

Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 6th September 2017

In the Chair: Trevor Atkinson.

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

Life Vice Presidents: Geoff Crompton and Roger France

Clubs: All member clubs were represented except Almondbury Wesleyans, Cawthorne, Kirkheaton, Meltham and Upperthong.

Apologies

Introduction: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the September 2017 Council meeting. He announced Leslie Duncalf had died recently. He had served various roles on the League Executive and had been associated with Armitage Bridge for a number of years. A minutes silence in memory was observed by all attendees.

The Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting of the 5th July 2017 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 Scholes on winning the Sykes Cup, Kirkburton the Paddock Shield, Delph & Dobcross the T20 Trophy, Mirfield PC the T20 Shield, Hoyandswaine on winning Premier 1 and 2 and reaching the Heavy Woollen cup final and hopefully next year could be 3rd time lucky. Lepton on winning the Conference league and Linthwaite on winning 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 play in the right spirit. He also congratulated the Joe Lumb team and manager Roger Peaker on winning the final against the Bradford League.

Financial Report

The Finance Secretary advised the meeting league finances were in good health. Club fines owing were Moorlands £10, Kirkheaton £10, Cumberworth £10 and Mirfield PC £50. Confirmation was given in conceded games by the away team the offending club paid the £100 to the league and the league forwarded £50 of that to the relevant club. No new applications for interest free loans with 7 loans to clubs ongoing in varying stages of repayment and all up to date with payments. The current 3 year agreement with Readers for cricket balls is due to end this year with them indicating a small rise in price.

Disciplinary Report

The Administration & Disciplinary Secretary reported the following:-

Tom Brook – Scholes 2 week ban.

James Noble – Scholes official warning.

Grounds Report

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

Report from Match & Registration Secretary

The Match & Registration Secretary reported 22 fines of which 7 conceded games, 1 Skelmanthorpe 4 overs in excess of time allowed 2nd offence, a couple of not ringing Coomers and the rest late result sheets.

Media Secretary Report

The Media Secretary requested if any website links didn't work or incorrect information was on the website a form was on there to fill in and submit to him. The Nortonthorpe rep asked if the new club information could be put on the website.

Report from the Umpires Association

The Umpires representative thanked the clubs for their 2nd team club umpires filling appointments. He reported numbers will only decrease if no new umpires willing to come forward. The umpire's association training officer Gary Rank had stepped down from the role. Currently the YCB was looking to restructure areas for umpires associations so they would have to see what happens with training officers. Any club umpires needing training to contact David Haikings especially with the new law changes coming into effect next month. He also thanked the Media Secretary for putting the umpire's appointments on the website each week throughout the season.

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Any Other Business

A query from Emley saying they had been contacted by Cartworth Moor whose club umpire was on holiday and wanted to know if Emley couldn't get a club umpire for the away game on Saturday who umpires the game.

A point was raised from Armitage Bridge that if a team conceded a game only a fine was the penalty and no points deducted. This would have to be a rule change if points were to be deducted.

The General Secretary reminded the meeting the League Dinner would take place on Friday 17th November tickets still at last year's £32.50.

The next meeting of the Council is Wednesday 6th December 2017 – 7.30pm at Almondbury CC.