

Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 5th June 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 Delph & Dobcross and Kirkheaton.

Apologies: were received from Les Harrison (Web-Master).

The Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting of the 1st May 2013 were taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

Matters arising

- Denby Dale and Lascelles Hall were not represented at the Council Meeting on the 1st May 2013 and under Rule L3(e) were fined £5.
- The Child Welfare & Facilities Secretary reported that he had now received CRB information from Almondbury Wesleyans and Moorlands.

Outstanding Fines

The Finance Secretary reported that there no outstanding monies owed for subscriptions and fines. However, there were a few ball orders still outstanding. Namely from Paddock; Rastrick and Scholes. Balls will be distributed at the July meeting.

Fines

The Match & Registration Secretary reiterated that correctly completed results "sheets" need to be with him by 12 noon on the day after the match. He also stated that he felt it unacceptable for a club to have already this season to have been fined four times for slow over rates. The Chairman agreed with the Match & Registration Secretary, and referred his comments to the representative of the offending club - Golcar. The Golcar representative stated that he had previously spoken to the team about the situation, but would once again make his feelings known to them.

There had been some instances of clubs being fined for playing juniors without being signed on to play senior cricket. He emphasised that there were over 250 such players signed on with the League, and there were no excuses for clubs failing to register any such players.

Clubs were also asked to make sure that when they are making registrations, that they differentiated between, Under 13 players (currently in school year 8), and Under 12 players (currently in school year 7). the latter may only play if they of county/district standard. Players in this bracket should be in possession of a certificate from the County to verify their status, and a list of these players is also lodged with the League. Any club wishing to register a player on the day of the match, in this category, should contact the Match & Registration Secretary to seek authorisation.

Match and registration issues

The Match & Registration Secretary emphasised that the start times of the Oddfellows Cup and Earnshaw Cup were 1.00pm and 1.30pm respectively. This information is clearly displayed in the League Handbook.

The Match & Registration Secretary stated that a directive had been sent to secretaries of participating clubs to explain player eligibility for both competitions, with special emphasis being placed on Earnshaw Cup eligibility.

Disciplinary Issues

The Disciplinary Secretary reported that Scott Dyson of Skelmanthorpe had been banned for 1 game for abuse of cricket equipment on 4th May in the Sykes Cup Round 1 game v Cumberworth.

Sykes Cup - "bowl out"

After the original game resulted in a tie, The Chairman explained the circumstances surrounding the decision to order a "bowl out" to decide the result of the Almondbury v Emley Clarence Sykes Cup Round 1 fixture. According to rule the replayed fixture should have taken place on the day after, which was the Sunday. However, due to player availability issues permission was given to play the fixture on the following May Day Bank Holiday Monday. This game did not take place, and neither was it feasible for both clubs to play evenings. Due to these issues, along with pending Oddfellows cup ties for both clubs, it was decided that the common sense option was to order a "bowl out".

The Chairman emphasised that should any subsequent cup fixtures this season end in a tie, there will be no deviation from rule, and replays will take place on successive evenings after the original fixture.

Match Protocol

The Chairman asked for representatives to emphasise to their clubs that it was match etiquette for the umpires to take the field first, followed by the fielding side and then the batsman. Due to a lack of this match etiquette, a situation had developed before the start of a game on Spring Bank holiday Monday, where there had been an alleged dispute between a member/s of a fielding side and the batsmen. Since the players were the first to enter the field of play, this alleged dispute was not witnessed by the umpires, and as such they could make no official comment or present any report.

The UA representative stated that all their members would be emphasising this to clubs in the future.

The Kirkburton representative asked a question about players practicing during the interval, and as a consequence being on the field of play before the umpires. It was emphasised that according to rule, practice was not allowed after the toss, and this should not be taking place. A discussion then took place on the whole issue of players, especially fast bowlers, warming up before they begin to bowl at the start of the innings. It was agreed that stretching and warming up, without actually using a ball, was in order, but practice with a ball was not. The Chairman emphasised that any such players, should ensure that they return to the changing rooms before the umpires take to the field of play.

Umpires' Representative Report

The Representative from the UA asked if Hall Bower had been given dispensation from the League to play without a sight screens, as it had been reported by one of their members that they had now had no sight screens. It was stated that no such dispensation had been given, although the Hall Bower representative questioned any League ruling on the stipulation of the necessity for the use of sight screens. He also stated that he had received reports from some members of the UA that some of their changing facilities were "leaving a little to be desired".

Any other business

- 1) The Hoylandswaine representative said that at a recent home game the opposition had only purchased three teas. It was stated that, according to rule, a minimum of five teas should be purchased and this should be emphasised to all clubs.
- 2) The Executive Secretary read out a letter from Paddock stating that on Sunday 30th June they would be holding a T20 game in memory of Stanley Innes MBE. The game is between a West Indian X1 and a Paddock invitation team, and the Paddock club would like to hear from a local cricketers interested in taking part. Anyone who would like to be involved should contact Hugh Goulbourne on 07748 803634 or email hugh@paddockcc.org.uk.
- 3) For information: Golcar CC have a new telephone number - instead of 01484 651227 it is now 01484 652465.
- 4) The President stated that he had been made of aware of several instances where, without prior knowledge of the participating clubs, a league umpire had not been appointed to a 2nd X1 fixture. He asked the UA representative that in order to give clubs the opportunity to make alternative arrangements could clubs be given adequate notice if there was to be no appointed league umpire for any 2nd X1 fixture. The Administration Secretary concurred with the President's comments, and asked if a list of fixtures where a league umpire would not be in attendance could be placed on the League Website well in advance of the appropriate fixtures.