

# Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011

In the Chair: Mr R.K.Platt Esq

**Other Officers Present:** Vice President Earnshaw; Executive & Finance Secretary; Match Secretary and Registration Secretary.

**Clubs:** All member clubs were represented with the exception of Lascelles Hall.

**Apologies** were received from The Chairman and the Administration & Disciplinary Secretary.

**The President began the meeting by expressing his thanks and appreciation towards the retiring Chairman Roger France. He thanked him for his stalwart work over the past 22 years, expressing it as an outstanding contribution to the League. He went on to say that Roger would be a hard act to follow, but with the proposed Executive coming into office he felt that the League had a sound management to take it forward and wished all every success.**

### **The Minutes**

The minutes of the AGM meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2011 were taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

### **Re-Election**

A written application from Lascelles Hall Cricket Club applying for re-election to the League was received as in accordance with Rule L7 (f) and approved unanimously.

### **Rule Amendments/Additions.**

The Registration Secretary, in the absence of the Administration Secretary gave details of the results for the club vote on the proposed rule additions/amendments to come into force in 2012.

The voting was based on the voting of 29 League Clubs. Micklehurst were not asked to vote as they were leaving the League. Only amendments 8 (L6f), 9 (L7e) and 10 (L8o) received the required 2/3 rds majority and so these were passed.

### **President and Election of Officers**

In the absence of the retiring Chairman, The Executive & Finance Secretary thanked Mr Bob Platt for his past hard work in support of the League, the Executive and the clubs and proposed that he be re elected as President. He was declared re-elected under the provisions of rule L3 (b).

The President then resumed the chair and asked the Council to elect en-bloc the nominated Officers, being Trevor Atkinson (Chairman), Stephen Sykes (Executive Secretary), Bruce Heath (Financial Secretary), Norman Clee (Administration Secretary), Donald Earnshaw (Disciplinary Secretary) & Yvonne Collins (Match and Registration Secretary). Also to re-elect the following members of the Executive Roger Peaker (Ground, Facilities and Trophies Co-ordinator), Club representatives Geoff Crompton, Les Harrison, Malcolm Westoby, Roger Peaker and Philip Earnshaw as Co-opted member.

The members duly elected the executive unanimously.

### **Financial Report**

The Finance Secretary presented the League accounts for 2011. He explained variances in income and expenditure during the finance year ending 31<sup>st</sup> October 2011. He thanked the Executive and Umpires for manning the gates at the semi finals and finals and thanked all the sponsors of the League. There were no questions asked of the Finance Secretary.

The Finance Report was approved by the Council.

### **Approval of New League Auditors**

The President announced that as Bruce Heath had now been elected to the Executive, the new League Auditors were to be Simpson Wood & Co.

### **Sykes Cup, Paddock Shield Draws**

Separate draws were made for the first round ties in the 2012 Sykes Cup, Paddock Shield Competitions.

The Sykes Cup and Paddock Shield are to be played on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2012 commencing at 1:00pm

### **Any other business**

There was no other business.

**The President thanked all the representatives for attending the meeting.**

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## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011

In the Chair: Trevor Atkinson

**Other Officers Present:** The President; Executive Secretary; Finance Secretary; Administration Secretary; Match & Registration Secretary; Disciplinary Secretary.

**Clubs:** All member clubs were represented with the exception of Lascelles Hall.

**Apologies** were received from Vice President Roger France

### Introductions & Inaugural speech

The chairman welcomed Cumberworth United as a new member club of the League, and wished them every success after moving from the Arrow Huddersfield Central League. He then paid a warm tribute to the outgoing Chairman Roger France, acknowledging his outstanding service and contribution to the League, and in particular over the last 22 years as League Chairman. After a nomination by Delph & Dobcross, Mr France was formally elected as the League's fifth Life Vice-President. The Chairman also thanked Judith France, the outgoing Administration and Disciplinary Secretary, who he reported, had always performed her duties thoroughly and with due diligence during her tenure of office. The chairman then expressed his sympathy, and paid tribute, to the Pat Collins, the wife of Hedley, who sadly passed away on Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup>. She had been a real support to her husband during the many years that he had been a stalwart of the League.

The Chairman introduced the new Officers of the League, and outlined their main duties where appropriate:

Executive Secretary: Stephen Sykes – Responsible for general communications, and should be the main recipient of communication from within and outside the League.

Administration Secretary: Norman Clee – Responsible for agendas and minutes of meetings, together with club insurance and rules revision.

Finance Secretary: Bruce Heath.

Match & Registration Secretary: Yvonne Collins.

Disciplinary Secretary: Donald Earnshaw.

The Chairman also introduced Grounds, Facilities & Trophies co-ordinator: Roger Peaker, and Web-Master: Les Harrison.

