

**Minutes of The Annual General Meeting of  
THE BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT PREMIER CRICKET LEAGUE  
held at Moseley Cricket Club  
on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2011 at 8.00 p.m.**

**Present:**

All present signed the attendance register – a copy is held by The General Manager (**GM**)

Before the meeting commenced, **The Chairman** requested a minute's silence in memory of Geoff Appleton (a former Umpires Appointments Secretary and League Umpire), Derek Nicholls (a Past President of the League and former player and Past President of Walsall C.C.) and John Lumb (a former player and Chairman of Smethwick C.C.), who had passed away, during the past 12 months.

**GM** conducted a roll call of Clubs and all 48 members were present. **Chairman** welcomed Barnards Green C.C., Handsworth C.C. and Wednesbury C.C. to the League; they had been promoted from Feeder Leagues at the end of the 2010 Season and he wished them every success.

**1. Apologies:**

A.E. Lea (Himley C.C. and BDPCL Management Board Representative) and J. Reeves (Vice-President BDPCL).

**2. Minutes of A.G.M. held on 19th January, 2010:**

The minutes of last year's A.G.M. have been available to download from the League Website, since 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2011. **Chairman** proposed that they were taken as read and his proposal was seconded by **R.J. Fleet (Cannock C.C.)**. All present were in favour.

**3. Matters Arising:**

Nil

**4. Chairman's Report:**

A copy of the report has been available to download from the League Website since 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2011. He reiterated his congratulations to winners of all Competitions and Clubs who had been promoted, especially to Shrewsbury C.C. winners of the Premier Division 1<sup>st</sup> XI title and the Graham Williamson Trophy. Although it was disappointing to note that the winners of the Shropshire Premier League, Madeley C.C., had declined an invitation to join the League, he was pleased that Sutton Coldfield C.C. had received a stay of execution as a result. Most of the disciplinary problems reported during the season had been dealt with by Clubs, under the League's Code of Conduct, but there was one case outstanding which remained *sub judice*. The matter should be resolved in February following legal advice from the League's solicitor. He ended his report by highlighting the lack of a title sponsor for the League and urged anyone with suitable contacts to speak with himself, the General Manager or the Chairman of the Marketing Sub-Committee.

**5. Hon Treasurer's Report:**

A copy of the Accounts for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2010, has been available to download from the League website since 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2011. **Hon. Treasurer** reported a surplus of £841.00, for the year, in comparison to a surplus of £4,445.00, reported the previous year. The main reason for the decrease was the lack of a title sponsor but this was part made up by an increase in the annual subscription paid by member Clubs. He took the opportunity to confirm that the Management Board has approved his recommendation that there is no further increase in subscriptions, in 2011. Income for the year included the ECB Accreditation Fee as a Premier League and an administration fee.

There had been no performance related payment for Under 21's, this season, but £3,000.00 had been received for meeting the ECB criteria for Fair Play, Pitch Reports and publishing scorecards on play-cricket.com. Other income was down by, approximately, £1,000.00. Expenditure was down by £7,000.00, with £5,000.00 less paid on administration. There had been a saving of £4,000.00 on the League Handbook but postage and stationery had risen by £300.00. There was little variation in the costs of telephones and internet. The Balance Sheet indicated that there was £38,000.00 in the bank with £5,000.00 due in unpaid invoices. He estimated that the League could survive for a further year without any more income and invited questions or comments from the floor. In the absence of any questions or comments, **T.W. Gray (Barnt Green C.C.)** proposed and **S.A. Neal (Old Hill C.C.)** seconded that the Accounts were adopted. All present were in favour.

#### **6. Appointment of Honorary Reporting Accountant:**

**Hon. Treasurer** thanked John Cox (Whitehouse, Risdale & Co. and Walsall C.C.) for his prompt and efficient service. The work is, always, completed, quickly, at no cost to the League. **R. Froggatt (League Umpire)** proposed and **Abid Din (Moseley C.C.)** seconded the proposal that Mr Cox is re-appointed and all present were in favour. **Hon. Treasurer** was requested to thank Mr Cox on behalf of the League

#### **7. Appointment of President:**

**Chairman** thanked P.R. Clarke (Barnt Green C.C.) for his contribution to the League during his year of office in 2010. He had been a regular attendee at Board Meetings and he had visited many Clubs during the season. A highlight of the year had been President's Day at Barnt Green C.C. on 17<sup>th</sup> July. Mr Clarke said that he had enjoyed the season, immensely; it had been a pleasant summer and he thanked Clubs for the hospitality shown to him on his visits to different grounds. He had enjoyed his President's Day and he had been impressed by the efficient operation of the League, mainly due to the efforts of the Chairman and General Manager. **Chairman** reported that K.D.W. Lancaster (Sutton Coldfield C.C.) has accepted an invitation to become President of the League, in 2011, and he was delighted to propose him. The proposition was seconded by Mr Clarke and all present were in favour. **Mr Clarke** presented the medal of office to Mr Lancaster, who thanked everyone for their support. He was honoured to become President and he conveyed his best wishes to all Clubs for a successful season.

#### **8. Appointment of President-Elect:**

**Chairman** reported that W.F. Tansell (Old Elizabethans C.C.) has been invited to accept the position of President-Elect. Mr Tansell has accepted the invitation and he will be proposed as President at the 2012 A.G.M.

#### **9. Election of Vice-Presidents:**

**GM** reported that he had received no new nominations as Vice-Presidents. The current list of Vice-Presidents is available in the League Handbook and on the League website and Clubs were requested to put forward nominations for members who had made a contribution to the League.

