

# DURHAM COAST CRICKET LEAGUE.

## JUNIOR DIVISIONS

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2007

### AGENDA

**Roll Call:** All clubs except Silksworth present.

### **Vacancy of Secretary Post:**

Jim Hewitson resigned as Secretary, leaving a vacancy. Colin Brammer offered to vacate the chairman's post and take over as Secretary. John Spellman (snr) [Castle Eden] offered his services as chairman. This was agreed by all present. Colin Brammer chaired the evenings meeting, as he had prepared the agenda.

### **Junior Development Group:**

Colin Brammer updated the meeting on the formation of a development committee. He explained he had overseen the juniors for the past ten years, however, to move forward and develop even further, it was necessary to have a development group who can act as a think tank for putting ideas forward for the future. He emphasised that juniors were the life blood of clubs and if they are to remain with the club at senior level, it was vital they should be encouraged and developed.

### **Adoption of League Match Arrangements / Division Rules**

The Secretary has compiled an updated version of match arrangement and rules for each age groups

There was lengthy discussion regarding a rule which proposed that a junior player registered with a club in the Durham Coast Cricket League could not play in another League.

Nick Raynor [Washington] requested clarification of the leagues ruling on this subject, as he had a young person who was registered with Washington, but wished to play cricket with his father in a different league on a Sunday. Acknowledging this dilemma and with much input from other clubs, it was agreed to seek guidance from Cliff Jones League Secretary.

Nick asked for this to be minuted as from his understanding other leagues were allowing this to occur. Colin to raise this issue with the League Secretary.

### **Disciplinary Procedure.**

It was agreed that any Junior disciplinary hearings would continue to be dealt with by the League Executive.

### **Team Manager Under 11s**

Vacancy Under 11's Team Manager,  
Steve Symmes agreed to act as the team manager with the assistance of Alan Crooks.  
Colin thanked them both

## **Result Return Sheets.**

Result Sheets.to be forwarded to the following people.

Under 11s to Steve Symmes

Under 13's to John Spellman.

Under 15's to Alan Crooks .....

Under 18's to Jim Hewitson

It was agreed they can be e-mailed or posted. Colin emphasised the importance of results being returned on time, to assist the person recording and updating League table. Fines will be imposed for late returns.

## **League Administrative Returns.**

**Child Protection,** to Glenda Brammer.

This sheet requires information of current CRB / Self Declaration of Managers, Committee Members, Scorer, Club Chairperson.

**League Registration of Players.**

Each age group should be returned to the appropriate Team Manager as per result returns.

**Club Registration** to Club Welfare Officer

Requires parental signature to allow photographs, agree taking part etc,

## **Welfare Officer's Report:**

Glenda Brammer updated the meeting of any changes to date. She explained there was to be a new Safe Hands Policy to be brought out in the spring, however, to date she has not been given a date for this.

A new training course is to take place on 24/25<sup>th</sup> April at Chester le Street, at a cost to the individual of £30. If anyone is interested, names to Glenda or John Crocket as soon as possible.

She reminded clubs, if there were any changes to their coaching staff or mandatory people who required CRB checks, to complete them immediately and forward her details of CRB numbers.

ECB have stated that any under 13, playing for his/her club at senior level must have an authorised signature on an every game basis from their parent. It was agreed by the clubs that the team sheet form which is handed to the umpires, prior to a game would be the appropriate tool to use for signature. Glenda to order copies for clubs use.

## **New Web Site for Juniors:**

Colin advised the meeting he has been working with a student of Newcastle College to create an exclusive web site, solely for the purpose of sharing and imparting information to junior players and clubs in the Coast League. There will not be an open forum site. However, there will be two web masters, Jane Hewitson (Treasurer) and himself, whose roles it will be to update information on a regular basis.

Each club will have an allocated page, and may be used to publicise the clubs Junior set up

He requested clubs to forward him various pieces of information for inclusion. ie. Brief club history, contact names, coaching, days/nights, etc and any other interesting features the club has to offer young people.

This information will be able to be accessed by young players and parents, hopefully this approach may promote the individual club and encourage other young people to join.

### **Treasurers Report**

Apologies received from Jayne Hewitson (Treasurer). A current balance sheet was submitted which indicated the League was in a healthy position.

### **Junior League Sponsor.**

For several months Colin has been seeking and negotiating with a potential League sponsor, unfortunately at a late stage, he has been advised that, for this year the Company feels unable to commit themselves, however next season should see a League sponsor. The search continues.

### **Just Sport Inter League Trophy**

Fixtures listed in League Handbook.

### **Correspondence**

The Durham Board has offered the services of one of the newly appointed community coaches to work with the Team Managers during the Just Sport Inter League Competition. It was agreed to seek the assistance of a coach

### **AOB**

#### **Request for Cancellation of fixture.**

Request from Washington to postpone both Under 15 fixtures on July 9<sup>th</sup> due to a Visiting Australian side. Request agreed. Discussion ensued with regards to cancellation of fixtures and an accepted procedure.

A proposal from Washington was discussed, which centred around when fielding two teams in the same division. The idea was to have a pool of players who would be static in one team then make up the rest of the side from the remaining players. It was the feeling of the meeting that this proposal should not be accepted and suggested that sides should be made up from a lower age group.

### **Identity Cards.**

The Dawdon representative suggested using a system of ID cards for players to ensure that they were registered with the League. It was agreed to place this proposal on the agenda for the AGM. In the meantime the League has the mechanism in place to deal with any misdemeanours.

### **Coaches Assessment / County Trials.**

Alan Crooks resurrected his complaint with regard the 4 week assessment process for U10's for the County. He was advised to write a letter of complaint stating all the facts to Adrian Wood the Coaches secretary with a copy to the League Secretary.

### **Planned Meetings.**

It was agreed a further junior meeting would take place during the course of the season and one near to the end of the season prior to the presentation night.

Meeting concluded at 9.10pm.

Glenda Brammer  
Minute Taker.