

Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 4th December 2013

In the Chair: Trevor Atkinson.

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

Life Vice President: Geoff Crompton.

Clubs: All member clubs were represented with the exception of Birkby Rose Hill.

Apologies: The Administration Secretary and Vice President Roger France.

Introduction: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the December 2013 Council meeting, especially the four new clubs: Cartworth Moor; Birkby Rose Hill; Thurstonland and Upperthong.

The Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting of the 2nd October 2013 were taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

Matters arising

- Thongsbridge were not represented at the Council Meeting on the 2nd October 2013 and under Rule L3(e) were fined £5.
- *Club Umpire Information:* The Chairman reported that Club Umpire information had now been received from all clubs, and this will be collated by the Administration Secretary. The information will be used to assist in the appointment of non UA officials for some 2nd X1 fixtures, and will also help identify further training requirements/umpiring ambitions for some of our Club Umpires.
- *Posting of Council meeting minutes on the web site:* It was reiterated that all Council minutes will be posted on the web site at the earliest opportunity after they had been received by the web master.

Outstanding Fines and any other related issues

The Finance Secretary advised the meeting that Thongsbridge who were only fined a few minutes ago for non attendance at the October council meeting, had already paid that fine and then gave notice of the following outstanding fines:

- Delph & Dobcross - Late trophy fine of £20.
- Lepton Highlanders – Late trophy fine of £20.
- Honley – Late Trophy fine of £20.
- Broad Oak – Dinner tickets - £97.50p.
- Kirkheaton – Dinner tickets - £65 (Received at the AGM).
- Umpires Association – Dinner tickets £65.
- Total owing: £212.50 now that Kirkheaton have paid for their Dinner tickets.

Disciplinary Issues

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

League Dinner Report

The Executive Secretary gave a brief review of the Annual League Dinner. He did say how disappointing it was that a number of Clubs failed to support the event. However, he was aware that some Clubs had already made arrangements for their own Club Dinners on or near the same date as that of the League. This was as a result of the Executive Committee's decision to move the Dinner to November from the longstanding month of January. There were various comments made about this, mostly saying that as Clubs now know that the Dinner will be held in November (as per the Rule change that was passed at the AGM) each year they will be able to steer clear of that date. There was also some concern over the cost of the dinner at £32.50, especially as it was felt that the meal this year was below standard, especially the pudding. There was then some discussion over the format of having both a speaker and a comedian. There was a feeling that there should be more time available to honour the respective prize winners. Another point was that the bars seem to have closed much earlier than normal. Another point was made of the venue, and questions were asked as to whether the League Dinner should be at the same venue each year. The Executive Secretary said that he would be taking all these comments on board, and pass on all the complaints made to the Hotel when he next met with them. If any Clubs would also like to pass on any comments or suggestions about future League Dinners would they please contact him as soon as possible.

Tour De France:

The Chairman advised the meeting that as mentioned at the October Council meeting a decision regarding the viability of going ahead with a full programme of DHCL fixtures on the TdF weekend would be announced at the December Council meeting, and as such the Executive had now taken the decision to cancel the whole of the fixtures for the week-end of July 5/6th 2014. The Chairman hoped that those Clubs who had asked about this earlier would now be able to go ahead with any potential arrangements they proposed to make in order to gain some extra revenue from opening up their facilities for the event.

Fixtures for 2014

The Fixtures Secretary advised that the 2014 fixtures were almost ready for publication and will be displayed on the Website as soon as possible. He also said that when available, individual clubs would be notified of these fixtures via email. There had been a short delay due in part to the re-scheduling of the July 5/6th week-end fixtures and due to a final proof read.

The Umpires' Representative report

The representative from the UA gave an upbeat report for once on the position of the Umpire numbers. The Umpires' Association had received a new Umpire from the Halifax league who wanted to progress his umpires career. He said that the recent course that had been run for new Umpires had proved fruitful and we could see several new Umpires on the list. He was expecting in excess of 50 umpires when the list is finalised.

Draw for the Preliminary Rounds of the League Cups

The draw for the Preliminary Rounds of both the Oddfellows and Earnshaw Cups were made and these are listed below.

allroundercricket.com Oddfellows Cup Preliminary Round

Cartworth Moor v Thurstonland
Moorlands v Birkby Rose Hill
Emley Clarence v Lascelles Hall
Denby Dale v Linthwaite
Rastrick v Armitage Bridge
Broad Oak v Clayton West
Denby v Upperthong
Kirkheaton v Hall Bower

Both rounds will be played on Sunday 11th May 2014

allroundercricket.com Earnshaw Cup Preliminary Round

Thongsbridge v Cartworth Moor
Golcar v Almondbury
Marsden v Shelley
Birkby Rose Hill v Emley Clarence
Cumberworth United v Moorlands
Linthwaite v Meltham
Upperthong v Kirkheaton
Lepton Highlanders v Clayton West

Any other business

As there was no other business, the Chairman wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and said that he looked forward to seeing everyone in the New Year.