

Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League

EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY 3rd August 2016

In the Chair: Trevor Atkinson

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

Life Vice Presidents: Geoff Crompton and Roger France.

Club Representatives: Craig McCreadie, Les Harrison, Malcolm Westoby.

Co-opted Member: Jamie Harrison.

Apologies: Ron Tindall

Introduction The Chairman informed the meeting a minutes silence would be appropriate in memory of James Haigh of main sponsors Drakes who had died a couple of weeks ago. He had sponsored the league for 25 years and several members of the Executive had attended the funeral last week.

The Minutes

The minutes of the Executive meeting on Wednesday 6th July 2016 were taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising

- Yorkshire Cricket Council – The Chairman reported he and the General Secretary had attended a meeting with the YCC re the end of season play offs. As the meeting evolved problems arose with the strength of the clubs that would be entering from the South Yorkshire / Bradford Leagues. Only their lesser clubs would be entering and the YCC thought our top teams would be too good. Also a point of our Premiership having 14 clubs was raised and potential problem with Sunday play off fixture dates. It was left that we would talk again later in the year but since then the Chairman felt it was probably best to leave it and nothing to be gained.

Monthly Finance Report

The Financial Secretary gave details of his monthly report. All loan payments were up to date. Club debtors were Honley cricket balls £288, Kirkheaton balance of cricket balls £84, Mirfield cricket balls plus fine £202, Slaithwaite cricket balls £288, Linthwaite fine £5, Cawthorne cricket balls and May/June/July fines £434. Cawthorne despite emails from the Financial Secretary had still not paid which included May / June fines. The Administration Secretary to email request for payment as soon as possible, and the Executive's concern on late payment.

Grounds and Facilities report

The Child Welfare, Trophies & Facilities Secretary reported there had been some complaints re changing rooms and umpires rooms, he was addressing these. Upperthong sightscreen had broken. He had been busy the last couple of days getting all trophies up to date. The Chairman thanked him for his effort and time spent.

Disciplinary Report

The Administration & Disciplinary Secretary reported the following suspensions:-

- Alex Walker Slaithwaite – 4 week ban with 2 weeks suspended - Using language that is obscene or insulting to a player.
- Ian Holt Slaithwaite – 3 week ban - Using language that is obscene or insulting to a player.
- Faisal Javed Rastrick – 2 week ban - Using language that is obscene or insulting to a player.
- Oliver Pearson Rastrick – 2 week suspended ban – Failing in duties as captain.
- Qaiser Rashid Denby – Official recorded warning – Verbal dissent to umpire.

The Chairman updated the Executive regarding the 3 ongoing disciplinary processes.

Report from UA

Ron Tindall was absent. Discussion took place among the Executive re the umpires association. It was agreed that the UA would be invited for talks during the close season.

Report from Match & Registration Secretary

The Match & Registration Secretary went through the fines list with most of the fines late result sheets, a couple of conceded games and 2 ineligible players. One of these was the playing of a U12 player signed on the day of a 2nd XI game, this is not allowed as per ECB / YCB and league rules.

Joe Lumb Update

The Child Welfare, Trophies & Facilities Secretary reported the Joe Lumb side had beaten Doncaster in the semi-final and the final would be held at Broad Oak Sunday 28th August with the opponents not yet known yet. Congratulations were given by the Executive.

T20 Final Report

The Chairman reported T20 finals day once again very successful with gate receipts of £1,008 and well hosted by Delph. He did comment on the on field behaviour of both Shield finalists which was deplorable at times.

Final Gates

The General Secretary advised at least half a dozen people would be available to man the gates for the Sykes Cup Final.

A key had been obtained for the gate to Honley Rec which could now be used for car parking. Clarification was sought to who fills the result sheet in from the finalists. Delph would have the home dressing room and would be responsible for the team / result sheet. For the Paddock Shield the home team Scholes would be responsible for the team / result sheet. Volunteers were sought to man the Paddock Shield gates at Scholes Sunday 14th August.

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Social Media Report

Jamie Harrison reported we had reached 1200 followers on Twitter. The ECB survey had been placed online along with a couple of polls providing feedback which had been successful. The newsletter subscription on the website had been enquired about nothing had happened and this would be removed from website. General comments re twitter were proving it was a success with most clubs on it. A tweet to be put on for car parking at Sykes Cup Final on Honley Rec was requested.

The Structure of the League

The Chairman reported that several Central League clubs were now showing interest in joining the Drakes League rather than going to the Halifax league. A proposal would be brought to the next Executive meeting on the general structure of the league.

Any Other Business

- Elland had been asked to host a Yorkshire Over 50's game on Sykes Cup Final day. This was confirmed by the Executive as not possible as per league rule. Junior matches are allowed on the morning of the Final.
- A general question about the state of Cricket balls used in the T20 was raised. It was suggested coloured balls should be used as in the final especially with clubs wearing coloured clothing.
- A query re how many short pitched balls above shoulder height can be bowled in an over was raised. As per MCC laws 2 are allowed in an over.
- The Match & Registration Secretary was asked to provide overseas players stats for the September executive meeting.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on Wednesday 7th September 2016 at Almondbury CC