



## **Bassetlaw and District Umpires' Association**

### **Minutes of a Meeting Held at Cuckney CC on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at 2:30pm**

***Present:*** 32 members were present.

***Apologies:*** E Devney, Glenn Bardill, P Garnett, B Lenihan, K Roberts, B Jarvis, A Bennett, T Rusinovski, M Bonsall, G Bullock and L Jones.

#### ***Minutes of previous meeting:***

These had been distributed via email and on Facebook and were accepted as a true record by the Members present.

#### ***Matters Arising:***

There were no matters arising.

#### ***Correspondence:***

Two items of correspondence had been received:

- A letter from Ervin Devney thanking the Association for his retirement gift.
- An advert from the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board advertising the post of Director of Business Development.

#### ***BDCL Annual General Meeting 2014***

The Secretary had attended the meeting on behalf of the Association, the main points to note were:

- The proposal by Whitwell to remove the one point reduction for the non return of a Captain's Umpires Report and replace it with a £10 fine was defeated due to the fact that there was no seconder to the motion.
- The Farnsfield proposal to remove the need to provide teas was heavily defeated (52 to 3) so teas will be provided in the normal manner.
- It was noted that Welbeck would be hosting a Notts 1<sup>st</sup> XI fixture in July 2015
- Woodsetts were having problems with their ground due to a new owner purchasing the freehold of the land.
- Notts and Arnold had removed their 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> teams from the League and entered them into the South Notts League for 2015.

#### ***Presentation of Level 1a Certificates***

Peter McKenzie presented certificates to the following Members:

- Graham Woolley
- Terry Hayes
- Paul Sissons
- 3 other certificates would be presented at a later date when the members were present.

## ***Guest Speaker:***

### **Darren Maddy**

Darren is a former Leicestershire, Warwickshire and England player having represented his Country 3 times at Test Level and 8 times in ODIs He played for Leics from 1994 to 2006 and Warwicks from 2007 to 2013 scoring in excess of 13,000 runs, taking 252 wickets and 289 catches in his County career.

Darren's presentation gave a detailed insight into the life of a Professional Cricketer coupled with many humorous stories and anecdotes. His talk highlighted the following interesting points:

- The hard work he had to undertake after joining Leicestershire as a 16 year old and working under such Captains as Nigel Briars, James Whittaker and Tim Boon.
- His initial years were tough but the reward was being part of the Leicestershire Team that became County Champions in 1996 after a 30 year wait.
- He gave a very interesting insight into his daunting and harrowing experience at Test Level particularly at the hands of Mike Atherton who was most unhelpful to him as a Test debutant.
- His foray into the Test arena left him somewhat downcast and for a while he lost his appetite for the game and it was only the introduction of 20/20 in 2002 that really motivated him again.
- He referred to his personal experiences with Alan Mullally and Darren Gough which were funny and confirmed members views of these characters of the game.
- His benefit year at Leicestershire was in 2006 and the following year he left to play for Warwickshire and captained them to relegation in both forms of the game before gaining promotion the following year.
- A cruciate knee ligament injury in 2010 put him out of cricket for a year before he finally retired in 2013.

After a short interval Darren took many questions from the Members on all aspects of his career especially his treatment by the England hierarchy and his thoughts on bouncers in the game following the Phillip Hughes tragedy. His answers were honest and thought provoking throughout and certainly gave a clear insight into the "goings on" in the Professional game.

The Chair thanked Darren for his excellent session and all members showed their appreciation in the usual manner.

## ***Future Speakers***

The Chair announced the names for the future speakers thanking Paul Barker once again for his hard work in preparing such a good programme for the year ahead.

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| • 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2015  | To be announced                         |
| • 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2015 | Pyemont Brothers – History of the Ashes |
| • 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2015    | Wayne Madsen                            |
| • 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2015   | Jack Birkenshaw                         |

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4-00pm.

**Date of next meeting Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2015 at 2-30m at Cuckney CC**