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**Cr Co Meeting to be held at Wallasey CC on Tues 1st May 2012 at 7.00pm**

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| **Agenda**  **1. Apologies and Roll call**Alan BristowMinutes from previous meetingMatters arising**2. Chairman's opening remarks.** **3. Matters relating to Fixtures issues** *RD/EH**KO Cups**StHTown/Recs**Defaulting clubs and Chester Cup 14 04 2012**Parkfield L v Maghull; BHStM v NHL; St H Town v**NB; Skelm v Wig**Early starts request for Cup Final***4. Matters relating to Reporting of Results League/Cup and Play-Cricket***EH**Rob R**KO Cup results* *Umpire errors when calculating rain affected games**MRFs and abandoned games**Twitter**PL posting 20 04 2012* | **5. Matters relating to Registration of Players***EH**Progress so far**Northern; Australian 3rd XI player**FWH Australian 3rd XI player**St H Town***6. Matters relating to 3rd XIs** *ML**S&B Sat Prem team**Defaulting Clubs and Embee Cup**Bootle 4ths v St Helens Town 3rd***7. Matters relating to Club &Ground** *AB report**Hightown**Consideration of ground assessment process* *Following up various reports from umpires about grounds* **8. Matters relating to MCUA: Current briefing** *Ray R**Captain's Cards returns and format**C&G Committee meeting report***9. AOB***Handbooks**Date of June Cr Co meeting Wed 6th June***10. Date(s) of next meetings** *See attached.***Draws for the BFS L&DCC Ray Digman KO *and*** **Chester Cup KO:** |

**7.00pm**

 **1. Apologies and Roll call**

1.1 Apologies:

These had been received from: Alan Bristow,David Crossley, Mike Leddy, Dave Murphy and Steve Walburn.

In the temporary absence of Dave Murphy CW was acting as Secretary to this meeting.

1.2 Minutes from previous meeting and Matters Arising:

These had been circulated without difficulty; there were no Matters Arising other than items already covered by the agenda for this meeting.

1.3 Present:

John Rotheram (L&DCC Cricket Committee Chairman); Eric Hadfield (L&DCC President and Player Registration and Play Cricket); John Williams (L&DCC Chairman); Chris Weston (L&DCC Hon Secretary); Rob Durand (L&DCC Fixture Secretary); Rob Roberts (L&DCC Cup Competitions Secretary); Ray Rigby (MCUA); Lindsay Price (Colwyn Bay CC Prem); Chris Firth (Southport and Birkdale CC Prem); Alex Garland (Wallasey CC Div 1); Neil Girvin (Wigan CC Div 1);Peter McCann (Skelmersdale CC Div 2); Steve Carlin (Parkfield Liscard CC Div 2)

**2. Chairman's opening remarks.**

The Chair wished for a speedy meeting, we had a long agenda in front of us.

**3. Matters relating to Fixtures issues**

*3.1 RD:*

RD reported in detail over two 3rd XI games (Bootle v Birchfield Park and Highfield v ??) where there had been "no ground available" and which had not been played or noted on play cricket or rearranged. After careful discussion it was agreed that the play cricket fines of £5 should remain in place. RD was to tell the clubs to rearrange the fixtures in the proper way and use this as an example to other captains in respect of procedure.

*3.2 RD:*

Leigh 4s had not played yet and missed 3 games, they were more hopeful of playing the 4th fixture. They would as promised then revue long-term viability. It was agreed that this process should continue in the previously agreed way.

3.3 *KO Cups Rob R:*

The group winners and the runners up had been sorted using regulation 1.1.2; Cr Co had lists of the clubs going through in their papers for this meeting. See **Appendix 2.**

There were issues with Phil Lovgreen who had wrongly interpreted the relevant regulation and put an incorrect list of clubs going through up on his personal and private website. This was causing confusion. Rob R ran through the reasoning for the use of run rates for deciding the best 7 runners up. CW supported this and drew attention to the papers. See **Appendix 2**. The principle had been voted through: End of Season 2011; AGM 2011; Feb 2011 SGM. PL had not understood the regulation. The first part of 1.1.2 sorted the order of clubs in the group using points and run rates, the second part selected the best 7 runners up using run rates alone.

