



The Glossop Glass & Glazing Derbyshire & Cheshire Cricket League



Management Meeting Minutes – Monday 16th December 2019

Kinder Lodge, Hayfield –7.30pm

Present & Apologies

Present- Martin Cooper, Paul Smith, Mike Stansfield, Den Lane, Conor Keem, Tom Bellieu, Steve Monks, Stuart Elliott, Steve Croft, Neil Shaw

Apologies- Paul Eyre, John Richards, Mike Wild, Alan Johnson and Bill Higginbottom

Absent- Mark Vernon, JJ Richards

Presentation from Waffle regarding Live Streaming of DCCL matches- initially first divisions

- The Presentation was made by Ben from Waffle and was, initially, only to be for clubs in the first division. The camera is permanently set up on the sight screen and then can be adjusted for each game. Although primarily for senior cricket it can be used for any games on your ground once set up. The live stream is via Facebook and a highlights package can be set up later.
- The committee felt this was a good idea, dependant on costings, which is a major issue for most clubs. Ben said he would send further details, which have not yet been received (18/12/2019)

Correspondence

- Brian Birtles from the Cheshire County Leagues has requested a discussion/meeting in the New Year as to how we can assist each other during the next season. It was agreed I (MS) contact him in the New Year to arrange. If meeting Martin Cooper also wanted to attend.
- Graham Parry has kindly sent a PDF version of the Handbook and we will begin checking it soon. To spread the work it is to be “proof read” by Stuart, Martin and Mike. A format for the handbook is to be sorted soon and we want everything sorted by mid March at the latest.
- Meetings with Clubs- The two since the last minutes have been Hollingworth and Dove Holes, both of which were positive once again, and many ideas we discussed. One thing that has come out in many of the meetings has been the benefits of Ladies soft ball cricket, which will help clubs to become more exclusive in their communities. Steve Croft from Broadbottom has already made some enquiries in this area and is hoping to get a friendly “league” arranged for next year, with a view to hopefully starting a proper league in the following year.
- Discussions have been held by Paul Eyre with a local Marketing Company to see how we can market the league, and details obtained for the work. However, it was felt that the Company had misread the brief and therefore we need to do further work to clarify this.

Treasurer

- Tom reported that, on the last statement we had £8,129.64 in the two league bank accounts so we are in a healthy position. He also stated that in the future he will forward copies of the bank statements to myself so that, even if Tom is unable to attend for whatever reason, we have a reasonably up to date note of how much is held in the accounts.
- He also pointed out that seven clubs have yet to pay for their presentation dinner tickets. Reminders are to be sent this week.



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Junior Cricket

- Den Lane reported that he has carried out some research into a 20/20, last man standing competition for the under 17's. This is only a 8 man team competition so it was felt that teams with many U15's could rotate which would make the competition viable. Den is making more enquires into the rules etc. and how we may need to adapt them before a final decision is made.
- Hayfield are entering a second U11's team in competitions this year.
- We need details of which and how many junior teams you are entering in competitions this year by the end of February 2020 at the latest. This is to prevent the problems we had at the start of last season. Please bring this up at your next meetings.

Senior Cricket.

- We have received correspondence from Compstall CC asking to resign from the league and this has reluctantly been accepted. It has been no secret that Compstall have struggled for players over the last few years, which has put them in a position where they feel their only option has been to merge with Marple, which has forced them to leave the league. I think everybody in the League will wish them well for the future
- With the above in mind, next years league structure is as follows:-

Division One-10 teams, Division 2- 9 teams, Division 3- 10 teams, Division 4- 8 teams, all teams to play each other twice only.

It is appreciated that this means limited games for teams in Division 4, but we are looking at ways to build a separate competition into the calendar to make this up. It has been suggested that we have a 100 ball competition for division 4 only which increases the number of games, and gives us an opportunity to trial this competition and see what benefits it has. If anyone has ideas as to how we can fit in more games, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

- We are still having discussions about inviting teams from outside the league into the Bissenden to promote the league and strengthen the competition. These discussions are still ongoing
- The umpires secretary, JJ Smith has been contacted with regards to getting the Umpires for fixtures onto Play Cricket and getting their email addresses to may contact faster. This is possible, with some help from Stuart Elliott, and it is hoped this will be in place before the season.
- Finally, it has been mentioned on several occasions that we should have a pool of players available when teams are short. This is very difficult to arrange as Playcricket does not allow it, and it would be difficult to administer. However, we are looking at possible ways to arrange this without clubs taking advantage of the system.

Finals Committee

- Nothing to report.

Transfers

- Obviously quiet at present, only three so far since the end of last season. Please remember that normal transfers come to me, overseas to Karl Williams via myself.



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Disciplinary Committee

- Again nothing to report.

League Dinner

- Two dates in November next year have been mooted, 6th and the 20th November, both at Bredbury Hall again. It was felt that the 6th was too close to Bonfire night so the 20th would be better. John Richards is trying to arrange

Sponsorship Committee

- .Nothing to report this meeting

Any Other Business

- At many of the meetings with the clubs it was mentioned that the league needs a more active and positive On Line presence, and it was felt that the current website, although adequate, didn't allow us to do this. Conor is looking into a new website similar to the one he set up for Glossop Glass and Glazing, and to see if it is feasible. Neil Shaw mentioned that there should be Club pages which has a brief description of each club and their history. Again this was being looked into

Next Meeting

- **Monday 13th January 2020, 7.30pm at the Kinder Lodge**

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all