

Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 5th September 2012

In the Chair: Trevor Atkinson.

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

Clubs: All member clubs were represented with the exception of Barkisland and Holmfirth.

Apologies: were received from Vice President France.

The Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting of the 1st August 2012 were taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

Matters arising

- Armitage Bridge, Hall Bower and Lepton Highlanders were not represented at the Council Meeting on the 1st August 2012 and under Rule L3(e) were fined £5.
- The Chairman reported that despite representation from the executive, Lascelles Hall held an organised function on their ground on Sykes Cup Final day. He said that this breach of rule would be discussed at the Executive meeting later in the evening. He also thanked Marsden for rescheduling a proposed 6 a-side competition which was also originally organised for Sykes Cup Final day.

Outstanding Fines

The Finance Secretary reported that Holmfirth had now paid their outstanding fine, although there was still outstanding fines money owed by Golcar and Scholes.

Fines

The Match & Registration Secretary reported that he had still not received the team sheet from the Armitage Bridge v Meltham Championship game from 25th August. He affirmed without such information there was a significant impact upon the assessing player eligibility for the last six games of the season – L9(a). He also asked that clubs should ensure that they contact Gosnays, and that those persons filling in result sheets should always indicate dismissals by the wicketkeeper.

The Match & Registration Secretary also stated that provided clubs passed onto him the necessary match result information by the agreed time, he would be able to post a provisional set of end of season averages within 24 hours of receipt.

After stating that there were two examples of slow over rates in the latest set of fines, The Match & Registration Secretary asked that, although it was not the umpires' direct responsibility, could they regularly communicate with captains to the fact that they may be behind the required rate. He also stated that there had been two examples of unfulfilled fixtures.

Disciplinary Issues

Disciplinary Secretary announced details of disciplinary decisions made:

Robert Denton: Holmfirth Thongsbridge v **Holmfirth** – 14th July 2012 Frank Platt Championship.
1 match suspension for dissent towards an umpire's decision.

Dale Skelly: Cawthorne Linthwaite v **Cawthorne** – 4th August 2012 Cedar Court Conference.
1 match suspension for dissent towards an umpire's decision.

Tom McCreadie; Conor Woodruff and Richard Metcalfe : **Broad Oak** v Emley Clarence - 4th August 2012 Frank Platt Championship.
2 match suspension for the use of foul and offensive language and dissent towards an umpire.

Max Freeland: Broad Oak **Broad Oak** v Emley Clarence - 4th August 2012 Frank Platt Championship.
1 match suspension as Captain - Suspension suspended for 12 months.

Andrew Chalkley: Golcar Hoylandswaine v **Golcar** – Drakes Premiership.
2 match suspension for the use of foul and offensive language towards an umpire.

Liam Brothers: Almondbury Thongsbridge v **Almondbury** – Oddfellows cup Final.
Warning as to his future conduct, for abuse of cricket equipment. Note this decision did not involve any direct input from the Disciplinary Secretary

Richard Metcalfe: Broad Oak: Following inappropriate comments on a "social Network", and for bringing the league and its officials into disrepute the Broad Oak club has suspended Mr Metcalfe from 8th September 2012 up to and including 1st June 2013. The League commends this action and will take no further disciplinary action.

The Chairman thanked Broad Oak for their prompt action and support regarding this incident.

Umpires' Representative Report

The Representative from the UA said that he agreed with the Match & Registration Secretary in respect to advising captains in relation to the three hour rule. It was something he always did, and something he would also encourage colleague to do.

The League dinner

The Executive Secretary reported that the main speaker at the League dinner would be Jeremy Coney, ex-New Zealand Test cricketer and Sky Sports presenter. He would be supported by comedian Mike Kelly. The Executive Secretary also stated that after holding prices for 2 years, there may need to be a price increase this year.

Rules of the League

The Executive Secretary reported to the Council that there was a need to change some of the current rules in the League Handbook. This did not represent 'changes to rules' simply a tidying up.

Lady Sykes Candlesticks & Fred Stallard Cup

The Chairman invited nominations for both of the above awards. Nominations should be sent to the Administration Secretary by 31st October.

Any other business

- 1) The Chairman congratulated the clubs who had won the various cup competitions. Namely, Delph & Dobcross – Sykes Cup; Hoylandswaine – Paddock Shield, and Almondbury – Oddfellows Cup. The winners of the Earnshaw Cup was still to be decided. He also congratulated Hoylandswaine as winners of the Drakes Premiership; Cawthorne – Cedar Court Conference winners and Lepton Highlanders – Cedar Court Conference 2 winners. However, he did say that there were still many issues to settle, and urged all clubs to put out their strongest possible teams and to play the game in the true spirit.
- 2) The Match & Registration Secretary informed the Council that as soon as the season was over, and result sheets were in, he would e-mail all club secretaries with a full list of their club averages. On receipt clubs will be expected to reply to the Match & Registration Secretary electronically or otherwise within two weeks, and either accept those averages or present a version of their own. Failure to respond in the required time scale will incur a £50 fine – Rule L7h.
- 3) The Executive Secretary stated that any nominations for Officers of the League and Executive members should be sent to the Administration Secretary by 30th September.
- 4) The Armitage Bridge representative asked if the fixtures for next season would mirror those of 2012. The Chairman said that this could not be taken for granted, but the fixture schedule for 2013 would be posted as soon as possible in the New Year.

The next meeting of the Council is Wednesday 3rd October 2012 - 7:30pm at Almondbury CC.