Ray R said that PL's actions just caused trouble. John W added that some of PL postings "Fiddle, Fiddle 2 and Fiddle 3 etc" were simply wrong and referred to clubs that were not part of this discussion. PL had now taken these postings down. CW said that we had copies and repeated that PL was simply wrong.

EH added that this year was quite different as there were so many cancellations and conceded games. Rob R added that the regs were fit for purpose and selected the 7 runners up properly and avoiding distortions due to abandoned/conceded etc games.

The Draws would take place after this meeting.

It was hoped that we might look at moving to 8 not 9 groups in the future.

3*.4 NHL and Leigh Chester Cup 28 04 2012:*

Leigh CC had used two 1st XI players Mathew McKiernan and Richard Dempster in this game when the 1st XI game was called off owing to weather. The matter was debated at length. Using players like this was permissible under Cup Regs but there was a Spirit issue here too, Mattie McKiernan and Richard Dempster were in no way 2nd XI players, Leigh had been in trouble last year using Mathew McKiernan in 3rd XI (!) games, the 3rd XI regulations had been re written because of him. It was agreed that Leigh CC should be written to by this committee; the letter would stress the need for a sense of the Spirit of Cricket when short notice substitutions were necessary.

Skelmersdale CC made an attempt to have a wider discussion on the basic format of the Cup Competitions. The Chair ruled that this was not possible as the agenda at this meeting was too long, the issue would be returned to at a later meeting. CW would note this in these minutes for Dave Murphy as Cr Co Sec.

*3.5 StHTown/Recs:*

JW explained to Cr Co how hard it had been dealing with this club. We had tried very hard to help them survive but there were issues over the club's name; club contacts; unregistered players; play cricket; use of LCB etc. Club administration seemed to be just Les Swain. The lists of club contacts had only appeared after it was made clear to St H Town that they had to have Child Protection in place or M/C would have to close the club *at once.* JW felt that there was a lack of respect for the L&DCC and its necessary procedures at StHTown. The situation was ongoing.

*3.6 Defaulting clubs in 2012 and the Chester Cup in 2013:*

*Parkfield L* v Maghull; *BHStM* v NHL; *St H Town* v NB; *Skelm* v Wigan: Skelmersdale had written. A careful discussion took place. The regulations would be applied as they were written; there was no point in having regulations if we did not. All four clubs would be barred from the Chester Cup in 2013.

*3.7 Early starts request for football Cup Final:*

This had been denied - as had that request in respect of the semi finals, we were here to play cricket.

**4. Matters relating to Reporting of Results League/Cup and Play-Cricket**

*4.1 3rd XIs:*

EH reported that as in 2011 we had not been deducting points in league games for unregistered players, only fining clubs, did we want to continue in this way? A discussion followed, CW reported no ground swell from M/C or from the clubs to make change here and it was agreed that the practice should continue.

*4.2 2nd XIs:*

EH went to say that there had been several failures to register players in the 2nd XI Cup Competition games. This was discussed and it was agreed to draw a line here and for EH to post accordingly on the website; i.e. 2nd XI non registrations in the cup round robin would lead to fining *only* and not to game reversals.

In the league programme starting on Sat 5th May 2012 the regulations would be applied in full.

*4.3 Saturday 3rd XI Div 1: data on unregistered players:*

EH said that there had been problems getting this block of data to him weekly and promptly via the spreadsheet. It was of no use if it was late, the actions based on it were time dependant. EH was going to have to take over here from David Crossley. JR would speak to David C. RD volunteered to take over and this was agreed.

