



Bassetlaw and District Umpires' Association

Minutes of a Meeting Held at Cuckney CC on Saturday 3rd December 2011 at 2:30pm

Present. 40 members were present.

Apologies: A Astling, A Bennett, R Dodd, L Jones, P McKenzie, J Penrose, C Russell and B Wilson.

Minutes of previous meeting. These had been published on the website and were read to the meeting by the Secretary. The minutes were confirmed by the meeting.

Matters Arising. There were no matters arising.

Correspondence.

- John Leafe, County Welfare Officer, had supplied a quite worrying document relating to CRB. A fugitive paedophile with a history of posing as a referee to target kids was arrested as he was about to take charge of a match in Watford, Herts. He had dodged child protection checks by changing his name so he could act as a coach and referee in boys football. It is therefore imperative for CRB checkers to ensure that they follow the correct procedure. Check everything, don't sign any forms if you aren't entirely happy with the documentation.
- A leaflet for the ACO Annual Dinner had been received. It would be on Friday 16th March 2012, the Long Room, Trent Bridge, 7.00 for 7.30pm; price £27.50. Anyone interested should contact John Hayes.

Bassetlaw & District Cricket League AGM:

Martin Cannon the BDUA representative on the League Management Committee gave a brief resume of the Leagues recent AGM.

The major change on the League Management Committee was the retirement as Chairman of Jim Garton. Jim will remain as a committee member. Gareth Jones was elected Chairman. Martin went through all of the proposed rule amendments and indicated those that had been passed and those that had failed. All the rule changes would be highlighted in the 2013 League Handbook. The Association Secretary indicated that he would write to all Umpires concerning the amended disciplinary procedure and other related matters nearer the beginning of the season.

Any other Business:

The Secretary reported that there had been several amendments to dates on the Umpires rota for season 2012. These only affected the Tomlins and Mallen Trophy matches. The amended dates are:

Tomlins; June 15th should read July 15th.

Mallen; 25/6 should be 26/6; 8/7 should be 3/7; Semi/Finals Day 10/7 should be 8/7.

Guest Speakers:

The Chairman welcomed and introduced Anthony Collis and Geoff Wellstead.

Anthony Collis – Anthony is vice-chairman of the Inn Sign Society, a founder member of the Cricket Memorabilia Society and a committee member of the Cricket Society (Midlands). Whilst resident in Johannesburg he founded the Cricket Society of South Africa. He compiled an innings by innings career record of Graeme Pollock which was published by the Association of Cricket Statisticians.

He laments the truncation of the game, the surfeit of international cricket and fears there are few characters in the game today that will be remembered in twenty years time. He has written two books about inn signs and pub names.

Geoff Wellstead – Geoff is a cricket nut! In a long playing career which began modestly and then fell away, he played for 23 years with Old Redingensians (Berkshire) before moving to the Wirral where he played for Caldys CC. He is secretary of the ECB accredited, Cheshire County Cricket League and is also a premier panel umpire in that competition. He is a former Chairman of Caldys CC which won the National Village Cup at Lord's during his term of office. He is a keen follower of county cricket and a member of Lancashire CCC and the Merseyside Cricket Society. A retired Civil servant he has collected cricket-related pub material for more than 25 years.

Our guests had written and published a book about cricket related pub signs and were here today to give a digital presentation. Geoff began by explaining that they start this because of the closure of pubs. Pubs and their signs are under greater threat than ever with an average of 50 pubs a week closing at present. It was a way of preserving our country's heritage for the benefit of future generations.

The presentation took about 90 minutes and covered the whole of the country. Local interest included the pubs in Nottingham close to Trent Bridge, the Trent Bridge Inn and the Larwood & Voce Bar on the Cricket Ground. Worksop also featured with several of its pubs.

Many of the Pubs and Inns featured had subsequently closed so this was a unique record of a disappearing era.

With that the Chairman asked the meeting to show their appreciation in the usual way and the meeting closed at 4.30pm.

Date and time of next meeting. This will be the 7th January 2012, 2.30pm at Cuckney Cricket Club.