

Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 7th March 2012

In the Chair: Trevor Atkinson

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

Clubs: All member clubs were represented with the exception of Delph & Dobcross, and Holmfirth.

Apologies were received from Delph & Dobcross.

Christine Haigh

The Chairman opened the meeting by asking all present to stand, and observe a minutes silence in the memory of Christine Haigh, who along with her husband James have been sponsors of the League since 1991.

The Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting of the 7th December 2011 were taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

Matter arising

- Lascelles Hall were not represented at the Council Meeting on the 7th December 2011 and under Rule L3(e) were fined £5.
- The Finance secretary reported that there were no outstanding fines.

Match & Registration Secretary

The chairman informed the Council of the recent resignation of Yvonne Collins from the post of Match & Registration Secretary. The Chairman asked the Council to sanction the proposal that Phil Senior take over as Match & Registration Secretary. This was confirmed by the Council.

Grounds Inspection - Minimum Standards

A letter was given out by the Grounds, Facilities & Trophies Co-ordinator to those present, which outlined the League's commitment to maintaining standards at the grounds of all member clubs.

CRB Checks

A letter was given out by the Honorary Child Welfare Officer outlining which club personnel, essential and desirable, should have CRB checks. The chairman emphasised that the League had a duty to ensure that all clubs cooperate on issues in this area.

Public Liability Insurance

The Administration Secretary reminded clubs that Public Liability Insurance details must to be lodged with him, on or before April 14th. Copies of Insurance Certificates can be emailed to ncleedhcl@btinternet.com or posted to Norman Clee, 133 Uppertong Lane, Holmfirth, HD9 3UZ.

Pre-season captain's meeting

The Executive Secretary confirmed the date and venue for the meeting as Almondbury CC Tuesday 3rd April at 7.30pm. The meeting will be jointly run by the League and the Umpires Association, and both 1st and 2nd team captains from all member clubs (or their representatives) should attend. The aim is to increase awareness of what is expected of captains during the season, to remind them of their responsibilities to the Spirit of cricket, and to discuss the YCB Disciplinary Code which the league is committed to following.

Electronic results reporting system and match procedures

The Chairman explained that the proposed new results system would have many advantages including improved accuracy; increased speed of entry of results; ongoing calculation of averages; the facility to post scorecards on the League website; and the ability to immediately identify unregistered players. *This system will replace the LEAF.*

The Executive Secretary said that in order for umpires to report the start and finish times of innings together with any remarks and comments, a new simplified reporting form will be created to act alongside the electronic results reporting system. Copies of these forms will be supplied to clubs before the start of the season, and when completed should be returned to the Match & Registration Secretary as per rule.

Both team sheets, which were lodged with the umpires before the toss, should also be retrieved from the umpires by the home club, and retained in order to facilitate any future queries from the Match & Registration Secretary.

The Match & Registration Secretary then gave a presentation to the council on how to enter information into the new results recording template. He stated that the system was a slightly modified version to the one which had been used in the Huddersfield Junior Cricket League for several years, and there would be members in most clubs who had experience of the system.

In order to help collate information from the results as soon as possible, ***it was agreed by the Council that 2nd team results should now follow the same deadline for submission as 1st team results.***

It was agreed that another presentation could be run at a later date for club members who will be directly involved in entering data onto the results template. More details to follow.

Any other business

- 1) The Lascelles Hall representative reported that much of their ground equipment had been stolen and they may face difficulty in ground preparations.
- 2) The Executive Secretary read out a letter from ex Chairman Roger France, in which he thanked the Council for their contribution towards his present of a greenhouse. He also thanked all clubs for the support they he had been afforded during his years in office.
- 3) The Slaithwaite representative read out a letter from the Umpires' Association regarding payment of fees. The Chairman asked that all such correspondence should go through David Haikings, the Umpire's representative on the Council, and if necessary would seek clarification on the issue from him at a later date.
- 4) The Match & Registrations Secretary said that he had only received player registration lists from Honley; Clayton West and Shelley. If any other clubs have sent either lists of registrations or signing on forms to the previous Match & Registrations Secretary could they please resend them (to Phil Senior) or contact him if they wish to discuss any registration issues. It was reiterated that the final date for submitting lists of registrations is 31st March.

The next meeting of the Council is Wednesday 4th April 2012 7:30pm at Almondbury CC