**7.45pm**

At this point a 5minute drinks break was called for by a dehydrated committee member. The request was granted by the Cr Chair who later commented that no such dispensations would be granted in the future, it was better to finish the meeting promptly

**7.53pm**

*4.4* *Umpire errors when calculating rain affected games:*

Rob R reported that there had been some umpire calculations errors in rain affected games. The umpire was right even though he was wrong and results had to stand even though in one game the winning team now actually had a lower run rate than the losers owing to an incorrect total having been set. Ray R was sorry this had happened; he despaired of umpires not coming to meetings for reminder tuition. He would take this back to MCUA M/C. There were only two sets of regulations they had to master, senior umpires had to deal with multiple sets of regulations as they stood in multiple games across the county.

There had been a posting on the MCUA website in respect of the need for umpires to put times onto MRFs even in Cup competitions. Lindsay Price was sure that scorers could help here.

*4.5 MRFs and abandoned games:*

Rob R reported that surprisingly these were still coming in. EH made clear that they only needed submitting if a ball was bowled i.e. for "no result" games - not for abandoned games

*4.6 Twitter:*

Many results were being passed around this way. Ray R cautioned that putting things on Twitter/Face book was potentially highly dangerous.

**5. Matters relating to Registration of Players**

*5.1 Lists of overseas player:*

EH reported that a lot of these Cat 3 (not exempts) had not been signed off by the clubs as required at the pre season meeting etc. They were BHPark/Caldy/Highfield/Liverpool/NleW/ORT/StH Town and Sutton. As warned at the pre season meeting EH had now deleted all these players from play cricket.

Many players were arriving all the time. EH gave a list of those here now to JW in the spirit of work in progress. JW would be checking these to make sure that all the relevant ones were all properly booked onto the relevant and required courses. M/C needed to monitor this closely and not just take on trust what we were being told.

*5.2 Transfers:*

There had been a great many of these this year because of the demise of St Helens CC.

*5.3 Australian players in 3rd XI; Northern/Fleetwood/New Brighton:*

These players could not play in the 1st and 2nd XI Cup Competitions as they were Cat 3 (not exempts) and our regs forbad this.

JW introduced the problem of their registration status. The basis of their registrations was now in question on the basis of statistical evidence available from Australian websites equivalent to play cricket. JW recounted the three quite separate stories in detail.

Justin Snow (Northern) was billed as a 3rd XI player by J Cole; he scored 100+ in his first 3rd XI game! Records showed that he had played at the same level as the Cole brothers in Australia and had similar stats. JW/EH/CW had forbidden him to play in the 3rd XIs. Where should he now be registered? A supporting letter from Northern CC was read out in full

James Bliss (FWH) was also billed as a 3rd XI player; he scored 76 in his 2nd game and had not helped his cause by some of his Twitter postings. Again his statistics showed him as an opening bat at Australian club 1st XI level. He had also been prevented from playing again at 3rd XI level. Where should he now be registered?

Shaun Wilkinson (New Brighton) Evidence showed he played for a 5th team in Australia and he was said to be rubbish. He had however scored 6, 51 and 128. Where should he now be registered?

JW made clear that there was no question of sanctions being applied against the clubs in question or alterations to the results of games. They had been registered in good faith and had played some cricket in our 3rd XIs. Cr Co did have to decide at what level they should be registered.

It was agreed without dissent that Justin S and James B should be registered at 2nd XI level. They could be dropped to 3rd XI on application to M/C if their form declined and current evidence of loss of form could be produced.

It was also agreed without dissent that Shaun W would continue to be acceptable at 3rd XI level for the moment but he would be monitored closely and his registration altered to that of 2nd XI if he continued to score highly.

**6. Matters relating to 3rd XIs**

*6.1 ML Report:*

There was no report as such from ML, the relevant items had already been considered.

*6.2 Bootle 4ths v St Helens Town 3rd:*

Tony Molloy had made a complaint about St H Town not having any ECB team sheet cards. He would not give them one of his. Cr Co felt there was little that could be done as long as a valid team sheet of some sort was submitted. The regs did not say that only the ECB cards could be used.

CW pointed out that St H Town was not present at the pre Season SGM, had they not collected their sets of cards?

