

COTSWOLD HILLS LEAGUE

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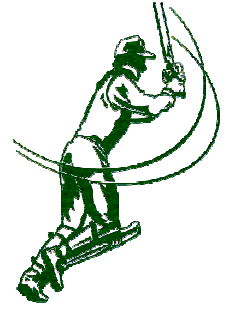
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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING

12th January 2009

Attendees : R Douglas, J Mould, J Bradley, D Gardner, D Haines, R Challinor, M Germain, M Rawbone

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Were agreed as a true record

1. MATTERS ARISING

Rule change proposals for discussion at the AGM were fully discussed.

Also discussed were disciplinary procedures.

The procedures currently adopted by the Birmingham League and also the Worcester League have we understand worked very well.

The committee then agreed that we shall also use these in future for our league.

This procedure was recommended by the independent panel who dealt with a disciplinary matter towards the end of last season. This will be available in full on our web site.

2. UMPIRES

Dave Gardner then reported back following a recent umpires meeting.

The umpires have requested that as many clubs as possible should provide separate changing facilities for all umpires.

Also will all clubs please be aware that umpires should be paid before the match starts. This has not always been the case and clubs must comply with this always.

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3. SPONSORSHIP

John Bradley reported that following a letter of thanks he was then contacted by our sponsor, John Shepherd.

Due to the current difficulties with the housing market he is not able to continue at £3000 per year. However he is prepared to continue at a reduced amount, £2000.

We should be very grateful that in these difficult financial times he is still prepared to help. The committee expressed their gratitude for this.

As a result our income is reduced by 30% and we have to deal with it. John Mould, our treasurer suggested that there are 2 possibilities :

- [a] reduce the subsidy on the balls, therefore the cost will rise to every team, or
- [b] reduce the amount paid for trophies by either reducing the amount we give out and/or reducing the quality.

This is to be finalised at a later date.

4. PITCHES

John Turner was then invited to address the meeting, regarding grounds and maintenance on behalf of an ECB Pitch advisory group.

We are all concerned that the quality of pitches and grounds is not in some cases up to standard and it is very important that this should be looked into by those qualified to do so.

The committee will ensure that at the very least those winning promotion to the premier division and possibly division 1 will have to provide these to an acceptable standard, if not then promotion will not be allowed. The pitches will be checked by a pitch advisor. John was then invited to act as pitch advisor and to become part of the committee, he kindly accepted.

All clubs have been or will be inspected by the pitch advisory group.

All clubs will be receiving communication detailing courses on groundsmanship. This will include comments on the grounds as made by the group and will be sent individually to clubs. A proposal regarding pitches will be put to the AGM by the committee.

Details of how to mark a pitch will be given to all clubs at the balls meeting.

These comments do not apply to every club as some have excellent pitches and grounds. We simply wish to raise the overall standard.

The next meeting is to be on 9/3/09 at Norton Lindsey cc at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 10.00 pm

NOTE ;AGM 25TH FEB AT KINETON CC. 8.00 pm prompt.

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