

# Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 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 Armitage Bridge, Cawthorne, Clayton West, Honley and Meltham.

**Apologies:** Meltham

**Introduction:** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the September 2016 Council meeting. He announced the funeral had been held at the end of July of James Haigh who had sponsored the league for 25 years and his generosity had amounted to a considerable sum. The funeral had been attended by the President, Chairman, Life Vice President Roger France and Bob Platt. A minutes silence in memory was observed by all attendees.

### **The Minutes**

The minutes of the Council meeting of the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016 were taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

### **Matters arising**

No matters arising.

### **Trophy Winners & end of season club responsibilities**

The Chairman congratulated Delph & Dobcross on winning the Premiership, Sykes Cup and T20 trophies which was a marvellous achievement. He also congratulated Barkisland on retaining the Paddock Shield, Mirfield PC on winning Conference 1 in their first season, Clayton West Championship 2 and Birkby Rose Hill Conference 2. Other trophies were still to be decided on the final Saturday and the Chairman reminded all clubs directly involved in promotion and relegation issues to play the games seriously and refrain from swapping batting orders etc.

### **Financial Report**

The Finance Secretary advised the meeting league finances were in good health helped by some big gates at the different finals. 2 clubs still owed for cricket balls Mirfield £232 which included 3 fines and Honley £288. Other club fines owing were Linthwaite £5, Cawthorne £30, Broad Oak £10, Hoylandswaine £10, Almondbury Wes £10 and Emley £100.

### **Disciplinary Report**

The Administration & Disciplinary Secretary reported the following players had been banned:-

Robert Kaskiewicz – Clayton West 12 month suspension Level 4 (d) - using language or gesture that seriously offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate, threaten, disparage or vilify another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation or disability.

Chris Kilner – Marsden 1 week ban and 1 week suspended Level 2(a) - showing serious dissent at an umpire's decision by word or action.

Chris Sykes – Almondbury Wesleyans banned from 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016 until 17<sup>th</sup> September 2017 Level 4 (b) - physical assault of another player, umpire, referee, official or **spectator**;

The Chairman thanked Clayton West and Almondbury Wesleyans for their actions and co-operation with league on the above disciplinary matters.

### **Grounds Report**

The Child Welfare & Facilities Secretary reminded clubs all individual trophies had to be returned to Cobwood or to himself by the 1<sup>st</sup> of October as per league rule.

### **Report from Match & Registration Secretary**

The Match & Registration Secretary reported the latest fines list had gone out and asked if there were any queries. The list had been made up mainly with a glut of late result sheets, a couple of conceded 2<sup>nd</sup> XI games, 4 ineligible 2<sup>nd</sup> XI players and a couple of no home club umpires. He reminded clubs all the end of season averages would be collated and he would send out to the clubs beginning of next week for checking and for them to confirm and send back to him by the league deadline or incur a £50 fine as per league rule L 7(h). One concern he did have with the averages \ stats was the misidentification of wicket keepers and catches. He asked clubs to check these carefully.

### **Report from the Umpires Association**

The Umpires representative reported there was a shortage of umpires once again for this Saturday and read out a list of 2<sup>nd</sup> XI clubs that would have to take an umpire with them. He had three 1<sup>st</sup> XI games in the Conference at Hall Bower, Denby Dale and Lepton that only had 1 league umpire appointed at the moment. Questions were asked as to why such a shortage and what could be done about it. The umpire's representative explained they began the season with 60 names in the handbook and for various reasons this number had continued to dwindle throughout the season. Umpires courses had been advertised with minimal response. He felt the answer lies within the clubs where many members and former players could get involved.

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### **The Composition of the League**

The Chairman brought the meeting up to date with the latest on the Huddersfield Central League. He was expecting to announce a Special General Meeting about the five clubs who had asked about joining the Drakes Huddersfield but everything was now back in the melting pot. The League's intention if accepted was to put the clubs into the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI competitions, with the 1<sup>st</sup> XI teams in the Jedi Sports Championship Two and the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI teams in the Cedar Court Conference Two. It would have been a two year probation and the clubs wouldn't have full voting rights in the league but would have been continuing to play cricket with an opportunity to progress. He felt the League had a duty to protect wherever we can grassroots cricket in Huddersfield. However this was all on ice until the league can provide the clubs with all the facts about what is happening. Any proposal requires a two-thirds majority and the existing clubs would have the final say. He believed it would be best for Central league clubs to remain together under a Drakes umbrella, playing as associate members in their own sections with an eventual pathway to progress. He reported the following a couple of premierships clubs are proposing the league is cut to 12 clubs from the current 14. No 2<sup>nd</sup> XI cricket played on a Sunday. Reducing number of overs in 2<sup>nd</sup> XI cricket and problems with clubs struggling to put 2 teams out.

It was also brought up from the floor where would the umpires come from if new clubs were accepted in, there is a lack of umpires at the present time.

The Chairman informed the meeting all these issues would be dealt with in October.

### **Any other business**

No other business.

**The next meeting of the Council is Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016 – 7.30pm at Almondbury CC.**