*6.3 Caldy 3s v Wallasey 3s:*

Caldy had cancelled the game at very short notice. It was to have been played at Kingsmead School. The school had not prepared a wicket. The view was expressed that as Wallasey had been very helpful in trying to accommodate Caldy's earlier mysterious difficulties with the venue, Caldy should forfeit the game.

Discussion followed and that view was over ruled, the school was beyond Caldy's control, many clubs were in this sort of situation. It was agreed that ML was to write to Caldy and require them to re arrange the game.

**7. Matters relating to Club &Ground**

*7.1 AB report:*

AB had sent CW a report:

*7.2 Hightown:*

 AB and CW had been there on a Health and Safety check about a week ago accompanied by Paul Bryson of LCB.

Hightown was immeasurably improved. Rubble had been cleared and the site metal-pinned and orange plastic-fenced all round. Pea Gravel (sic?) had been spread so as to make the front approach to the changing areas safe. AB CW and PB were all content that the site was now much safer and acceptable.

Building work was to start after the season had finished.

*7.3 Consideration of ground assessment process:*

This committee had met for the first time. A ground assessments process review was in train. Should the point's allocation be altered for the various sections and be rebalanced more in favour of playing surfaces? Responses were needed from each division to Ian Harrison (Prem), Simon Brown (Div 1) and Gordon Anderson (Div 2)

*7.4 Following up various reports from umpires about grounds:*

Umpires reports were being followed up as necessary. There was only 1 real problem so far to date and the matter was being handled

**8. Matters relating to MCUA: Current briefing**

*8.1 Hightown:*

Ray Rigby confirmed the progress at Hightown via umpire's reports.

*8.2 Captain's Cards:*

So far we had had a good return and were pleased with this continued support.

*8.3 Umpire's Cards returns:*

The umpire's card system was working well too, the guidance from ECB ACO and the seminar run by Paul Tatton had been helpful.

Umpires were now encouraged to make more allowance for the skill of a bowler. E.g. some spin bowlers could turn a ball sharply on any surface. The fact that a ball deviated was not necessarily the "fault" of the playing surface.

*8.4 Health and Safety at Sefton Park CC: gutters:*

The gutters needed roping off by 2m in order to comply. Ray R was asked to send an email from MCUA to Alan Bristow on the subject. Colwyn Bay did this during Glamorgan CCC games but, curiously, they ignored the picket fence.

*8.5 Birkenhead Park Score box;*

They have been told to mend it and to score from it; their "tins" were too small to be acceptable. Umpires were asked to report on this.

CW added that they should not have been given a computer as they have no power in their score box. They would need to provide a 12V leisure battery +charger+ 100W DC/AC inverter so as to use the right score box *and* use the TCS system.

*8.6 Taster meetings at clubs for umpire training;*

Ray R wanted a notice on the website promoting these*.* ECB ACO and Nick Cousins were very keen on these, they worked well.

JW was not so sure this was a good idea it was too vague and unlikely to be effective.

It would be much better to put in the diary and on the website etc perhaps 2/3 dates with trainers and venues for such meetings - perhaps one in the north, one in the south and one in the west on Wirral.

This was much more proactive and more likely to be effective. This was agreed as the way forward. JW would sort this with Ray R

**9. AOB**

*9.1 Handbooks;*

There had actually been only 4 errors, the Handbooks were fit for purpose.

Lindsay Price again regretted that their 2011 advertisement for G CCC's games at CB CC had been used - not the 2012 one.

JW agreed that this was regrettable and repeated what had been said to CB CC; (i) we very sorry and apologised profusely this had happened (ii) this was a printer's error not one by the Handbook team (iii) we had posted a lengthy support article on the website in lieu (iv) an e circ had been sent to all clubs (v) there would be another website reminder posting nearer the time.

CW felt that, overall, CB CC had probably come out in front on this one.

*9.2 36th Club 2013 update:*

 JW led. The Feeder League process was completed on the 30th April. CW had written to both leagues advising them of same.

Time was short and various deadlines for 2013 were looming.

