

MINUTES OF THE PREMIER DIVISION CLUBS HELD AT SOLIHULL MUNICIPAL CC ON MONDAY 18 JANUARY 2010

Meeting opened 19:35 – Mark Evans took the chair.

Apologies- There were none- All clubs were present

Rule proposals- All will be communicated prior to the season and put into the Handbook

- The rule changes around ground and facilities were discussed with teams having to meet ground standards in the season they became promoted. There was a concern expressed how the marking system will be managed- assurance was given that where a club fell below the required level, the grounds committee would inspect and advise what needed to be done.
- The playing rule changes were discussed and there was some debate re the 15 over rule in order to clarify, but general agreement was felt within the room

Player registrations

- The meeting was informed that play cricket is now being used in all the other feeder leagues and therefore it is inevitable that we follow suit. This year this will be trialed in the premier division only. The current player registration will also run concurrently. The committee accepted this would mean a little extra work for the premier teams, but felt the benefit would be there for all to see. Full details will be communicated prior to the season

Disciplinary code

- The disciplinary code was discussed in principle and will be sent out to all teams on an e-mail and posted on the web site during February. No major concerns were raised with the principles involved.

Fixture list

- Fixtures are on the WCL website, clubs invited to check through.

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- The GM was asked to investigate the mailing list issues and will try to resolve
- Kenilworth raised their concerns regarding the potential non promotion of Lyndworth due to not meeting ground conditions. (at the time there was an appeal pending). This means that division 1 2nd eleven will have 3 teams (Lyndworth, Pickwick and Walsall YMF) that have previously not been promoted due to not meeting criteria of the premier leagues and this had repercussions for teams playing in this division against strong sides who potentially could not be

promoted and that a log jam is occurring. There was a general view that this was not good for the league and something needed to be done- though no obvious solutions. The general committee will discuss at the next meeting to see if there is a way forward

- Concerns were raised that in second team cricket there are more and more unsavoury incidents, where cricket is not been played in the correct spirit. All clubs encouraged to report all incidents so the committee can investigate.
- – The world cup was mentioned and for the England game on 12/06 the league will allow early starts, providing both clubs agree, the kick off being 19:30. A similar dispensation will apply for other games starting at 19:30 if England are involved in the second stage. Should England reach a quarter final starting at 15:00 the committee would make a decision at the time.

Meeting closed at 8.40.p.m.