

Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League

THE MINUTES

Council Meeting held on Wednesday 6th July 2011

In the Chair: Roger France

Officials Present:

The President, Vice President Earnshaw, 3 members of the Secretariat and 7 members of the Executive

Apologies were received from the Match Secretary

All clubs were represented except Broad Oak

The Minutes

The minutes of the Management meeting on the were taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed

Matter arising

- a) Broad Oak are fined £5 for non-attendance at the June Council meeting in accordance with Rule L3(e)
b) Marsden's appeal to the Council regarding the Executive's award of 6 points to Skelmanthorpe and 0 points to Marsden for the match that was abandoned on 23rd April 2011

Prior to their appeal the Chairman announced that Marsden had queried the fairness of the voting rights of persons who were Club Representatives as well as sitting on the Executive. He said that according to League Rules every Club Representative present had a right to vote.

Mr Neil Daniel, representing Marsden, read out an appeal approved by Marsden Committee as to why in their eyes it was wrong of the Executive to award 6 points to Skelmanthorpe and 0 points to Marsden

In reply the Chairman explained why the Executive had arrived at the points decision.

The Hall Bower representative asked if Skelmanthorpe should have been allowed to use a roller during the game.

The Marsden representative said that 'Rules are Rules' and they should have been followed

The Skelmanthorpe representative said the score was 25 for no wickets and after 16 overs the score had moved on to 132 for none.

The Hoylandswaine representative said 'how can Marsden not have contributed to the game as the Chairman had just said when they played 16 overs

The Chairman said that the umpires were of no doubt that the pitch was fit to play on and they are the people who are in complete control

The Holmfirth representative asked that, as with the game between Clayton West and Rastrick, should the game not be replayed, to which the Chairman replied that under the circumstances as to why the game did not proceed, it was not considered the game should be replayed.

The Meltham representative asked what exactly the Council were to be voting on

The Chairman said the match was not abandoned due to the weather but due to the play on the field. He said that Marsden players, umpires and 2 Skelmanthorpe players had been spoken to by the Executive.

The vote by the Council was either to support the Executive or to support Marsden CC

Mr Neil Daniel from Marsden said their club never had any opportunity to question the umpires

The Chairman said again that the umpires are in charge of the game, and the players had been warned. The Executive made a decision. He said, as is their right, Marsden can appeal to the Council regarding the decision and a vote would be taken.

In favour of Marsden's appeal	3
In favour of the Executive decision	19
Abstained	7

Marsden's appeal to the Council was unsuccessful

- c) The Finance Secretary gave details of monies outstanding.

Hoylandswaine owe £30	Rastrick £20
Paddock owe £20	Marsden £180
Slaithwaite owed £20	

- d) The Administration Secretary, on behalf of the Match Secretary, reported that some clubs were still not completing their result sheets correctly, even after her message at the last Council meeting. Examples are
- 1) Full names and surnames are not being completed, especially for the batters
 - 2) If there are 2 players with the same initial and surname, their full name should be used in the 'How Out' section
 - 3) The handwriting on the sheets is sometimes illegible
 - 4) A result sheet for a 2nd X1 Cup match was completed incorrectly as no names were inserted for the catches and bowlers. The Match Secretary personally returned the sheet to the Club who were playing in the Twenty/20 Competition, and asked for it to be completed correctly and returned to her by 8pm on Wednesday. This was not done, therefore the club have incurred a fine.
 - 5) If result sheets are not completed correctly they are to be returned to the Clubs and fines will be incurred

The Holmfirth Representative asked why the umpires were signing incomplete Score Sheets. The reply was that umpires have only to sign that the times are correct.

The Chairman asked that the representatives go back to their clubs and bring the matter to the attention of their Officials and scorers.

The Hall Bower Representative said there are two scorers present, as a match cannot start if there isn't, and surely the onus should be shared out between them to complete the scorebooks correctly. The Chairman said he was in complete agreement with this statement.

- e) The President said that in May the Chairman announced he was to retire. Following this he contacted the League Solicitor for his opinion on the eligibility of a nominee to take over this position. The advice from the solicitor was that
- 1) the key is the definition of what constitutes membership of the League Council, Rule L2(a).
This definition is detailed and makes clear that persons attending the Council meeting on Council Service means 2 years as elected club representative under Rules L2(a) and L3(b) together with League Officials as stated in the Handbook
 - 2) Nominations for Chairman should therefore be considered from those elected by their clubs with 2 years service, and also the League Officers as stated under Rule L2(a),

Nominations for the position of Chairman are to be sent to the Administration Secretary before Wednesday 7th September 2011

The Scholes representative said that the 2 year rule does not mean they have to be serving at present, they can have had 2 year's service previously, eg 2002-2004. The Chairman agreed with this statement.

Fines

The Administration Secretary read out a list of fines from 4th June to 2nd July 2011. (a copy is attached)

Disciplinary Matters

The Administration Secretary announced details of disciplinary decisions made

Matthew Butters	Marsden CC	suspended 6 matches, 4 for dissent against the umpire's decision to continue with the game and as such bringing the game into disrepute and 2 for using foul and abusive language aimed at the Appeal Sub Committee
Arron Lilley	Delph and Dobcross CC	suspended 3 matches for using foul and abusive language towards the Umpires
D Greaves G Smith Richard Kettlewell	Kirkburton CC	given a warning due to their behaviour towards an umpire at the end of the match

Unregistered Players

The Registration Secretary read out a list of players who have played whilst not appearing to be registered as at 28th June. The club representatives made the following comments

