

Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 2nd May 2012

In the Chair: Trevor Atkinson.

Other Officers Present: The President; Executive Secretary; Match & Registration Secretary; Finance Secretary; Administration Secretary; Disciplinary Secretary.

Life Vice President: Roger France.

Clubs: All member clubs were represented with the exception of Kirkheaton and Thongsbridge.

Apologies: were received from Co-opted Member Philip Earnshaw.

The Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting of the 11th April 2012 were taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

Matter arising

- The Chairman reported that all clubs were represented at the Council Meeting on the 11th April 2012, and as such there were no fines for non attendance.
- The Administration Secretary reported to Council members that all Public Liability insurance details had been received by 14th April as per rule. He commented that two clubs needed to renew their insurance in July and three in September.
- The League Child Welfare Officer reported that he had not received CRB information from five clubs: Cawthorne; Hall Bower; Hoylandswaine; Lepton Highlanders and Paddock.
- The Chairman and Match & Registration Secretary both commented that the electronic reporting of results had gone well in the first two weeks of the season.

Outstanding Fines

The Finance Secretary reported Lascelles Hall still had an outstanding fine to pay for non attendance at the League AGM.

Fines

The Match & Registration Secretary read out a list of fines from 21st April to 28th April 2012. (copy attached).

Expansion of the League

The Executive Secretary reported that five clubs had made application to join the League for the 2013 season. All these clubs had been viewed by the Executive, and four clubs, Moorlands (CYCL); Almondbury Wesleyans (HCCL); Denby (HCCL) and Denby Dale (HCCL) are to be recommended to Member Clubs to join the League in 2013. An SGM will be called by the Executive Secretary, and Member Clubs will be asked to vote en bloc as to the acceptance of these four clubs into the League before the actual SGM.

The Executive Secretary also stated that the League was still open for further applications in order to expand the League up to a maximum of 38 clubs. Although he emphasised that only clubs with a suitable infrastructure would be seriously considered.

Early Season Bad Weather policy – including Sykes Cup and Paddock Shield Round 1

The chairman explained the reasoning behind the decision not to cancel the programme for the first week of the season. He said that the last time it was decided to sanction a blanket cancellation the knock on affect of rearranging these games caused more problems than it solved. As a consequence a decision was taken at the time that if there was ever a need for such a future cancellation, the programme would not be rearranged, but all clubs would receive 2 points.

The Chairman then reiterated the arrangements, previously included in an email to clubs, for this year's Round 1 of the Sykes Cup and Paddock Shield competitions.

Umpires' Representative Report

The representative from the Umpires' Association reported that members of the UA were pleased with how the opening games of the season had gone. He said that relationships between captains; players and umpires seemed to have benefited from the recent meeting between the Umpires and team captains

He also listed the Paddock Shield 1st Round games which would need an away club umpire to officiate:

Rastrick v Linthwaite

Almondbury v Marsden

Lepton Highlanders v Cumberworth United

Thongsbridge v Almondbury Wesleyans

Cawthorne v Barkisland

Any other business

1) The Golcar representative reported that despite the best efforts of several members of their club to make the ground playable on Saturday April 28th, and the hasty movement of tea in order to save time the game was ultimately unable to take place due to unreasonable weather conditions. However, rather than complimenting the club on the work put in, the umpires' report focused on the lack of the positioning of the sight screens. The Golcar representative informed Council that if the game had been given the go ahead, both sight screens would have been quickly put into place, but club members did not want to do any unnecessary damage to the outfield unless a start time had been agreed.

He also informed Council that members of Golcar CC felt strongly about the way that they were dealt with on that day by the Umpire/s, and quoted that *The Spirit of Cricket* involves respect for the role of the umpire, but umpires should also have respect for the role of the clubs.

The Chairman remarked that he would follow this up with the Umpires' Association.

2) The Match & Registration Secretary reported that all seemed to have gone well with the new electronic results reporting system, and team sheet & match report form (TMRF) submission.

3) The Slaithwaite representative informed the Match & Registration Secretary that he was umpiring at the Hoylandswaine v Scholes Premiership game on Saturday April 21st, and there was an instance of a 3 over penalty which was not previously reported by the Match & Registration Secretary. The Match & Registration Secretary said that he would examine the appropriate TMRF.

- 4) The Holmfirth representative made a suggestion that the League observe a minutes silence on *Armed Forces Day* – June 30th 2012. The Chairman said that this would be considered by the Executive.
- 5) The Chairman asked for all those present to take care whilst leaving after the meeting, and endeavour not to cause damage by driving onto the outfield.

The next meeting of the Council is Wednesday 6th June 2012 7:30pm at Almondbury CC