

MINUTES OF THE DIVISION 1 AND 2 MEETING HELD AT SOLIHULL MUNICIPAL CC ON WEDNESDAY 20 JANUARY 2010

The meeting opened with all clubs present apart from Southam, Rugby and Bournville. Bournville and Rugby gave their apologies for not attending at a later date.

An explanation was given of the ground standards and facilities expected in these divisions. This was mostly met with universal agreement, the only slight query being expressed by Corley CC who queried the number of wickets required on the square as a pitch at either end of their square was solely for junior use.

The subject of player registration was only briefly raised as Play Cricket is being trialed in the Premier Division this year, however those currently using Play Cricket were actively encouraged to continue to do so.

The rule proposals however, caused some considerable discussion and lead to some teams questioning the reasons for them being invited to the meeting "to be dictated to". Whilst no-one was entirely against the introduction of fielding circles, or the slight change to Rule 9.1.3. The whole room was unanimous in asking that in future any rule changes be debated and discussed in October and voted on in January. This despite the meeting's chairman reminding the room that in the case of fielding circles, this was voted for in 2009 and only narrowly was it voted out. The management committee was therefore exercising their right to introduce changes as explained in the handbook.

The disciplinary code will be sent out to all teams on an e-mail as explained to those present.

All clubs were also reminded that the fixture list was available on the WCL website and all were actively encouraged to keep on referring to the site in case of e-mail problems.

Those present were informed that the WCL were trying to appoint the better umpires to better matches and that this would be the case as far as possible in these two divisions, one or two general comments raised seemed to be against this.

Handbook details were received from Walsall YMF, and ball order forms received from Walsall YMF, North Warwickshire, Bedworth and Knowle Village. If they had not done so already, clubs were asked to ensure that the G M received all orders and handbook details as soon as possible.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.40pm.