

# Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013

In the Chair: Trevor Atkinson.

**Other Officers Present:** The President; Executive Secretary; Match & Registration Secretary; Administration Secretary; Finance Secretary; Disciplinary Secretary, and Child Welfare & Facilities Secretary.

**Life Vice President:** Roger France.

**Clubs:** All member clubs were represented with the exception of Denby Dale and Lascelles Hall.

### The Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2013 were taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

### Matters arising

- Ground Inspections: The Child Welfare & Facilities Secretary stated that these visits would begin in the week commencing 5th May 2013. Clubs would be contacted in order to make an appointment.
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### Outstanding Fines

The Finance Secretary reported that there no outstanding monies owed for fines.

### David Lockwood

The Chairman reported that David Lockwood had now retired as cricketer writer for the Huddersfield Examiner. He stated that David had given first class coverage of the DH&DCL over the last 19 years, and he had personally conveyed his and the League's thanks to David for the first class job that he had done. David will not lose touch with the league and will continue as MC at the League Dinner. In the short term cricket coverage will be undertaken by Mel Booth. He can be contacted at mel.booth@trinitymirror.com. There is no change to how match results are to be communicated to the Examiner.

### Fines

The Match & Registration Secretary reported that there had been only a few fines recorded during the first two weeks of the season. The full list of fines will be emailed to all clubs by the Administration Secretary, along with the May Council meeting minutes.

### Match and registration issues

The Match & Registration Secretary outlined issues for the information of member clubs:

- The Paddock Shield Rule S3 is subject to Sykes Cup eligibility rules, and as such only Sykes Cup qualified players may play in Paddock Shield.
- This week's Paddock Shield fixture is Golcar v Honley and not Honley v Golcar as listed was in the League Handbook.
- The one point rule is still in place for 2013. Page 56 of handbook has been truncated by the printer. The rule L7c) should read:  
One: least runs but having one or more wickets remaining provided that, a) in the case of the team batting first it scores at the rate of a minimum 3 runs per over or b) in the case of a team batting second it achieves at least 75% of its opponents score. *If necessary all calculations shall be rounded to the next whole number.*
- Deadlines for result and team sheets will be strictly applied – these deadlines are the same for 2nd teams and 1st teams i.e. result sheets must be received by noon the following day and team sheets within 48hrs of the game.
- No old versions of EU RTDF will be accepted after 1st May 2013. See the web site for the current version.
- When scanning team sheets or registrations please do not put more than one sheet into a scanned document unless the additional sheets are supplementary to the original form i.e. passport information in support of a registration can all be in same document, but different player registrations and different team sheets should be in separate documents.
- If a registration/transfer is liable to be received after 6pm on a Friday please give the Match & Registration Secretary advance verbal warning.
- The Match & Registration Secretary will acknowledge every registration by email except for players signing-on pre-match in a 2nd X1 game.
- Notification has been received from Denby that due to a shortage of players on the day, they have been forced to concede their Paddock Shield Round 1 game against Almondbury Wesleyans.

### Umpire Payment - less than 10 over rule 2013

The Chairman spoke of the unrest that the recent rule change had created within the Umpires' Association, and commented that perhaps member clubs voting on the proposal had not fully appreciated the time and effort that could go into a game where less than 10 overs have been bowled. He asked for support from clubs that in the interim, the rule be suspended. This brought overwhelming support from Council representatives with the Broad Oak, Scholes and Holmfirth representatives speaking out in favour.

### Disciplinary Issues

The Disciplinary Secretary had no disciplinary incidents to report upon, although he read out a circular from the YCB on the topic of the "Misuse of Social Media". A copy of this circular would be emailed to all member clubs.

On a similar theme, the Hoylandswaine representative said that their club had recently been the recipient of abusive phone calls. The Executive Secretary stated that it was not easy to identify the perpetrator of such an act, but should they be found out, the League would deal with them most severely.

### **Umpires' Representative Report**

The Representative from the UA thanked the Council for their support in suspending the *10 over payment rule*.

He then reported the following:

- The recently run introductory course for umpires, had attracted 18 participants with 9 from DHCL clubs.
- Could clubs participating in Heavy Woollen and Crowther Cup competitions please complete YCB team cards before each game and not those supplied by the DHCL? Comment was made that these cards were not readily available to clubs, to which the Executive Secretary said that he had a supply of such cards which he would pass onto clubs still in the competitions.
- The following clubs should supply a club umpire for their away Paddock Shield on Saturday 4th May: Meltham; Shelley; Elland; Lepton Highlanders; Broad Oak; Cawthorne and Cumberworth United.
- Clubs who have recently purchased new stumps should check the depth of the grooves. In some instances the grooves and not quite deep enough, and clubs should examine any new stumps to ensure that bails can be properly slotted on the top.
- An umpire from the South Yorkshire association, officiating in a recent Crowther Cup - Shelley v Wakefield Thornes, made comment to the Huddersfield Umpires' Association about the conduct of the DHCL side. He said that "the spirit shown, and the way the game was played was a credit to the club and the League".
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### **Any other business**

1) The Executive Secretary reminded clubs that Rule C4d)2)b) should say "For each over following the fifteenth a minimum (*and NOT maximum*) of 4 fielders (plus the bowler and wicketkeeper) must be inside the fielding zone throughout the innings....."

2) The Child Welfare & Facilities Secretary stated that he was still waiting information from Almondbury Wesleyans and Moorlands in respect of CRB holders.

3) The Denby representative pointed out that their postcode was HD8 8UR and not HD9 9UR as stated in the Handbook.

4) For information:

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