

Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 6th July 2016

In the Chair: Trevor Atkinson.

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

Life Vice Presidents: Geoff Crompton and Roger France

Clubs: All member clubs were represented except Linthwaite, Birkby Rose Hill and Shelley.

Apologies: Match & Registration Secretary ; Birkby Rose Hill

Introduction: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the July 2016 Council meeting and congratulated Hoylandswaine on reaching the Heavy Woollen Cup Final.

The Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting of the 6th April 2016 were taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

Matters arising

No matters arising.

Financial Report

The Finance Secretary advised the meeting league finances were in good health and there was only one outstanding club fine Cawthorne £20. Cricket balls had been a problem and had arrived just in time for the meeting after a fire at the Warehouse. Luckily our batch had only to be repackaged.

Disciplinary Report

The Administration & Disciplinary Secretary reported 1 player had been banned in June:-

Louis Sykes – Shelley 1 week from 3rd June until 9th June for showing visible, verbal dissent and foul language to an umpire.

The Chairman updated the meeting about Matthew Essex Rastrick who had been suspended until further notice and the league were seeking advice from the YCB/ECB. The Chairman and the Administration & Disciplinary Secretary also voiced concerns about general discipline in recent games and reminded clubs, captains were responsible for team discipline and controlling players. Ron Tindall would be bringing this up at the next umpires meeting and ensuring players are reported by umpires if necessary.

Grounds Report

The Child Welfare & Facilities Secretary reported apart from one or two snags with sightscreens everything was fine with grounds.

Report from Match & Registration Secretary

With the Match & Registration Secretary being absent the General Secretary reported the fines register was very short and no queries were forthcoming.

Report from the Umpires Association

The Umpires representative reported they didn't have enough numbers to cover all games especially at this time of year. Clubs had been informed to provide 2nd team club umpires for away games and he asked the Armitage Bridge Rep if they could provide a club umpire for this Saturdays game as an umpire had just gave backward on the game. It was hoped to run Umpires / Scorers courses in October / November time.

Rule Clarification

The General Secretary reported confusion with rule L8@ – “a team declaring its innings closed before the completion of its allocated overs”, the following interim guidelines are now in place for the remainder of the season:

1. In the event of a team declaring its innings closed the side batting second does NOT have the option of claiming any forfeited overs by the declaring team.
2. Since the recently introduced “modernisation package” which includes the “Rain Rule”, “limits on bowlers overs” etc the status of this rule has changed with regard to these new rules, and therefore the number of overs available to the side batting second CANNOT now be increased by the side declaring its innings closed before the completion of its allocated overs.

The Executive will consider the validity of this rule at the normal rules revision meeting with any amendments being put forward at the AGM.

Appeal to the Council from Meltham CC

The Chairman outlined to the meeting the events leading to the appeal from Meltham at the point's allocation made by the Executive for the 2nd XI game played at Hall Bower. This was discussed and decided by the meeting both sides to be awarded 2pts each for an abandoned game the second match started was null and void.

Huddersfield Central League

The Chairman brought the meeting up to date with the latest on the Huddersfield Central League. The league had been in decline in the last couple of years and a couple of meetings had taken place with the board members of the Central League but those talks broke down with the demands made. The Halifax League had then offered them a place in their setup and the majority felt that the better option. Since then another proposal was suggested by our Chairman and General Secretary this would however still have had to be voted by two thirds majority of our clubs to be agreed. The Huddersfield Central league clubs had since had a vote of 6 in favour for the Halifax League and 5 for Drakes league with 5 abstentions. Therefore the Central league clubs had accepted the Halifax league proposal.

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Any other business

Armitage Bridge rep brought point up with rule L9 and the issue up of an overseas player playing against them in a recent 2nd XI game and was this against the spirit of the game. The Match & Registration Secretary had replied with a detailed response. The Child Welfare & Facilities Secretary reminded clubs trophies not returned by tonight's meeting would incur a fine of £10 as per league rule.

The next meeting of the Council is Wednesday 7th September 2016 – 7.30pm at Almondbury CC.