The Chairman then went onto outline some specific areas that he would be looking to develop during 2012. These would include:

- Streamlining communication by increasing the use of e-mail, and the use of technology to help with registrations and the submission of match results, and as a consequence to assist with generating league averages.
- Supporting the Umpires Association by helping them to reverse the trend of declining number.
- Continuing the ground inspections of clubs in order to encourage the maintenance and improvement of facilities.
- Organising a pre-season meeting between the club captains and the League, aimed at discussing potential disciplinary issues.
- Publishing a disciplinary tariff in order to match the "punishment to the crime".
- Refining the T/20 format.
- Updating and reviewing the content of the League handbook – former League officer Leslie Duncalf has agreed to assist in this area.

### The Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2011 were taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed

### Matter arising

- a) Broad Oak, Holmfirth, Lascelles Hall, Meltham and Shelley were not represented at the Council Meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2011 and under Rule L3(e) the following fines apply. , Holmfirth, Lascelles Hall, Meltham and Shelley are fined £5 each and Broad Oak are fined £15 as it was the 3<sup>rd</sup> time in 2011 they had not been represented.
- b) Rastrick paid their outstanding fine of £50.
- c) There are still some individual trophies that have not as yet been returned to Ballcraft by the required time of 26<sup>th</sup> November. These trophies are:

#### Trophy

Tom Oldham Trophy

Reg Haigh Trophy

J F Moran Cup

2<sup>nd</sup> X1 Conference Fielding

#### Club (presented to recipient at 2011 Dinner)

Honley (Max Joice)

Honley (Tom Craddock)

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Holmfirth (Glyn Brown)

Lascelles Hall (Tony Charlton)

### League Cup Draws

The draws for the first round of the Oddfellows League Cup and the Earnshaw League Cup took place. The games will be played on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2012 commencing at 1:00pm.

### Examiner Commissions

The Mirror Trinity Group has informed clubs that the Examiner will no longer be able to offer payment to correspondents from clubs for cricket score sheets. However, despite this it is expected that clubs will continue to submit the score sheets in order to continue the previous excellent practices.

### **League Dinner**

The Executive Secretary reported that at present 251 places had been booked for the Dinner on Friday January 20<sup>th</sup>. However, as yet he had not received returns from Hall Bower; Honley; Hoylandswaine; Kirkheaton; Paddock; and Shelley along with new member club Cumberworth United. The Council were reminded that ECB National Selector and former England cricketer Geoff Miller would be the Guest speaker, and he would be supported by comedian Rudi West. The Executive Secretary also asked the Council to note that the last date for individual cancellation of tickets is January 16<sup>th</sup>. After that all tickets will have to be paid for.

### **Fixtures 2012**

The Match & Registration Secretary said that fixtures were almost ready for publication, although there were still a few issues to resolve. She reported that much of the difficulties continued to be due to the fact that clubs played each other three times in the Championship and Conference. When the fixtures are complete they will be posted out to clubs.

### **Lady Sykes Candlesticks**

The chairman reported the quality of candidate for this year's awards had been extremely high, and announced this year's winners to be Richard Cocking (Skelmanthorpe) and Stephen Rushworth (Broad Oak).

### **Tier 5 Professional Overseas Players**

The Executive Secretary informed the council that the ECB were not to introduce the ruling stating that all clubs would need to be Club Mark accredited for season 2012 in order to employ a Tier 5 overseas professional cricketer. The criteria for employment will therefore remain that clubs need to be members of a Designated Professional League, of which the Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League is one. This may not be the case for 2013, if the ECB decide to make Club Mark accreditation the only criteria for the eligibility to be able to employ a Tier 5 Overseas Professional.

### **Registration Procedures**

The Match & Registration Secretary reminded clubs that a list of registered players must be sent to her by March 31<sup>st</sup> 2012. This list should show all players who are being registered for 2102, with those not being registered crossed off the list. All names of all newly registered players should be supported by the appropriate completed registration form. These registration forms may of course be sent to The Match & Registration Secretary before the final submission of the registered players list. She also stated that Non-EU players can only be registered once they have arrived in the country. Non-EU players who have remained in the country after the end of the 2011 season must also complete a new registration form. Clubs will be charged for all registrations made after the March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.

### **Communications**

The Executive Secretary informed the Council that he was looking to use e-mail as the main means of communication between members of the Executive and member clubs, and encouraged every club to include as many e-mail addresses as possible when they return the club details pro forma for inclusion in the 2012 League Handbook. He also said that where emergency decisions would need to be made by a small sub-group of the executive it was essential that these decisions be communicated as quickly as possible to those involved, and also to other members of the executive. He concluded by stating that e-mail was the most efficient method to use in these circumstances.

### **Any other business**

- 1) The Emley Clarence representative asked if any Child Welfare courses were planned for the future. The Honorary League child Welfare Officer replied that courses were planned for the forthcoming January and February, and would cost approximately £15 per person. When confirmed details will be published on the League Web-Site.
- 2) The Broad Oak representative asked for the Executive to debate the number of clubs in the Premiership. The Chairman responded by saying that this would be discussed by the Executive in the near future.
- 3) The Emley Clarence representative asked when the new T/20 format would be finalised. The Chairman said that this would do confirmed late January/early February.

**The next meeting of the Council is Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2012 7:30pm at Almondbury CC**