

Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 1st April 2015

In the Chair: Trevor Atkinson.

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

Life Vice Presidents: Geoff Crompton.

Clubs: All member clubs were represented with the exception of Almondbury Wesleyans, Elland and Cawthorne.

Apologies: Roger France. Malcolm Westoby. (Elland).

Introduction: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the April 2015 Council meeting.

The Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting of the 3rd December 2014 were taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

Matters arising

- No matters arising.

Paddock

The Chairman updated the meeting on the situation with Paddock. The club still had plenty of players, but no money and the social club had insisted the cricket section brought in £5,000 a year revenue. This was negotiated to £2,000 which the league was hopeful they would continue at but at a meeting on Monday with Kirklees involved the sum was increased to £8,000 at which what was left of the cricket committee walked away from the club and as a result Paddock had resigned from the league.

Outstanding Fines and any other related issues

The Finance Secretary advised the meeting there were no outstanding fines.

Cricket Balls had all been delivered and the vast majority of clubs had paid up front. Balls prices same as last season and would remain the same up until 2017.

Finances for the league were in good health.

Handbooks

The General Secretary had issued 12 handbooks per club but clubs could have more if required. There was an amendment with the handbooks re change of wording on the rain rule.

Martin Hawksworth had replaced Gosnays and the number to ring for the match result was now 01977 704041.

If there were any changes or errors in the handbook then inform the General Secretary.

Umpires had been given a laminated card for the new rain rule calculations and these were distributed to the clubs at the meeting.

An electronic App for phones would be trialled for the new rain rule.

Registrations

The Match & Registration Secretary reported the retained list of players for clubs had been due by 31st March. He had not received from 3 clubs, Cawthorne, Kirkheaton and Kirkburton.

The Registration form had changed slightly and a query from the floor was raised re when a transfer form had to be done.

The TMFR result spreadsheet had changed to incorporate the new points system and a box for the revised 1st innings total in case of rain. Also the create Examiner form automatically calculated the result.

Disciplinary Report

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

Ground Inspections and Sight Screens

The Child Welfare & Facilities Secretary reported clubs had the list of things to do and he would be following it up soon.

All clubs had sightcreens and covers although certain clubs had dispensation for only 1 sightscreen.

Public Liability Insurance 2015

4 clubs: Cawthorne, Hall Bower, Kirkheaton and Upperthong had still not sent or contacted the Administration Secretary with new Public liability insurance renewal certificate. Saturday 11th April was the deadline as per league rule.

The Umpires' Representative report

The representative from the UA reported a Level 1 course had been held in the winter and 2 umpires from that had joined the league umpires panel. 54 umpires names were on the league panel in the handbook but probably only 50 would be umpiring at the beginning of the season due to health issues and other reasons.

Umpires had gone through the new rain rule at their own meeting and would work with captains and scorers on this.

He requested clubs use the new team sheet forms rather than any old ones which would make life easier.

Ron Tindall reported the following clubs be asked to take the club umpire with them for the 2nd XI games on the following dates unless he can find another umpire in the meantime.

Saturday 18th April: Armitage Bridge and Hall Bower.

Saturday 25th April: Denby, Lepton, Shelley, Cartworth Moor and Armitage Bridge.

Saturday 9th May: Broad Oak, Uppertong, Armitage Bridge and Cartworth Moor.

No club umpires would be required for the preliminary round of the Paddock Shield Sunday 19th April although he would probably require some club umpires for the 1st round of the Paddock Shield Sunday 3rd May.

Umpires for 1st XI games would be published on the website each week for 2015.

YCB Affiliation Package

The General Secretary reported YCB affiliation fees had increased but was the first time for a number of years. As part of the affiliation fees clubs were given 4 free T20 tickets for Yorkshire CC games. These were distributed to all clubs present.

Tour de Yorkshire

The Chairman reported Sykes / Paddock Shield games should all go ahead as planned on the date set Sunday 3rd May. However, if any game due to the race passing or near the ground had a delayed start then clubs would not be fined.

Any other business

Hoylandswaine had completed changing room alterations. A key would be given to all away sides with a £10 returnable deposit kept behind the bar.

Price of the handbooks was queried.

It was confirmed that the rule changes were experimental for the season and any proposed changes would be voted on at the AGM.

Transfer embargo on Paddock players until Match & Registration Secretary gave all clear.

The next meeting of the Council is Wednesday 1st July 2015 – 7.30pm at Almondbury CC.