

MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Held at the Wheatsheaf, Upton

28th February 2017

Present: Bryan Fitzpatrick (Chairman), Veronica Nicholas (General Secretary), Steve Sung (365 Administrator), Dave Terry (Fixtures Secretary), Lola Roberts (Division Three Secretary)

Apologies for absence:

Ivor Jones (Vice Chairman), Aaron Beech (Tournament Organiser)

1) Fixtures Secretary

a) Cup Draws

The draw took place for the semi finals of the Odex and the Robert Moreton cup competitions which are to be played week beginning 13th March.

Odex: Barrow to play County Officers B

Pulford to play Newton

Robert Moreton:

Barrow D to play Barrow E

Saughall Institute to play Groves D

b) Clarification of cup rules - eligibility

Dave asked for clarification on whether or not a player is eligible to play in cup matches with the original team he started with at the beginning of the season even though he may have 'played up' five times and has to remain in the higher team to play league matches for the rest of the season.

The opinion of the committee is that a player may continue to play in cup matches with his original team. This is because he would have started to play in the cup matches before he became ineligible to remain with his original team and therefore it would be unfair to penalise the player or his cup team.

2) General Secretary

a) Tournament update

Veronica had contacted Aaron Beech who reported that plans for the closed tournament are well underway and confirmed that it will be held on Sunday 30th April and that the Groves is booked for the finals night on Tuesday 9th May.

Aaron will be sending Veronica further details of the tournament for her to send out to all players.

b) Aaron's over 50's Friday session

Numbers attending this session had fluctuated since it began and Veronica had suggested to Aaron that he might consider a later start time as several people had remarked that it was difficult for them to get there for 10am owing to the volume of traffic. Aaron has decided to leave the time as it is for the present but will conduct a survey to determine people's preference.

c) Rules

Further to the last meeting when Veronica pointed out that the league rules needed to be revised and in some areas amended, she produced guidelines for the benefit of committee members. Steve has circulated his amendments for members' comments and Veronica suggested that everyone produces their versions for the next meeting. If there are any major changes to the rules it may be necessary for them to be proposed and dealt with at AGM.

Veronica pointed out that there were a number of rules that were not being followed i.e. the “starring” of players (Rule 10).

Certain rules are being overlooked during matches and it was decided these would be put in the hand book as a reminder to players for next season. The main ones would appear to be ‘the serve’, the rule concerning ‘changing bats during a match’ and the wearing of appropriate clothing.

3) Divisional Secretaries

- a) Dave reported eight postponed matches outstanding in the premier division, Bryan reported four postponed matches outstanding in the first division and Lola reported four postponements outstanding in the third division.

Divisional secretaries should ensure that all outstanding postponed matches are played by the end of the month.

4) Fixtures Secretary

- a) Representative teams news
Dave reported that our team has been successful in winning the Lancs/Cheshire Premier Division Open Age competition.

5) AOB

- a) Dave has made the payment of £70 for the printing of the handbook.
b) In order to keep a check on the league finances Veronica asked whether or not the same arrangement for the printing of the handbook and score cards is to be continued for next season.

STEVE - To make enquires

Veronica stated that when she had requested information from the treasurer, regarding non payment of team registration, it was not forthcoming. The information she had requested was for discussion at the previous meeting. She thought this was out of order and should not have been withheld. There were members present who disagreed. Rule 8 states that “Subscriptions should reach the treasurer by 31st October otherwise a fine may be incurred or teams suspended, at the discretion of the LMC” and this rule had been broken.

The committee agreed that the treasurer is to be reminded to ensure that teams pay their registration fees before the deadline.

- c) There was discussion as to whether or not the league should continue to present trophies. This is a question that was discussed at the AGM last year when various opinions were expressed by players and has been left unresolved.
As those who attend the AGM are not wholly representative of the majority of league players the committee has decided to canvass the opinions of all players before Christmas.

- 6) Date & Time of Next Meeting: Tuesday 4th April 2017. 2pm. Wheat Sheaf, Upton.

Veronica Nicholas 6.3.2017