

Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 1st August 2012

In the Chair: Trevor Atkinson.

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

Life Vice President: Roger France.

Clubs: All member clubs were represented with the exception of Armitage Bridge; Hall Bower and Lepton Highlanders.

Apologies: were received from The President.

The Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting of the 4th July 2012 were taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

Matter arising

- Clayton West were not represented at the Council Meeting on the 4th July 2012 and under Rule L3(e) were fined £5.
- The Match & Registration Secretary had dealt directly with Holmfirth CC, regarding the issue of the faxing of information to him.

Outstanding Fines

The Finance Secretary reported that, with the exception of Holmfirth (£20 fine from 19th May), all outstanding fines had been paid.

Fines

The Match & Registration Secretary reported that, since the last meeting there had been three fines for slow over rates; three fines for the non return of team sheets, and one for not contacting Gosnays. The full list of fines has been included with the Agenda previously sent to club representatives.

The Match & Registration Secretary explained that on the website, the player's currently displayed statistics included data from League, Cup and T/20 games. The way of displaying statistical information can be altered depending on the chosen parameters, and when all cup competitions have been completed the Match & Registration Secretary will look to present data from League games only, on the website.

Expansion of the League

The Executive Secretary reported that he had now received transfer forms for the four clubs who are to join the League in 2013, and had received formal applications from two clubs wishing to join the League from the 2014 season.

Disciplinary Issues

Disciplinary Secretary announced details of disciplinary decisions made:

Dean Barker: Linthwaite

Linthwaite v Lepton Highlanders – 9th June 2012 Conference 2.

2 match suspension for the use of obscene and offensive language, and dissent at an umpire's decision.

Ian Hall: Elland

Elland v Meltham – 24th June 2012 Premiership 2.

2 match suspension handed out by the club for the use of obscene and offensive language, and dissent at an umpire's decision. No further action is to be taken by the League.

Simon Sykes: Emley Clarence

Armitage Bridge v **Emley Clarence** – 30th June 2012 Premiership.

1 match suspension for the use of foul and offensive language and dissent. Also, captain for the day.

Liam Dickenson: Hoylandswaine

Shelley v **Hoylandswaine** -7th July 2012 Premiership.

1 match suspension for abuse of cricket equipment.

There is one pending disciplinary issue which has still to be finalised.

Umpires' Representative Report

The representative from the Umpires' Association reported that club umpires of the away teams in the following 2nd XI fixtures would be needed to officiate on Saturday 4th August:

Kirkburton v **Scholes** Premiership 2

Hoylandswainw v **Golcar** Premiership 2

Hall Bower v **Lascelles Hall** Championship 2

The representative from the Umpires' Association gave early notice of a Level 1 umpires' course which will last for 6 weeks, and take place each Monday from 8th October at Outlane Cricket Club. Any club umpires or other club members who would like to attend should contact either David Haikings or Ron Tindall

Last 6 games eligibility

The Match & Registration Secretary reported that two sentences, relating to L9a), had been left out of the 2012 Handbook. He also stated that all references in the rule were to League games only. The complete rule can be seen below, with the omission from the rule shown in italics:

On a date when a club's 1st team has no game, or in any of the final 6 League games of the season, a player shall not be eligible to play in the club's 2nd team if more than 50% of the League games in which he has been named on a team sheet for that club during the current season have been for the 1st team or if more than 50% of the League games in which has been named on a team sheet for that club during the period of the club's immediately preceding 10 1st team League games have been for the 1st team. *No more than eleven players shall be made ineligible by the provisions of this Rule. If a club has more than eleven such players this limitation will be implemented by excluding from ineligibility only the excess number of players who have the fewest First Eleven League appearances during the period of the club's immediately preceding 10 1st team League games.*

The Executive Secretary will contact all member clubs with a copy of rule L9a).

Any other business

1) The Chairman thanked Scholes for their efforts in staging such a successful T/20 finals day, especially in view of the fact that they had only a few days to prepare for the event.

The Chairman also thanked the three members of the UA who had helped on the gates during the day. He also stated that the next few weeks would be particularly busy with the staging of a variety of cup finals:

Sunday 5th August: Oddfellows and Earnshaw Cup finals -1pm start.

Sunday 12th August: Sykes Cup final -1pm start.

Sunday 19th August: Paddock Shield final – 1pm start.

2) The Executive Secretary drew the attention of the Council to the fact that any proposed rule changes should be sent to reach the Administration Secretary by 31st August, and any nomination of Officers of League may be made by any member club, and shall be sent to reach the Administration Secretary by 30th September.

3) The Lascelles Hall representative asked for the League's position on the Fun day and T/20 cricket match which had been organised by The Huddersfield Giants, and was scheduled to take place on their ground on Sykes Cup final day. The Executive Secretary emphasised that there was a League rule in place, which stated that no club shall hold any organised function on its ground on the day of the Sykes Cup final, and he would expect Lascelles Hall to adhere to this rule.

The Lascelles Hall representative stated that it had come to his attention that Marsden were holding a 6 a-side competition on their ground on the day of the Sykes Cup final. The Chairman said if that was the case the same rule applies, and no events should go ahead on this day.

The Lascelles Hall representative asked what would be the reprisals should any such events go ahead on the day of the Sykes Cup final? The Chairman replied that the last time anything like this happened, he seemed to remember a fine of £100 being imposed upon the offending club.

4) The Chairman invited members of the Council to bring up any cricket related issues under "any other business", at this or future meetings, and said that there should be no reason why this forum could not be used for a cricket related debate.

The next meeting of the Council is Wednesday 5th September 2012 - 7:30pm at Almondbury CC.