

JCT 600 Bradford League Management Board

Minutes of meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at Cleckheaton 7.30pm

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

2 Apologies: Richard Whitehurst (player Representative).

3 Minutes of previous meeting February 26: Approved

4 MATTERS ARISING

Windhill: Letter of support sent to back their application for funding for their new kitchen facilities.

Bradford Council: The secretary has written to give the league's support for the possible exhibition at the Industrial Museum. They have been advised to deal directly with clubs.

Dinner: The secretary has spoken to Malcolm Lord re dinner speakers and fees.

Umpires Record Card: Now has a reverse side which includes pitch and outfield marking. Due to be printed

Registration sheets: Only Manningham Mills failed to beat the deadline. They have also failed to pay a £5 fine from last season. It was agreed that Manningham Mills be fined £50 for breaching league regulations.

5 ACCOUNTS

The following payments were approved:

£32.82 Travel expenses to the League cricket conference.

Fifteen clubs have paid annual subs so far. The deadline is March 31. A list of clubs who have paid has been posted on the league's website and a reminder for those who haven't is on the index page.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

YCB Adult Forum: The Chief Executive reported that he had received minutes for a meeting on November 12 and an agenda for the next meeting on Monday, April 14 at the Headingley Cricket Centre. It was pointed out that two issues discussed at the previous meeting were the synchronisation of cup dates for all senior leagues and the reviving of the Senior Inter League Knockout. The Chief Executive was instructed to write to YCB Chief Executive Ian Chappell to find out why the Bradford League wasn't told of the previous meeting. The chairman will represent the Bradford League at the next meeting.

7 CAPTAIN'S MEETING:

This is to be held on April 1 at Cleckheaton. Nominations for the new players' representative close on March 28. If a ballot is needed it will be conducted by the two Umpires Representatives who will be in attendance to explain the new Umpire Assessment Form. The meeting will be chaired by the league chairman who will be assisted by Players' Representative Babar Butt. The minutes will be taken by the Media and Marketing Officer.

The agenda is to be circulated by the secretary. It will include:

1 Assessment form

2 Election of one representative (one vote per club).
3 The role of the player's representatives
4 Items for general discussion.
Graham Reid to chair meeting

8 FACILITIES AND GROUND MARKING:

Rod Heyhoe is to attend the Umpires Association's meeting on April 10 to answer any questions from the floor. We are the first league in the country to add outfield marking to the ECB pitch criteria. He pointed out that in future clubs need to obtain a detailed YCB pitch report which includes the taking of soil samples before they can obtain funding. They need to contact Ian Powell of the YCB to arrange for one of these inspections.

9 UMPIRES ASSESSMENT

The new form now incorporates the ECB crest as takes ECB format. We have added our own section for visiting captains to rate the pitch, scoreboard operation and facilities. It was unanimously agreed that for the new season these forms should be faxed to the CEO who will then forward them to umpires appointment secretary once he has logged the ground markings. This new procedure will mean that the fax line and machine used by the Umpires Appointment secretary will be removed thus making a cost saving for the league..

10 WHITE ROSE COMPETITION

Undercliffe, Esholt, Morley and Pudsey Congs have already sent in White Rose nominations. Players Representatives are to be asked to help team manager Simon Hicks while David Young will deal with all team correspondence.

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

George Bottomley and Tony Reed: The deaths of George Bottomley (Lightcliffe) and Tony Reed (Baildon) were recorded. Both clubs thanked the league website for carrying tributes to both men.

Ties: Mick Illingworth to get some designs and prices for the next board meeting

Trophies: Steve Raistrick to be assisted by Mick Illingworth.

Cleckheaton: Floodlit Twenty/20: It was agreed to put in a team to defend the trophy won last year. They will be called the JCT 600 Sovereigns.

Electronic communication: David Young pointed out that he had sent out many of the recent e-mail alerts on behalf of secretary Steve Raistrick. He said this was due to the fact that Steve Raistrick's computer needed to be replaced. He proposed that two laptops be bought. One for the use of the secretary and the other for the website editor. These will be depreciated over five years. It was also agreed to buy a dongle which will enable the web editor to update the site from remote locations which means that live scores, reports and pictures will be able to be uploaded to the site this season. The proposal was unanimously approved.

Website: Alan Birkinshaw reported that the site's now has a new page template which has new navigation, static advertising and takes less time to load up.

Farsley: The chairman pointed out that Farsley's project to replace the clubhouse roof was one of the four projects selected for a visit for the NatWest Roadshow on NatWest CricketForce day on April 6

Gomersal: Congratulations were extended to Gomersal for reaching the Northern Finals of the ECB Indoor Championships.

Overseas players: The chairman reported back from a meeting of the Club Cricket Conference in which it was revealed that the 2008 Work permit criteria have now been published on the ECB and Club Cricket Conference websites. A link will be posted on the Bradford League site. From 2009 agents cannot be sponsors under the new work permit system. Visiting students cannot play as professionals nor can working holiday makers. It was also reported that disciplinary rules are being updated.

Meetings. (Please note the change of venue for the May meeting)

Tuesday, April 15 Baildon 7.30pm	Thursday, May 22 Pudsey Congs 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

Meeting closed 9.08pm

Date of next meeting: Tuesday, April 15 at Baildon, 7.30pm.