

Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League

EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY 1st March 2017

In the Chair: Trevor Atkinson

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

Life Vice Presidents: Geoff Crompton; Roger France.

Club Representatives: Craig McCreddie; Les Harrison.

Co-opted Member: Ron Tindall.

Apologies: Match & Registration Secretary.

The Minutes

The minutes of the Executive meeting on Wednesday 1st February 2017 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising

- Conduct SGM on Umpiring expenses:- see SGM minutes all proposals carried.
- WYACC Knockout Cup:- The General Secretary proposed not to enter a team with the final date clashing with our Premiership league fixtures.
- New website platform update:- Jamie Harrison reported he had tested Wordpress as a new website platform. However it would be quite expensive to migrate the current website to it. Phil Senior was currently testing some scoring software which if ok would have to be fully conversed with the website. Jamie would continue to spruce up things on the current one and make more responsive and easier to navigate on mobiles/tablets. For the April Executive meeting he would have a definitive quote for the work required.

Monthly Finance Report

The Financial Secretary reported the balance sheet was showing mainly outgoings at the moment with the main one being insurance of £1,213 compared to £1,128 last year. The insurance included cover for all club umpires doing any games for the league as employees. It also covered for any legal cases brought against any Executive member. It was confirmed all club umpires are covered umpiring any game for the Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League. They are not covered travelling to and from games. The League Dinner was finalised showing a loss of £60. Club subs had been paid out to the YCB. Outstanding club fines were Cawthorne £5 and Meltham £15.

Grounds and Facilities report

The Child Welfare, Trophies & Facilities Secretary reported all new clubs grounds had been visited. Holmbridge could have a problem with the ground not being ready for the season with the building of the new extension and he would revisit. Edgerton & Dalton had a new covers sheet and Flockton and Nortonthorpe new sightcreens.

Disciplinary Report

The Administration & Disciplinary Secretary had nothing to report.

Report from the UA

Ron Tindall reported all appointments done. He still hadn't received names for club umpires from Cartworth Moor, Flockton and Nortonthorpe. The Child Welfare, Trophies & Facilities Secretary had names for the clubs from the DBS details and he would pass on to the UA secretary. The General Secretary would also provide the UA a club umpires contact list which would be in the new league handbook. The umpires would be having their own on field cricket shirt provided by Zulu this season and requested if the league would make a donation towards the cost of providing one for each umpire. The President proposed £200 towards the cost which was passed by the Executive.

Report from Match & Registration Secretary

The Match & Registration Secretary was absent.

Media Report

Jamie Harrison reported he had updated club pages on the website and requested an up to date club details of any changes. He would also like to include captains on the club page and had emailed the clubs for details. He had obtained 20 historical photos from Mel Booth for the 125th Anniversary luncheon and would contact Peter Davies of the cricket heritage to see if he had anymore photos.

125th Lunch Update

The General Secretary reported everything in place and he had quite a few responses of sponsorship for the event. The Chairman thanked him and the Child Welfare, Trophies & Facilities Secretary for raising sponsorship of between £700/£800 for the event.

Captain's Meeting

The Chairman reported on from the umpires survey which suggested player behaviour being one of the main reasons why Club's felt umpires don't take up umpiring, suggested a captains meeting before the start of the season. This was discussed but was felt with captains travelling from all over these days the subject would be better brought to the clubs attention at the April Council meeting. Signs about the Spirit of cricket should be displayed in dressing rooms as well.

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League Dinner update

The General Secretary announced Shaun Udal would be the guest speaker for 2017 league dinner. A discussion took place on several thoughts about the league dinner with the price remaining the same at £32.50.

April Council Meeting – parking arrangements

The Chairman had spoken to the President about parking arrangements for the April Council meeting with the increase in new clubs requiring more parking space. The outside of the cricket field would be used as long as the weather was ok for the April meeting.

Any Other Business

- The General Secretary read out an email received from Almondburians resigning with regret from the league with immediate effect. This was down to a lack of players despite attempts to attract new ones and they felt they would not be able to put 2 teams out each week. This would leave the league with 43 clubs and with the fixtures already done for Championship 2 and Conference 2 would mean blank weekends for clubs with games against Almondburians. In the absence of the Fixture Secretary the issue of how to deal with clubs playing an unequal number of games was left over until his return.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on Wednesday 5th April 2017 at Almondbury CC