

Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 2nd October 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.

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

Apologies: Life Vice President Roger France.

The Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting of the 4th September 2013 were taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

Matters arising

- Armitage Bridge were not represented at the Council Meeting on the 4th September 2013 and under Rule L3(e) were fined £5.
- *Club Umpire Information:* The Administration Secretary thanked the 16 member clubs who had returned their Club Umpire information. However there were still 18 clubs who had not as yet returned the required information. The Administration Secretary said that he would send another email all clubs who had not as yet returned the required information.
- *Posting of Council meeting minutes on the web site:* The web master said the September Council minutes had been posted on the web site.

Black Sheep trophy winners

The Chairman congratulated Hoylandswaine on their success at winning the Black Sheep trophy, which he said was even a more outstanding achievement considering that they had only been a member of the Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League for 5 years. He also informed Council that as a long standing official of the competition, Stephen Sykes was the one to hand over the trophy.

Lady Sykes Trophy winners

The Chairman announced that this year's winners were Stuart Greaves - Shepley and Andrew Peaker - Hall Bower.

Outstanding Fines and any other related issues

The Finance Secretary reported that Emley Clarence were the only club to still have outstanding fines from the August fines list.

Fines

The Match & Registration Secretary spoke to the fines list which had previously been emailed to clubs.

Disciplinary Issues

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

New Championship sponsor

The Chairman thanked outgoing Championship sponsors Frank Platt Ltd for their support over the years. He then announced that new sponsors of the Championship would be Jedi Sports, and in 2014 the DHCL Championship would be called the Jedi Sports Championship.

League Dinner arrangements

The Executive Secretary stated that all responses for dinner tickets need to be made by Friday 18th October. He also stated that any cancellations must be made by Friday 8th November. After this date all ordered tickets would need to be paid for.

Hopkinson and Schweppes Trophies

The Executive Secretary announced that the winners of the respective trophies were Kirkburton and Skelmanthorpe, and these trophies would be presented at the League Dinner.

The Executive Secretary also announced that any individual trophies should be returned to Ballcraft by Wednesday 9th October.

Clubs should note Rule L13 e)4) stating that: *Failure to meet any of these deadlines will result in a £10 fine for the club which will be doubled for any further weeks that any trophy fails to be returned.*

DHCL Minimum standards

The Chairman said that to act as a guide to what the League expected from member clubs, and also to assist with ground inspections, a set of minimum standards had been compiled by the Executive Committee. Clubs would be asked to vote on implementing the set of criteria as a rule of the League at the AGM, although whatever the result of the vote the DHCL Grounds and Facilities Minimum Standards criteria would be posted in the League Handbook.

The Umpires' Representative report

There was no representative from the UA and as a consequence there was no report.

Any other business

- 1) The Executive Secretary reported that the League had been invited to enter a team into the ECB annual indoor 6 a-side competition. The competition is initially contested on a local basis, moving to regional level and finally onto national level. Any club or individual who wished to put forward a team for the competition should contact the Executive Secretary within the next 24 hours.
- 2) The Match and Registration Secretary informed The Council that the end of season HJCL meeting for the Under 9/11/13 sections would be taking place tomorrow at Kirkheaton CC - 7.30pm. He said that all clubs should already have been informed of this meeting. He also stated that the HJCL web site was also "down" at the moment.
He then promoted a debate surrounding the possibility of future electronic scoring on smart phones/"tablets", and the automatic downloading of the information onto the previously used spreadsheet. The debate moved onto the possible increased use of "playcricket.com" to assists with League statistics and registrations.
- 3.) The Holmfirth representative asked if there had been any response to the letters sent to the League in relation to arrangements surrounding the Saturday of the Tour de France. The Chairman said that as previously mentioned, on 23rd October 2013, Kirklees and Calderdale would be giving a definitive statement on road closures and potential disruption on Saturday 5th July 2014. After this statement a ruling will be made as to the viability of a full programme of DHCL fixtures taking place on this date.

The next meeting of the Council is Wednesday 4th DECEMBER 2013 – 7.30pm at Almondbury CC.