M CC had received an expression of interest from M CC from Aigburth CC and another from S& D ACL from Prescott and Odyssey CC. JW and CW had rejected these two expressions of interest as the clubs did not possess Clubmark. P & O had lost their Clubmark status last year. CW had also written to both clubs to confirm that their interest would not be pursued.

Because the Feeder League could not provide a 36th club M/C was currently advertising on the website - again following constitutional procedure. This advertisement for a 36th club would be carried in a Jamie Bowman piece in the Echo/Post and by Twitter. The closing date was Thursday the 10th May. CW had convened an SGM on the 36th club on Tuesday 22nd May at Bootle at 7.30 pm.

Technically no club had yet applied from outside the Feeder League.

A club from the Palace Shield had withdrawn its interest that from a club in the Bolton & District Association remained.

*9.3 Date of June Cr Co meeting now on Wed 6th June at Wigan CC:*

This date had been changed as a result of the Tues Bank Holiday. It was agreed that it would be a good idea to have this meeting at Wigan CC so as to coincide with the LCB's U15s v BFS L&DCC's U17s fixture that was to be held that day.

Lindsay Price asked if CB CC could be excused without fine from this meeting as this was right in the middle of a G CCC fixture at CB CC. A discussion followed CW felt that we had, correctly, spent this meeting rolling out the regs, this was no different in principle; others disagreed, this was being too harsh. Permission was given; the fine for non attendance was to be lifted.

*9.4 LCB's U15s v BFS L&DCC's U17s:*

After some discussion it was agreed that the budget for Wigan on the day was to be £100 to cover catering costs.

Chris Firth agreed to help Chris Riley with selecting and coaching the team

*9.5 RD: Promoting our Premier League on the ECB website:*

We did not do this at the moment. RD offered to run with this. Cr Co was delighted and rapidly accepted the offer.

CW drew attention to RD's excellent and current summaries/round ups of 2nd and 3rd XIs on play-cricket.

*9.6 TCS Training (2) Wigan 7th May:*

 CW had had one firm reply in writing from Skelm and 5 expressions of interest in all.

Lindsay Price felt that logging on and setting up needed to be covered. CW replied that this had been covered on TCS Training Session (1) but agreed that this seemed to be the main problem area and needed to be repeated.

**10. Date(s) of next meetings**

Wed 6th June at Wigan CC

See **Appendix 1**

**9.08 pm**

**Draws for the BFS L&DCC Ray Digman KO *and***

**Chester Cup KO:**

These were expertly carried out by Eric Hadfield

See [**http://www.lpoolcomp.co.uk/admin\_docs.php?id=5**](http://www.lpoolcomp.co.uk/admin_docs.php?id=5)

**9.24pmAppendix 1**

Schedule of L&DCC meetings 2012/3

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| Meeting | Date | Venue | Time |
| M/C | Thur Jan 12th 2012 | Parkfield Liscard | 6.00pm |
| AGM 2012 | Tues Jan 17th  | Bootle | 7.30pm |
| Cr Co | Tues Jan 31st | Bootle | 7.00pm |
| M/C | Thur Feb 9th | Bootle | 6.00pm |
| Cr Co | Tues Feb 28th | Rainhill (E) | 7.00pm |
| LCB AGM | Thur 1s t March | Old Trafford. Red Rose Suite | 7.00pm |
| M/C | Thur March 8th | New Brighton | 6.00pm |
| TCS Training Day | Sat 24th March  | Bootle | 11.00am |
| MCUA Training Day | Sun 25th March | Bootle | 10.00 am |
| Cr Co | Tues March 27th | Bootle | 7.00pm |
| M/C | Thur 5th April | Bootle | 6.00pm |
| Pre Season SGM | Tues April 10th | Sefton Park | 7.30 pm |
| C&G sub Committee | Tues 17th April  | SP CC  | 7.45 pm |
| Cr Co | Tues 1st May  | Wallasey (W) | 7.00pm |
| TCS Training (ii) | Mon 7th May | Wigan | 1.00pm |
| M/C | Thur 10th May | Parkfield Liscard | 6.00pm |
| *? 36th Club SGM ?* | *Tues 22nd May* | *Bootle* | *7.30pm* |
| **Cr Co** | **Wed 6th June** | **Wigan** | **7.00pm** |
| M/C | Thur 14th June | Bootle | 6.00pm |
| Cr Co | Tues 3rd July | Rainhill (E) | 7.00pm |
| M/C | Thur 12th July | New Brighton | 6.00pm |
| Cr Co | Tues 31st July |  Bootle | 7.00pm |
| M/C | Thur 9th August | Bootle | 6.00pm |
| Cr Co | Tues 4th Sept | Wallasey (W) | 7.00pm |
| M/C | Thur 13th Sept | Parkfield Liscard | 6.00pm |
| Cr Co | Tues 25th Sept | Bootle | 7.00pm |
| M/C | Thur 4th Oct | Bootle | 6.00pm |
| EoS SGM  | Tues 9th Oct | SP CC | 7.30pm |
| Cr Co | ?? Tues 30th Oct?? - as necessary | Rainhill (E) | 7.00pm |
| M/C | Thur 8th Nov | New Brighton | 6.00pm |
| EoS SGM 3rd XIs | Tues 20th Nov | SP CC | 7.30pm |
| Cr Co | ?? Tues 4th Dec?? - as necessary | Bootle | 7.00pm |

