

Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 3rd July 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.

Apologies: None.

The Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting of the 5th June 2013 were taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

Matters arising

- Delph & Dobcross and Kirkheaton were not represented at the Council Meeting on the 5th June 2013 and under Rule L3(e) were fined £5.
- The Umpires' Representative stated that the Umpires' Appointments Secretary, from now onwards would be informing the Web-Master, by the preceding Wednesday, of any weekend 2nd X1 fixtures without an appointed League umpire. This information will then be posted on the League web-site, and clubs are asked to consult the web-site to check on these appointments, with away clubs where possible, supplying their "club umpire". It should be noted that umpire's appointments are subject to last minute changes and it is advisable that clubs keep a watchful eye on the web-site for any last minute changes.

Outstanding Fines

The Finance Secretary reported that there were some outstanding fines money owed. Namely: Armitage Bridge - £10 (paid on the evening); Emley Clarence - £110; Hall Bower - £10; Meltham - £20 and Shelley - £10.

Fines

The Match & Registration Secretary went through the details of the fines list previously emailed to Representatives. He reiterated that even if games were abandoned it was still necessary to inform Gosnays, and also that it was the responsibility of the club to ask players if they were registered with another club, and as a consequence needed a transfer. A fine had recently been incurred due to a lack of a transfer when needed.

T20 Tables and draw

The Match & Registration Secretary informed the Council of the standings in the T20 Trophy groups:

Group 1: 1st-Delph & Dobcross. 2nd-Golcar. Group2: 1st-Barkisland. 2nd-Slaithwaite
Group 3: 1st-Honley. 2nd-Clayton West. Group4: 1st-Hoylandswaine 2nd-Scholes

The draw for the quarter finals of the T20 Trophy and Shield were made:

T20 Trophy: Delph & Dobcross v Clayton West	Barkisland v Scholes
Honley v Golcar	Hoylandswaine v Slaithwaite
T20 Shield: Almondbury v Denby	Lascelles Hall v Broad Oak
Almondbury Wesleyans	Emley Clarence v Meltham

Disciplinary Issues

The Disciplinary Secretary said that there were no issues to report.

Contacting League Officials

The Executive Secretary asked that League officials should not be contacted at home except in an emergency. This is detailed in the League Handbook, and clubs are asked to adhere to this directive.

ECB National survey

The Executive Secretary reported that he had sent details to all club secretaries of a National cricket playing survey being conducted by the ECB. He urged that as many players as possible complete the survey, and emphasised that it was a great opportunity to influence recreational cricket. The results of the survey will be measured area by area, and league by league and it will give leagues and the YCB an opportunity to gauge player's comments, and help to shape the YCB's support for the Leagues and clubs for the future. The Chairman said that one of the main areas of concern was why players in the 17-24 years age group gave up playing.

The Executive Secretary also reported that the DHCL had been invited by the YCB to take part in a national ECB pilot which will look at how leagues can drive our shared ambition of more people, playing more regularly in teams. He stated that it is anticipated that the pilot will involve forty senior leagues from across the country and the YCB have picked eight of our senior leagues to be involved to help shape the future. The leagues will work together at a regional level to identify areas where they can act *to help keep players in the game and get those that are already playing, playing more regularly*. This work will be aided by the results emerging from the National Players Survey which is running in June/July and capture the views of players and critically insights into what would keep them playing. The pilot will be an opportunity to identify what support the leagues may require in driving forward this work after the pilot.

Umpires' Representative Report

The Representative from the UA had nothing further to report.

Any other business

1) The draws for the League cup semi-finals were made:

Oddfellows Cup: Cawthorne or Paddock v Broad Oak	Emley Clarence v Slaithwaite
Earnshaw Cup: Shepley v Linthwaite	Hall Bower v Denby Dale

2) The Match & Registration Secretary questioned the registrations of several players with the same name who were registered with different member clubs. Where possible Club Representatives advised which of these registrations could be cancelled, and the Match & Registration Secretary said that he would confirm with club secretaries any such cancellations, along with those potential duplicate registrations upon which no decision had yet been taken.

3) The Executive Secretary confirmed that Elland was the venue for the Sykes Cup Final.

The next meeting of the Council is Wednesday 7th August 2013 – 7.30pm at Almondbury CC.