Armitage Bridge	Ben Hill and Josh Hill	(not juniors but have played continuously for over 5 years)
Barkisland	J Finch and T Fraine	(juniors) J Finch was registered on 1/7/11, There is no T Fraine, but an E Fraine
Elland	J Moffitt and A Rehman	(unknown if juniors)
Emley Clarence	D Lavelle	(unknown if junior)
Hall Bower	D Russell, B Hellowell and J Meal	(unknown if juniors)
Hoylandswaine	M Marsh and M Tyas	(juniors)
Lepton Highlanders	P Hellowell	(There is no 'P' Hellowell playing but an 'M' Hellowell who is correctly registered
Linthwaite	L Wood	(unknown if junior)
Micklehurst	L Viney, S Hayes, J Thompson, Jack McCabe, and S Dubyl(Debyl)	(all juniors)
Paddock	N Saleem	(junior)
Rastrick	J Ghani, B Birkhead, T Barrett and P Gill	(J Ghani (j), club said sent in registration in March but not received by the Registration Secretary, B Birkhead (j) and P Gill registered 1/7/11, T Barrett not registered
Thongsbridge	O McDowell	(unknown if junior)

Certain players have appeared on this list because wrong initials have been used by the scorers.

Club representatives are to look into this and identify if the above named are juniors.

The Chairman said that clubs have players playing in their 2nd teams who are not registered.

These players must not play in another game until they are registered.

The matter is to be further discussed by the Executive

Twenty/20 Competition

The draw was made for the Quarter Finals of the Twenty/20 Competition
Coloured balls are to be used in the Twenty/20 Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Finals

White Rose Competition

The Executive Secretary said our Under 21 side was playing the Airedale and Wharfedale League at Broad Oak on Sunday 24th July 2011 at 1:30pm in this competition

The White Rose Manager, Norman Clee, asked that if any clubs wanted to put forward any recommendations for players his e mail address is normancllee@talk21.com

Ground Inspections

Roger Peaker thanked clubs for their hospitality during the Executive's Ground Inspections and handed out to the clubs copies of the reports that had been compiled. A date had been set for a further inspection if improvements were required.

Club Officials

The Administration Secretary asked to be informed when Club Officials or their details change to enable the League's records and the Website to be updated.

Meltham Chairman Martin Shaw Tele 07784 285153

Secretary James Moulson Tele 07920 136412 and 01484 859694

Treasurer Denis Schofield Tele 01484 340048

Shepley President Position Vacant

Chairman Richard Haigh

Secretary Ian Watkinson

Treasurer Steve Fitton

League Rep Ian Watkinson

Any Other Business

The Emley Clarence representative said he would inform the Match Secretary as soon as the Football Fixtures were announced in August to assist with the compilation of the Cricket Fixtures next year.

Management Meeting held on Wednesday

In the Chair: Roger France

Officials Present: As at the Council Meeting

Finance Secretary's Monthly Report

The Finance Secretary gave details of his monthly Finance Report

Readers Ball Contract

The Executive Secretary said at present the League were paying £15 for a Readers Ball. He informed the Executive that starting from next year for 3 years, Readers have said there would be an increase to the League of 72p per ball. The full package was £15.72 per ball fixed for 3 years, £4500 sponsorship, 24 free balls and gifts for the Annual Dinner. It was proposed and seconded that this package be accepted.

Unregistered Players

Due to misinterpretations of the Registration process and procedures regarding 13 to 15 year olds, a number of clubs have been playing 13 to 15 year olds and they have not been registered.

The Executive has granted an amnesty up to the 6th July of any junior who has appeared on a club list but not been formally registered

ANY PLAYER AGED BETWEEN 13 AND 15 YEARS OF AGE NOT REGISTERED CORRECTLY PRIOR TO SATURDAY 9TH JULY CANNOT PLAY

Roger Peaker is to put information regarding registrations on the Junior League Website.

The Executive accepted that the Registration Form Rastrick had sent in in March for J Ghani had been sent in but had gone astray and agreed he was registered prior to the start of the season.

Clayton West Complaint

Clayton West lodged a complaint regarding Rastrick playing an ineligible player, J Ghani, in their Oddfellows Cup tie on 26th June 2011. The appeal was dismissed (see above). The £20 fee is to be returned to them.

Rastrick

The Rastrick Representative appeared at the meeting to give his objections to the Oddfellows Cup match against Clayton West being replayed. He was informed that the decision had been taken by the Executive on the 27th June and the game finished in a tie and should be replayed. The Representative said that some players in the team were unhappy about playing the replay. The Representative was asked to inform the Executive and the Umpires' Secretary by 5:30pm on Friday 8th July if they were to proceed with the game.

Ineligible Players

- a) Honley played a player in the Paddock Shield who had played this season in the Sykes Cup for another club prior to his transfer to Honley. Slaithwaite therefore go through to the semi- finals. Honley are fined £20.
- b) Discussions resumed regarding the registration of Javid Iqbal at Holmfirth. The Executive are of the opinion that in the matches against Paddock and Almondbury Javid Iqbal was an unregistered player for Holmfirth. Holmfirth are therefore deducted 12 points for each occurrence and fined £20 for each occurrence. Also the 6 points gained in each match are to be awarded to Paddock and Almondbury respectively. The Registration Secretary is to write to Holmfirth

Cup Match

Arrangements

Arrangements were made for the manning of the gates at the Sykes Cup and Paddock Shield semi finals

The Executive Secretary gave figures for the hiring of a Loud Speaker System for use at the Twenty/20 Final and the Sykes Cup. Les Harrison explained details of the package that was to be obtained

Transfers

After a suggestion by the Shepley representative, and put forward by the Administration Secretary, the Executive agreed that the website be the definitive source of officials in determining who can sign off transfers.

It is therefore important for clubs to inform the Executive Secretary immediately there is a change of Club Official to enable the website to be kept up to date.

The next Council Meeting and the Meeting of the Executive will be on Wednesday 3rd August 2011