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**C Weston**

**Hon Sec**

**BFS L&DCC**

**Appendix 2**

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| Group | BFS KO winners | BFS KO runners up |
| 1 | Ormskirk | Wallasey (1.218) 2pts |
| 2 | Newton le Willows | Hightown (-0.468) 4pts |
| 3 | Bootle | Maghull (0.766) 4pts |
| 4 | Orrell RT | Sutton (0.171) 3pts |
| 5 | Lytham | Wigan (-0.072) 4pts  |
| 6 | Formby | Colwyn Bay (0.551) 3 pts |
| 7 | Northern | Rainford (1.186) 4pts |
| 8 | Leigh | Alder (-1.368) 4pts |
| 9 | New Brighton | S & B (2.015) 4pts |

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| Group | Chester Cup winners | Chester Cup runners up |
| 1 | Wallasey | Ormskirk (-0.569) 2pts |
| 2 | Birkenhead Park | Sefton (3.87) 4pts |
| 3 | Bootle | Maghull (1.91) 4pts |
| 4 | Sutton | Orrell RT (0.333) 4pts |
| 5 | Lytham | Liverpool (1.6) 3pts |
| 6 | Wavertree | Colwyn Bay (3.78) 4pts |
| 7 | Burscough | Rainford (0.473) 4pts |
| 8 | Leigh | Northop Hall (-0.201) 4pts |
| 9 | New Brighton | S & B (2.61) 4pts |

(1.22) indicates adjusted nett run rate for conceded/abandoned matches in Group 1 as previously agreed.

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| Non-qualifier |

Therefore:

**BFS KO** **Chester Cup**

Ormskirk Wallasey
Newton-le-Willows Birkenhead Park
Bootle Bootle
Orrell Red Triangle Sutton
Lytham Lytham
Formby Wavertree
Northern Burscough
Leigh Leigh
New Brighton New Brighton
Wallasey Sefton Park
Maghull Maghull
Sutton Orrell Red Triangle
Wigan Liverpool
Colwyn Bay Colwyn Bay
Rainford Rainford
Southport & Birkdale Southport & Birkdale

 *1.1.2 The nine Group winners and the seven best runners-up will go forward to the knock-out stages in both competitions. Positions in the groups will be based on total points won. Points will be awarded as described in 9.3 below. In the event of teams having the same number of points their finishing positions will be determined by net run rate as described in 9.4 below. Net run rates will also determine the seven best runners-up.*

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1. Points then run rates if necessary sort out the order in the group using

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2. Run rates then sort the best 7 runners up using

**Net run rates will also determine the seven best runners-up.**

Crucially at no stage does this regulation "say points first and then run rates will also be used to sort the 7 best runners up"