



Leicestershire & Rutland Cricket League sponsored by Everards
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Minutes for Exec Meeting
12th November 2020, 7pm via Zoom

attendees:

Nigel Kinch (NK)	Brad Peake (BP)	Colin Green (CG)	Ged McDougall (GM)	Russell Spiers (RuS)
Richard French (RF)	Sam Rowe (SR)	Mark Ward (MW)	Pratap Odedra (PO)	Keith Towers (KT)
Jonny Lawrance-Owen	Roger Stead (RoS)	Chris Pople (CP)	Andy Hibberd (AH)	Paul Whiteman (PW)

- **Apologies** - Robin Whait, Dan Pedley
- **Approval of previous minutes (24/09/20)** - All matters approved.
- **Matters arising / Chairman report (NK)** - Peter can produce handbooks if necessary. Premier League will be meeting over the next few months. They will be able to decide what to do with remaining Premier League grant money.
- **Secretary report (GM)** - An online survey was recently sent to clubs asking for their feedback to a range of issues. All 97 clubs responded to the survey. [See document 'LRCL_surveyAnswersOct20' for further details.](#)
 - **Teams and Grounds**
 - 3 teams want to withdraw from the league.
 - Cropston 2nd are currently best placed to replace a withdrawing team in Div 4.
 - 4 teams have expressed interest in joining the league.
 - YMA would like to add a 3rd team. Unfortunately, their 2nd team is already in the lowest league resulting in a contravention of league rules.
 - **CG and AH will start liaising with local councils to enquire re: 2021 ground availability. This will be especially important with COVID complications on council owned pitches.** 40+ teams play on council owned pitches. Possible ground closures may cause issues with the structure of the leagues and fixtures.
 - These 4 teams to be formally contacted to clarify whether they have their own grounds.

Number of Overs

- Teams responded very positively to playing 40 overs from Div 5 downwards. Div 5 to Div 9 will play 40 overs next season.
- Premier League responded 100% to play 50 overs.
- Teams were split 50:50 with whether they wanted teas provided.
- Very few clubs were positive about coloured kits.
- **Playing regulations**
 - [See 'Notes for Rules Committee Meeting, 7th October 2020'](#)
 - These are mostly based around rules for COVID complications and restrictions. These will be implemented in line with guidance from the ECB around rule breaking. These rules can be added onto the normal league rules if necessary.
 - Discussion about what would constitute a full season in terms of promotion and relegation.
 - There is a balance between keeping the divisions competitive and making promotion / relegation fair and reasonable.

- The committee to consider approving a sub-committee of at least 6 (Chair + 5) to be given authority to make time-critical decisions during the season without reference to the full committee.
- Recommend starting the 2021 season on 17th April, end 11th September.
- **Committee members to respond to these suggestions with comments and suggestions before the next meeting.**
- **Web / Play-Cricket**
 - This can be discussed in the future. Many leagues around the country use Play-Cricket. **GM to arrange an ECB presentation**
- **Comms / Tier reps**
 - Committee recommends reducing from 4 to 3 Tier Reps. RW is happy to step down as a Tier Rep as he also does a lot of work with his ACO role. This will require a rule-change.
- **AGM**
 - Zoom has been used by the Community Team and by other leagues to good effect. The Zoom meeting can also be recorded and sent to clubs afterwards. The meeting does not need to be compulsory.
 - AGM date Thursday 21st January.
 - **AH to set up the Zoom meeting.**
- **Finance (BP)**
 - See 'LRCL accounts draft for committee 121120'
 - Surplus of roughly £7,500 from this season. The forecast for next season is that the league may realistically make a loss of up to £13,000. Decision from the committee to save this money with a view to potential loss of income in the future.
 - Club fees to be 50% the usual cost (now £30 per team).
- **Social Media (CP)**
 - Social media was helpful for prompting clubs to respond to the survey.
 - Sponsors can be promoted on League social media as an extra incentive for sponsorship.
- **Grounds / Facilities (CG)**
 - Nothing to report.
- **Officials (KT)**
 - The ACO AGM was last night. This was held over Zoom. They are hopeful to have good umpire numbers after positive reports from umpires' last season.
 - Kevin is making good health progress and is enjoying listening to the cricket on his iPad.
- **LCCC Community report (AH)**
 - Grants worth £627,383 have been received by league clubs this year
 - 27 'return to cricket' grants have been awarded.
 - The 'safe hands' management system will be in use soon. Clubmark clubs will use this first and then it will be rolled out to other clubs.
 - DBS checks are currently closed for clubs due to COVID. If clubs need a DBS, they can contact AH who may be able to help.
- **LCCDO Report (PO)**
 - The LCCDO will soon have an office in Leicester city centre.
 - PO will feed-back key points from the league committee meeting to LCCDO affiliated clubs.
- **Premier League (RuS)**
 - Leicestershire CC CEO Sean Jarvis is keen to build links with recreational cricket.
 - This may involve coaching, discount ticketing etc. He would like ideas from clubs about how recreational cricketers can link with the County team. **Ideas to be fed back to RuS**
- **AOB**
 - The next league grant meeting is early next month.
 - The cut-off date for deciding on the divisions is the end of January 2021.

Date & time of next meeting:

Thursday 17th December, 6:30pm (note earlier than usual start time)