



NOTES TAKEN AT A MEETING OF THE

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE QUADRANGULAR TOURNAMENT,

HELD AT LA MANGA

19th OCTOBER 2016

Present:

Representing SGS: Duco Ohm.

Representing The Forty Club: Ron Hart and Barry Aitken.

Representing Dansk XL: Kurt Ostergaard, Jan Rasmussen, Birgitte Ostergaard.

Representing Cricket Espana: George Wambeek, George Riley

THIS COMPETITION

On the basis of experience, **Duco Ohm** was asked to take the chair and open the meeting. He welcomed those present. There was no arranged agenda.

In his view there were obvious problems with the second ground but otherwise the tournament had gone very smoothly and he thanked George, David and Rico warmly for their excellent efforts in making the week such a success.

He made one criticism about poor communications, stating that it was vital at any tournament to arrange a point – a notice board or a signboard – where information can be centrally posted for all participants.

Action: SGS

Ron Hart also praised the organisers for a good tournament. He wished to make changes to the current Rules of the tournament whereby a player who had played for one team could not play for another. This year Dansk XL had been unable to field a full XI for some of their fixtures, and XL had loaned a player or two. He felt that the Rules should be more flexible to enable this arrangement.

Those present tended to agree although **Barry Aitken** was keen to insist that any such “transfers” should only be made with the authority of the International Committee otherwise the reputation of the tournament would be diminished. The Committee agreed.

Action: Ohm/Aitken via a Rules amendment.

THE FUTURE AT LA MANGA

Duco Ohm asked about the plans for the cricket facilities at La Manga in the future and was clearly thinking ahead to 2020 when Cricket Espana would again host the tournament. After a short discussion it was agreed that there were at this time too many unknowns, and that Cricket Espana should be invited to “find out what they can” in the course of the next 12 months, and report back to the Committee at the next meeting in 2017.

Action: Cricket Espana

Duco Ohm said that the arrangements to stage the tournament at Sparta CC next year were well in hand. There might be a modest raise in costs, the chance of a grass wicket on No 1 ground, and that the dates for the tournament would be 23rd to the 29th July 2017.

THE ‘BAD BOYS’ FIXTURE

Ron Hart said that this match was an important and integral part of the tournament and he would not want to see it changed. It was a useful vehicle for providing a game of cricket for some who might otherwise not get much cricket in the week.

Other Committee members were less enthusiastic. They were keen to have the 'spare day' in the week, the importance of which had been proved in this tournament, but any cricket arranged on the spare day must not be allowed to get in the way of the tournament fixtures. **Barry Aitken** felt that that BBs game had become something of a knockabout game and whilst it was enjoyed it had little or no status in relation to the tournament. **Duco Ohm** proposed that this social match should be a game between a President's XI organised by the host country and the Bad Boys and this arrangement will be played next year in Capelle.

Action: SGS

THE REGULATIONS FOR THE TOURNAMENT

Duco Ohm suggested that the age-limit of 35 years for the T20 should be changed to 40 years. There followed a discussion about ages and age limits. **Jan Rasmussen** suggested that the tournament structure was the "wrong way round" and that the younger players should concentrate on the 45 over matches, and that the older players should be provided with a short game, possibly of 20 overs length, but not a T20.

After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that in 2017 there should be a 20 over tournament for players over the age of 45, and a 45 over tournament for players over the age of 40 and also that in the 45 over tournament a team will be allowed to include up to 2 players aged 35 to 40. This arranged would be trialled in 2017 at Sparta CC. **Duco Ohm** and **Barry Aitken** would draft some new regulations for play for the 20 over tournament.

Action: Ohm/Aitken

BALLS

It was generally agreed that on these La Manga grounds the red ball was difficult to see when there was not full sunlight. It was debated whether the same pink balls could be used for both tournaments. **Barry Aitken** argued that certain ball colours worked well in certain conditions and not in others – and so it should be the responsibility of the host nation, knowing their selected venue and conditions, to decide which colour of ball to use . This was agreed.

Action: Host Nation

A SPIRIT OF CRICKET / FAIR PLAY TROPHY

Jan Rasmussen proposed that there could be an additional award, for the team that in the umpires' opinions conducted themselves throughout the Tournament in a proper and sporting manner. The Committee agreed and SGS stated that they would purchase a suitable trophy. It was pointed out that the criteria for the award of this trophy will have to be proposed and agreed.

PLAYER OF THE TOURNAMENT AWARD

George Wambeek raised this issue. An award had been made in Newport last year, and was proposed – but declined – for this tournament. Cricket Espana had already purchased a suitable cup plus medals for all the winners and runners-up, and were planning to present these at the dinner. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that such awards should continue in the future.

Action: Host Nation

THE GENTLEMEN'S CUP

Barry Aitken proposed to the Committee the Forty Club's nomination of Peter Owens. A counter suggestion from **Duco Ohm** was not agreed and the Committee agreed and endorsed the Owens nomination.

SCHEDULING THE TOURNAMENT DINNER

Jan Rasmussen asked why the tournament dinner was on the Friday, thereby extending the stay of some tourists by an extra night. He argued that it could be on the Thursday evening, and that the prize-giving could be conducted for the T20 at the dinner and for the 45 over competition on the field after play on Friday.

Cricket Espana argued strongly that a dinner and prize-giving on the Friday provided a fitting end to the tournament week. After a short discussion, it was agreed that the scheduling of these elements of the tournament was a matter for the host nation.

Action: Host Nation

There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting was closed with thanks being extended to all those who contributed.

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