3. REQUESTED[CD] that a 3rd XI 'Code of Conduct' presentation should be made at the 2018 PSSGM.

13.1.4. NOTED [KW] that only one 'card' remains outstanding. Thanks RECORDED to Captains for their efforts.

13.1.5 .REPORTED [KW] that due to law changes no training courses are planned until early 2018 the first of which will take place at Bootle on the first three Sundays in February.

13.1.6. Thanks RECORDED for the hard work and commitment of MCUA during the course of the season.

13.2. For Discussion/Resolution.

13.2.1. No paper tabled.

14. Welfare

14.1. For Information.

14.1.1. REPORTED [IH] that 'good house keeping' requirements for 2018 have been duly posted and that clubs are advised to commence a review of relevant procedures, protocols and documentation as a matter of absolute priority.

14.2. For Discussion/Resolution.

14.2.1. No paper tabled.

15. Meetings

15.1. For Information.

15.1.1. REPORTED [JR] that tickets for Annual Dinner [06/10] have been despatched.

15.1.2. REPORTED [CW] that details of EoS SGMs[10/10 for 1st/2nd XIs and 07/11 for 3rd XIs] have been duly posted.

15.1.3. NOTED that no CrCo has been scheduled for 23/10.

15.1.4. Date of AGM RECORDED as 16/01/18.

15.2. For Discussion/Resolution.

15.2.1. No paper tabled.

16. AOB

16.1. Tabled.

16.1.1. No items raised.

16.2. Non-tabled.

16.2.1. NOTED [PMc] that Abi Wright [Skem] has been selected for the Lancs U14 squad.

16.2.2. NOTED that as documented in the L&DCC/LCB Memorandum of Understanding the development of women's cricket will be a major focus of delivery during the 2018 season.

16.2.3. REPORTED [GCJ] that if reappointed as CrCo Minutes Secretary for the next cycle of meetings he intends to stand down from the post at the meeting currently scheduled for 17/09/18.

*Addendum*

[i] Prior to the commencement of the meeting delegates selected the Players of The Season which are as follows:

Premier Division: Tyler McGladdery [Rainhill].

First Division: John Dotters [Rainford].

Second Division: Ian Carroll [Old Xavs].

[ii] Due to an incomplete data set the Divisional Player of The Month awards for August/September will be made by M/C.