

## Leicestershire & Rutland Cricket League sponsored by Everards

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Minutes for Exec Meeting, 25<sup>th</sup> August 2020, 7pm via Zoom

## Attended:

Nigel Kinch (NK)	Brad Peake (BP)	Colin Green (CG)	Ged McDougall (GM)	Russell Spiers (RuS)	Dan Pedley (DP)
Richard French (RF)	Sam Rowe (SR)	Mark Ward (MW)	Mark Barber (MB)	Jonny Lawrance-Owen	Paul Whiteman (PW)
Roger Stead (RoS)	Robin Whait (RW)	Chris Pople (CP)	Andy Hibberd (AH)		

- Apologies Keith Towers & Pratap Odedra
- Approval of previous minutes (9/7/20) approved
- Matters arising (NK) -None
- 2020 Season
  - COVID Restrictions
    - o Guidance has now changed so that cricket can go ahead for players and teams based in Leicester city.
    - ECB Guidance for Sanctions for Non-Compliance
    - (See ECB document 'Suggested Special Measures for Non-Compliance of COVID Measures').
    - This is aimed at ensuring that cricket is not a source of COVID outbreaks and that it continues to be played and enjoyed.
    - This document includes recommendations for sanctions if clubs are non-compliant to COVID measures.
    - These measures will need to be robustly implemented in the League rules and regulations for the 2021 season.
    - The League has an important role in educating both players and clubs about recreational Step 4 COVID guidance.
    - Captains Meetings could be run on Zoom to educate key players in clubs.
    - AH has drafted a letter to send to clubs.
    - Fixtures / format / Concessions
    - Matches not played in the first 3 weeks because of the Leicester lockdown are considered abandoned rather than conceded. MW will award the 2 points for these abandoned matches.
    - Tables will need to be up to date by Monday evening so that teams know where they are playing the following weekend.
    - MW to provide Tier Reps with the week 6 & 7 fixtures for them to be communicated to their groups. CP will also post on SM.
    - Match starting times in September to be brought forward 30 minutes to 12:30.
    - Club feedback (Tier reps)
    - Very good feedback from clubs. Clubs generally are appreciative of the opportunity to play a competition rather than just friendlies.
    - o **2021 season**
    - The ECB Step 4 is likely to be in place next season. League rules and regulations will have to be considered, adjusted, and communicated for the coming season.
    - Some clubs share facilities with other sports teams. These clubs may have trouble meeting the Stage 4 rules so will need support.
    - The coming winter will be a key time for clubs to prepare for meeting the Step 4 regulations for the 2021 season.
- Finance (BP)
  - Everards have sponsored the league £2,500. This is very supportive and generous given this truncated cricket season.
  - Next year's dinner has already been paid for by clubs. A discounted subscription next year is proposed
  - Club loan repayments can be deferred to next Spring.
  - BP to investigate alternative accounts with better interest rates.
- Grounds / Facilities (CG)
  - o Clubs are reminded to do the necessary work on their pitches at the end of the season.
  - o Grants are available for end of season work. Contact AH for details. Zoom sessions may be available for club groundsmen.
- Premier League (RuS)
  - Feedback about the cup from Premier League clubs has been positive.
- Officials (DP)
  - Feedback from umpires has been positive, with many reporting feeling safe. They also report that players are getting used to the COVID regs. Some umpires who have opted out of officiating this year are now feeling reassured for next season.
- Social Media
  - Been brilliant at helping clubs to arrange fixtures. There has been a lot of goodwill from clubs who have been great at getting matches played.
- AOB
  - $\circ$   $\quad$  GM to draft an update communique to send to clubs this week.
  - The League AGM will likely need to be done virtually.
  - $\circ$  ~ Date & time of next meeting: Thursday 24  $^{th}$  September
  - Meeting Closes: 20:10