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**CRICKET COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING ON 30th APRIL 2013 AT BOOTLE CC**

**Agenda**

1. **Apologies & Roll Call**
2. **Minutes of 26th March 2013**
3. **Matters Arising**
4. **Chairman’s opening remarks**
5. **Matters relating to Fixtures**
6. **Matters relating to Reporting of League/Cup Results and Play-Cricket**
7. **Matters relating to Registration of Players**
8. **Matters relating to 3rd X1s**
9. **Matters relating to Club & Ground**
10. **Matters relating to MCUA**
11. **AOB**
12. **Next Meeting: Tuesday 4th June 2013**

 **Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Rob Roberts, Jason Ratcliffe and Highfield CC

Present: Cr Co Chair: J J Rotheram; Secretary: D H Murphy; L&DCC President: E Hadfield; L&DCC Chairman: J A Williams; L&DCC Player Registration: N Girvin; L&DCC Fixture Secretary: R Durand; L&DCC Hon Secretary: R C Weston; L&DCC Treasurer: A Bristow; MCUA: R Rigby

Club Representatives from: Leigh CC; Formby CC; Ainsdale CC; Sutton CC; Wavertree CC;

ARS: David Crossley (Rainhill CC)

The meeting began with the draws being made for the u/21 and u/16 competitions. EH indicated that in the u/21 competition the teams had been assigned to regional groups at the outset to minimise travelling times. The draws would be put on the website at the earliest opportunity.

**Minutes of 26th March 2013.**

The minutes of the previous Cricket Committee meeting had been circulated and were accepted as a true and correct record.

**Matters Arising.**

There were no matters arising.

**Chairman’s opening remarks.**

2.1 JJR opened the meeting with an apology to all present for the unavailability of the car park due to the rearrangement of two football matches at very short notice.

2.2 JAW said he is pursuing another avenue in the search for a new league sponsor.

**Matters relating to Fixtures issues.**

3.1 Per JAW: St Helens Town CC do not have an umpires changing room nor a clock at the moment.

3.2 There was no news to impart to the meeting, relating to the Cup Competitions.

3.3 The problem from the Rainhill 2s v Lytham 2s had disappeared.

3.4 The Liverpool 1s v Hightown 1s game had been played as a 15 over game

3.5 RD has agreed to a request for a change of date for the Northern v Leigh fixture as Northern are holding their Annual Summer Ball on 20/7/013; the fixture is delayed by 24 hours to 21/7/13.

He has one further fixture to rearrange, involving Fleetwood Hesketh CC, due to the County game at Southport & Birkdale CC.

3.6 EH has produced a schedule of rearranged games involving 3rd X1 games.

**Matters relating to reporting of Results; League, Cup and Play-Cricket.**

4.1 JAW indicated that the re-launch of the new website has been postponed.

4.2 The ARS’s meeting did not take place.

4.3 RD said there has been a disappointing response by the clubs in the use of TCS and the Live Update facility; several clubs have said they are having problems using it; AB mentioned that ECB funding will be lost if it is not used; a reminder will be issued on the website to encourage its use. NG said there had been no takers to his offer to run a mop up course for TCS users.

4.4 The Northern v Westhoughton cup match was mentioned in passing as the ECB had seen comments (since removed) on the other website, despite the Management Committee writing to advise them that the official site is [www.lpoolcomp.co.uk](http://www.lpoolcomp.co.uk).

**Matters relating to Registration of Players.**

5.1 NG reported that he is finding overseas player registration forms are not always fully completed e.g. important details about the previous club, demonstrated by the application by Shakeel of New Brighton CC. JAW proposed that provisional approval be given, subject to the requisite information being provided before the next Cricket Committee meeting; otherwise the registration will be rejected. The proposal was carried.

RD brought up Alder CC having an overseas player registered for 2nd X1 purposes and wondering if he would be able to play in the 1st X1, until the proposed overseas player were able to arrive. RD was informed that the player could only be registered for one level of cricket, so would have to complete the appropriate registration form.

**Matters relating to 3rd X1’s.**

6.1 There is nothing further to add about the S&DACL and L&DCC fixture clashes involving Merseyside Commonwealth and Goodlass.

 6.2 Hightown 3rd X1 were under strength and forfeited the game to Colwyn Bay 3rd X1

 6.3 A long discussion took place over the events in the Alder 4 v Sefton Park 4 game; the Alder

 Captain was ruled absent (through ill health) and unable to bat; the Committee ruled by majority

 That the game be awarded to Sefton Park under the Laws of Cricket.

**Matters relating to Club and Ground.**

7.1 There is a rolling programme of inspections for the 36 clubs. More information is being requested on the Umpires’ Ground Report Card which will be fed in to that already held. To date, Formby, Birkenhead Park and St Helens Town have been spoken to about their shortcomings.

 **Matters relating to MCUA.**

Ray R was pleased that all games had umpires provided so far. He was pleased to advise that all

 Umpires will soon be able to display an official MCUA badge on their umpiring coat.

  **Any Other Business.**

9.1 RCW felt it appropriate to place a vote of thanks on record to JAW and EH for the sterling work undertaken to provide this year’s Handbook.

9.2 AB said 18 of 41 clubs have paid their annual subscription; he has paid £3,000 to the printers for the Handbooks and £4,000 to LCB in respect of club affiliation fees and met the costs of the Player Development Programme.

9.3 No matters arising from the Pre season AGM.

9.4 Clubs are to be reminded to be extra careful with security of valuable ground machinery as there have been several instances of theft in Lancashire and North Wales.

9.5 RCW recently met MP’s Eric Pickles and Andy Burnham in the Houses of Parliament, which has resulted in the Meet your MP approach that is currently being publicised to clubs nationally.

9.6 RCW is still noticing web site plagiarism taking place on the other site.

9.7 RD will speak to Merseyside Cultural CC about the award of bonus points in games.

9.8 Notices will go on the website about the trials for u/12 and u/14 teams

9.9 EH gave out the u/16 and u/21 play by dates for this years competition rounds; they are:

u/16 – preliminary by 9/6/13; Round 1 by 14/7/13

u/21 - preliminary by 26/5/13; Round 1 by 23/6/13

* The next meeting is at Bootle CC on 04/06/13, starting at 7pm