

Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 5th April 2017

In the Chair: Trevor Atkinson.

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

Life Vice Presidents: Roger France

Clubs: All member clubs were represented.

Apologies: Geoff Crompton, David Haikings (UA).

Introduction: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the April 2017 Council meeting including the new clubs wishing them a long and prosperous stay in the league.

The Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting of the 14th December 2016 were taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

Matters arising

The Composition of the League – The Chairman confirmed Almondburians had resigned from the league due to shortage of players leaving 5 new clubs. An email had been sent out explaining how the fixtures / cups had been dealt with.

Report from Match & Registration Secretary

The Match & Registration Secretary reported results procedures same as last season. A new result sheet would be available on the website from tomorrow. One common question from clubs was regarding Overseas players and deregistration. If any overseas players had played over here in the last 2 seasons they would need a transfer form. Any queries let him know. When sending registrations by email could each player be kept separately.

Financial Report

The Finance Secretary advised the meeting accounts were not possible to produce at the moment with a lot of monies in and out. All club fines were up to date with non-outstanding. Cricket Balls – 4 clubs had not paid, Birkby Rose Hill, Cawthorne, Shelley and Upperthong. The Upperthong rep advised their cheque was in the post.

Handbooks and YCB Affiliation Package – T20 Tickets for Yorkshire CC

The General Secretary reported the number of Handbooks remain at 12 per club this year, although once again we have produced a few more copies. Should clubs feel that they need an extra 2 or 3, please contact him.

If anyone spots any errors in the Handbook could you please let him know, and as well as providing any appropriate updates on the web site, we will be able to correct any errors in the 2018 Handbook. Any important changes he will email to club secs.

Included on Page 9 of the Handbook is a short summary of this year's rule changes. There are only a few changes and most relate to the 2nd XI Competition – In Prem 2 and PS, games are now 45 over games with all games starting at 1pm (inc Sept).

There is a change to Umpires' Expenses – they will now be £40 for all games in the 1st XI Comp, and £38 for all games in the 2nd XI Comp. For games where no play is possible HALF fee, and for games officiated by one umpire ONE & A HALF FEE.

Along with the Handbooks all Clubs should have received:

- A TMRF booklet
- 4 tickets for a specific YCCC T20 game at Headingley. These tickets should not for resale.
- 2 packs for their Club Umpires which include the updated "Rain Rule Cards" from the League, plus a set of "Umpires information cards" issued by the ECB.
- There are also 2 extra "Rain Rule Cards" for clubs to pass onto captains.

Disciplinary Report

The Administration & Disciplinary Secretary had no disciplinary matters to report. The Chairman reminded the clubs the main concern was player's behaviour from the recent club survey sent out to why umpires were not taking up umpiring.

CWF&T Report

The Child Welfare & Facilities Secretary reported he needed names of all club delegates for the Safe Hands course at Broad Oak 15th/16th May. All clubs had been emailed on the 22nd February for the names of club umpires. He had received names of 67 and was still waiting for 8 clubs, Barkisland, Cawthorne, Emley, Hoylandswaine, Kirkheaton, Meltham, Moorlands and Shelley.

Media Secretary Report

The Media Secretary had produced an umpire's recruitment poster for clubs to take and put up in their clubs. If any needed more posters they were available.

Public Liability Insurance 2017

The Administration & Disciplinary Secretary reported just one public liability certificate he had still to see Holmfirth.

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Report from the Umpires Association

Ron Tindall reported he had lost 6 umpires already for one reason or another. For Saturday 15th April the following 2nd XI games the away team would have to take the club umpire with them, Nortonthorpe v Holmbridge, Holmfirth v Almondbury Wes, Flockton v Uppertong. At the moment Cawthorne v Skelmanthorpe didn't have a league umpire appointed. All Preliminary Sykes Cup and Paddock Shield were covered.

The first round of the Paddock Shield on the 30th April might need some club umpires to go away. Clubs required to take umpires would be on the league website by Wednesday each week along with tweets on the Twitter site.

125th Anniversary of the League

The General Secretary reported the luncheon at the Cedar Court on Sunday had been a success and enjoyable time had by all. The next event was the cricket match between our league under 21's side v MCC on the 16th August at Honley.

League Dinner 2017

The General Secretary reported the League Dinner would be held on Friday Nov 17th 2017 at Cedar Court with guest speaker Shaun Udal and the cost once again will be held at £32.50.

Any other business

The Chairman closed the meeting wishing all clubs an enjoyable season and the next Council meeting would be in July.

The next meeting of the Council is Wednesday 5th July 2017 – 7.30pm at Almondbury CC.