

JCT 600 Bradford League Management Board

Minutes of meeting on Tuesday, January 15, 2008 at Pudsey St Lawrence 7.30pm

1 Present: Graham Reid (Chairman), Bob Shackleton (Chief Executive), Steve Raistrick (Secretary), Alan Birkinshaw (Media and Marketing), Glynn Pearson (Umpires' Representative), Tom Priestley (Umpires Representative) John France(Life Member), David Young (Treasurer), Mick Illingworth (Club Representative), Rodney Heyhoe (Club representative),Babar Butt |(Player representative)

2 Apologies: Keith Moss (President),

3 Minutes of previous meetings November 13: Approved

4 Matters Arising

Brighthouse: Still no response regarding the hockey tournament which clashes with the Sovereign Health Care Priestley Shield final.

Sovereign Health Care Priestley Cup final: Still awaiting Bradford & Bindley's response to the invitation to stage the Sovereign Health Care Priestley Cup final.

5 Accounts

The following payments were approved:

Cleckheaton £108.09 – embroidery on cup final shirts

Cedar Court £5261.81 – annual dinner

John France £117.60 – expenses for attending League Cricket Conference meeting

Andrew Bullock £55.52 – Fax machine

Phoenix Publicity £41.13

Blands £1,867.41 - trophies

Viking Direct £120.06- stationery

6 Correspondence

Bradford & Bingley: Application made for a benefit for Richard McCarthy. This was approved subject to it not clashing with any Bradford League commitments. Club asked to advise of what is involved.

West Riding Sunday League: Graham Beecher wrote to inform officials that he had replaced Ken Teasdale as the treasurer of the competition.

Farsley: The club has offered its ground for 2008 White Rose competition.

7 Representatives to other organisations: Same as last year.

8 White Rose venues

First round v Halifax at Lightcliffe. If the JCT 600 Bradford League wins it will be home in the second round and Farsley will stage the tie. If the team reaches the semi-final Saltaire will stage the game.

It was agreed that Simon Hicks should again be invited to manage the team and that the chairman, Graham Reid, should convey the decision by telephone.

9 Sovereign Health Care Priestley Shield final venue:

Management Board decided to invite Cleckheaton to stage the match. It was felt that making an early decision gave the host club plenty of time to prepare for the fixture.

10 League Dinner

The event lost £395 compared to the £700 loss in 2006.

Treasurer David Young said that there was a need to find a dinner sponsor. He also reported that The bill for speakers was slightly more than expected at £1,200. The raffle made a healthy £545 A total 220 people attended of which 30 were guests.

The secretary Steve Raistrick has made a provisional booking for the next three years at the Cedar Court. The event will be on the last Friday of November in each of those years. The secretary and chief executive were asked to check the price the Cedar Court will charge for each meal in 2008. If the expected rise is within a £1 of last year members agreed to set the ticket price at £30. Clubs will again be invoiced before the season for the statutory four tickets they have to purchase. Should the rise per meal be more than £1 then the board would have to discuss at the February meeting the cost of tickets.

11 Facilities Marking

Rodney Heyhoe proposed the emphasis need to be changed from the fabric of the grounds to the quality of the playing surfaces. The ECB have had a pilot scheme running in five counties in the south. He suggested that the JCT 600 Bradford League should pilot the scheme in Yorkshire with the umpires rating the pitches. Captains should also continue to mark pitches as well. He proposed a copy of the draft scheme and the criteria used for marking pitches.

It was agreed that the issue would be discussed in full at the February meeting. The board agreed the scheme in principle and asked the Umpires Chairman to speak to his executive about it and report back to the February meeting. A new draft specimen umpires marking form is to be drafted for approval.

12 Any Other Business

Communications: It was agreed that in future all official league correspondence will be conveyed by e-mail and through the website. Clubs will be informed of this in a letter from the Chief Executive, the last official communication to be conveyed by post. In future clubs will have to download from the website and print off items such as match report sheets, player registration and transfer forms.

Covers: Rod Heyhoe produced costs for covers. He suggested the optimum was a sheet which covered three pitches. Details will be put on the website. The Board recommends that all clubs conform to the standard.

Board Meetings: A full list of all the meeting dates will be posted on the website and printed in the annual handbook. In 2008 the board has vowed to meet at a number of different venues.

Meetings.

Tuesday, February 19 Gomersal 7.30pm	Tuesday, March 18 Cleckheaton 7.30pm
Tuesday, April 15 Baildon 7.30pm	Thursday, May 22 Pudsey St Lawrence 7.30pm
Tuesday, June 17 Gomersal 7.30pm	Thursday, July 17 Cleckheaton 7.30pm
Thursday, August 21 Esholt 7.30pm	Tuesday, September 16 Pudsey St Lawrence 7.30pm
Tuesday, October 14 Gomersal 7.30pm	Tuesday, November 11 Cleckheaton 7.30pm

Martin House Hospice: Cheque available to be sent off

Time Limit: Glynn Pearson asked on behalf of the Umpires Association if the over-rate regulations applied to the Sovereign Health Care Priestley Cup and Shield. It was agreed that they do not as there is no mechanism for punishing sides, however the Management Board believed that captains and umpires should be reminded that the spirit of the 3hrs 10mins regulation should be adhered to so as to prevent unnecessary time wasting.

Overseas Players: No news on remuneration revealed yet for Work permit purposes. The chairman has spoken personally to the Chief Executive of the Club Cricket Conference regarding the status of overseas players in line with the points raised by Woodlands CC at the agm. This was with regard to allowing first class players to be allowed to play league cricket.

Handbook 2008: We accepted the lowest quote. Cost £75 a full page.

Glynn Pearson: It was reported that he is working with the ECB on a new system of umpire training.

Jack Tordoff: The chairman of JCT 600 was congratulated on the league website and by letter from chairman regarding his MBE.

JCT 600 and Sovereign Health Care Branding: Clubs are to be reminded that they must carry the full title of the competition, the JCT 600 Bradford League on the front cover of their programmes. They are also urged to use the full title whenever referring to the league. The same applies to the Sovereign Health Care Priestley Cup and Shield. It was noted that a number of clubs had disregarded this important instruction in 2007. Copies of the company logos are available from the Media and Marketing officer Alan Birkinshaw. Projecting our two main sponsors is critical.

Tie: Mick Illingworth getting costings for a new JCT 600 Bradford League tie.

Tony Reed: Mick Illingworth was asked to extend best wishes of JCT 600 Bradford League to Tony over his illness.

Centenary Books: These are stored at Esholt who would like them to be moved on. It was agreed that the league should keep a small stock and give the rest away. Talks to held with Bradford Council about giving them to schools.

Meeting closed 9.10pm

Date of next meeting: Tuesday, February 18 at Gomersal, 7.30pm.