#### **10. Vote in Proposed Changes to Rules:**

**GM** reported that he had received no proposals for changes or amendments to the League Rules.

#### **11. Election of Management Board Representatives:**

The following Management Board Representatives retire, by rotation, and are, all, eligible for re-election:-

John Day (Water Orton C.C.)  
Rex Ingram (Bromsgrove C.C.)  
Alan Neal (Old Hill C.C.)  
Bill Tansell (Old Elizabethans C.C.)

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As there are four nominations for four places on the Board, a ballot will not be necessary and all four members are elected to serve for four years.

The Hon. Treasurer is, also, due to retire, this year, at the end of a three-year term of office, and is eligible for re-election. The following nomination has been received.

Robin Viner (Old Hill C.C.)

As there were no other nominations, there was no need for a ballot and Robin Viner was elected for a further three year term of office.

#### **12. Presentation of Trophy to Player of the Year:**

The Player of the Year, in 2010, was Ed Foster (Shrewsbury C.C.) who scored 788 runs, in the Premier Division, at an average of 46.35. He was, also, skipper of the Shrewsbury side that won the Premier Division title and the Graham Williamson Trophy. He was presented with the Trophy by The President.

#### **13. Presentation of Trophy to the Young Player of the Year:**

The Albert Birkenhead Trophy had been won by Elliot Green (Shrewsbury C.C.) who took 46 wickets at an average of 16.98, in the Premier Division, including a season's best 9 for 77, in the last match of the season against Kidderminster Victoria C.C. which clinched the title for his club. He was presented with the Trophy by the President.

#### **14. Presentation of Trophy to the Umpire of the Year:**

The President presented the Trophy to Roy Froggatt, a long serving member of the Umpires Panel who enjoyed a particularly successful season in 2010.

#### **15. Presentation of Fair Play Awards:**

Fair Play awards were presented by the President to the following Clubs:-

Premier Division	-	Walmley C.C.	9.17
Division One	-	Bromsgrove C.C.	9.10
Division Two	-	Tamworth C.C.	9.29
Division Three	-	Sutton Coldfield C.C.	9.20

## **16. Any Other Business:**

### **16.1 Division Two (2<sup>nd</sup> XI) Runners-Up Trophy**

The President presented the Division Two (2<sup>nd</sup> XI) Runners-Up Trophy to Bridgnorth C.C. The trophy was not available for presentation at the end of season Divisional Meeting when other trophies were distributed.

### **16.2 Umpires in 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Cricket**

**GM** reported that it will be mandatory for Clubs in Premier Division (2<sup>nd</sup> XI) cricket to supply a non-playing Umpire in all matches. Those clubs that had responded to a questionnaire indicated that they favoured point penalties for not supplying an Umpire rather than bonus points for supplying an Umpire at this level. The Cricket Sub-Committee will determine the scale of penalties for clubs in breach of this regulation. **GM**, also, confirmed that, in 2<sup>nd</sup> XI matches in Divisions One, Two and Three, where only one Club supplies a non-playing Umpire, he will, only, be permitted to stand at the bowler's end, throughout the match, by agreement between the two Captains and the Umpire, before the match commences. If that is the case, Clubs will be expected to share the Umpire's fee, up to a maximum of £15.00 per Club.

### **16.3 Annual Handbook**

**GM** confirmed that the Registration Procedure and the Disciplinary Regulations will be printed in the Annual Handbook in 2011.

### **16.4 Registration**

**GM** reminded Clubs that there was no longer a requirement to submit registration forms and a photograph for Category 1 and Category 2 players. Registration on play-cricket.com is sufficient, plus a transfer form, if the player is moving from another Club. He, then, went through a list of 14 players he was unable to register on play-cricket.com because of insufficient information or other queries.

### **16.5 Sponsorship Announcement**

**GM** reported that the Management Board has secured sponsorship for two of its Competitions in 2011. The Graham Williamson Trophy will be sponsored by Boundary Sports Ltd. and the (Twenty20) Challenge Cup Competition will be sponsored by Red Insure Ltd. A press release announcing the sponsorship has been placed on the website.

### **16.6 Annual Dinner**

29 Clubs had responded to a questionnaire regarding the Annual Dinner. Nine Clubs had voted in favour of its re-introduction, 19 Clubs voted in favour of a Presentation Evening, with a finger buffet, where all trophy-winning Clubs are expected to purchase a minimum number of tickets and one Club voted in favour of a Presentation Evening without the buffet. The results of the questionnaire will be considered at the next meeting of the Management Board.

### **16.7 Contracted Players**

**J.A. Allen (Moseley C.C.)** asked if Warwickshire C.C.C. had released a list of Contracted Players to Clubs, yet. **GM** reported that he hasn't received one but the usual rumours were, already, circulating.

## **16.8 Cricketing C.V. for President & President-Elect**

**A.S. Barnard (Shrewsbury C.C.)** suggested that, in future years, the League issued a cricketing C.V. for the President and President-Elect of the League, to acquaint Clubs with their achievements. **Chairman** thought this was an excellent proposal and **GM** was requested to follow this up.

## **16.9 UK Border Agency**

**A.M.J. Lyttle (Harborne C.C.)** reported that his Club received a visit from the UKBA to check the paperwork for the Overseas Player in 2010. He asked if any other Clubs have received such a visit and four Clubs indicated that they have, also, met with the Agency. **GM** said that Clubs should have nothing to worry about if they follow the correct procedure but the penalties for not doing so were severe – potentially, a £10,000.00 fine and possible imprisonment for the Club Official deemed to be responsible.

## **Meeting Closed:**

9.05 p.m.