

CRICKET VLAANDEREN – 15 JANUARI 2007

WHY CRICKET VLAANDEREN – AGENDA FOR TODAY?

Why is it necessary to have a second federation for a small sport in a small country like Belgium?

Because this is Belgium: there is no national sports administration as this is a regionalised matter. To be eligible for support in Flanders (funding for administrative & coaching staff, infrastructure subsidies), any sport has to be **recognised by BLOSO**.

There are many requirements to be met on the road to recognition. One of the first is a **Flemish federation, organised as a vzw**. Cricket Vlaanderen will be this federation, and obtaining BLOSO recognition will be its main objective for the next year(s).

To achieve this, a **working group** was formed by the BCF Committee to look into the relationship between the BCF and this new body, and to establish the rules governing this new federation.

On 24 October, all clubs were invited to a **working meeting** to discuss the proposed rules; nine clubs participated in this debate [Arcadians, GCC, Ostend, Exiles, Antwerp, Mechelen, Eagles, 12 Stars, RBCC]. The result of this consultation is now proposed for approval, and 6 of the cooperating clubs will formally sign the articles of association as founding members.

All other Flemish clubs of the BCF are by default accepted as members of Cricket Vlaanderen, with the same rights, pending formal registration and payment of membership fees before the start of the 2007 season.

Clubs will also **retain their membership of the BCF**, and the BCF and Cricket Vlaanderen management will work closely together to ensure the interests of cricket clubs in Belgium are best served.

Once the founding members have signed the **Articles of Association** to establish the organisation, we will discuss the more detail rules to be laid down in the **bye-laws**. All clubs can contribute to this debate, and we will vote on the outcome.

Finally, there can be no federation without a responsible **management**. You will thus be asked to vote on the people who have volunteered to become Directors of Cricket Vlaanderen, and on a first Chairman.



CRICKET VLAANDEREN vzw

To: Belgian Cricket Federation
Kanunnik Petersstraat, 154
BE-2600 Berchem

Ghent, 13 March 2007

Dear Mr Farmiloe,

On behalf of **Cricket Vlaanderen vzw**, and all cricket clubs affiliated to our organisation¹, I can confirm to you that we recognize the Belgian Cricket Federation as the sole recognized national governing body for cricket in Belgium.

Yours sincerely,



D. Charles Blommaert

Chairman, Cricket Vlaanderen vzw

¹ The following cricket clubs in Flanders are members of Cricket Vlaanderen, or in the process of confirming their affiliation: Antwerp Cricket Club, Antwerp Indians Cricket Club, Arcadians Cricket Club Ghent (vzw), Crescent Cricket Club, Gent Cricket Club, Mechelen Cricket Club, Mechelen Eagles Cricket Club, Ostend Cricket Club, Ostend Exiles Cricket Club, Pakistan Cricket Club Belgium, Pakistan Cricket Club Belgium Greens.