

Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 5th December 2012

In the Chair: Trevor Atkinson.

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

Life Vice President: Bob Platt

Clubs: All member clubs were represented.

Introduction: The Chairman introduced and welcomed the four new clubs, namely Almondbury Wesleyans; Denby; Denby Dale and Moorlands as members of the League. He then explained that after the recent rules revision vote by clubs in November, that this year all the new clubs would be taking part in the preliminary rounds of the Sykes Cup and Paddock Shield.

The Chairman also welcomed Roger Peaker as an officer of the League, having been elected at the AGM as the new Child Welfare & Facilities Secretary.

The Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting of the 3rd October 2012 were taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

Matters arising

- Barkisland and Holmfirth were not represented at the Council Meeting on the 3rd October 2012. It was their second absence and under Rule L3(e) both were fined £10. Shelley were also not represented at the October Council Meeting, and were fined £5.
- The Child Welfare & Facilities Secretary reported that all trophies had now been returned to "Ballcraft".

Outstanding Fines

The Finance Secretary reported that the outstanding monies owed for fines and in-season player registrations were as per documented in his annual report, namely Lepton Highlanders £149; Slaithwaite £50 and Kirkheaton £8.50.

Sponsorship update

The Executive & Disciplinary Secretary reported after four expressions of interests, the Executive committee had agreed a five year sponsorship deal with Arrow Self Drive, for them to become sponsors of the Sykes Cup. The cup will be known as the *arrowselfdrive.com Sykes cup*. He said that the agreed sponsorship deal represented an increase on the previous seasons' sponsorship. A three year sponsorship deal had also been agreed with Headingley based sports company - "All Rounder", for them to become sponsors of the T20 competitions. They have also agreed to assist with meeting the expenses incurred by the League, in both of the Oddfellows and Earnshaw Cup finals, along with also offering a 20% discount to all member clubs on essential cricket equipment.

Fixtures for 2013

The Match & Registration Secretary reported that he had now completed the fixtures for the 2013 season. The season is scheduled to start on Saturday 20th April and end on Saturday 14th September. The preliminary rounds of the Sykes Cup and Paddock Shield will take place on Sunday 21st April, with round 1 on Saturday 4th May. The Match & Registration Secretary will be emailing a full list of fixtures to all club secretaries within the next day or two. In due course the fixtures will be posted on the League website.

The Executive & Disciplinary Secretary thanked the Match & Registration Secretary for his efforts, and recognised the fixture problems we have with the current league structure coupled with independent promotion and relegation.

Announcement of Lady Sykes' Trophy winners

The Chairman announced this year's winners:

Gareth Ackroyd: Marsden

Alan Waring: Lepton Highlanders

Both will be invited to attend the League Dinner as guests of the League.

Disciplinary Issues

The President stated that as outgoing Disciplinary Secretary there was one outstanding issue that he needed to report upon. As Captain of the day for Lepton Highlanders, Mark Dixon wilfully allowed an unregistered player to play under a registered player's name on the 15th September 2012 in their Championship fixture against Holmfirth. He has been suspended for 3 matches from 19th April to 4th May 2013 for bringing the game and the league into disrepute.

Umpires' Representative Report

The Representative from the UA reported that at the moment there were 44 umpires available for the start of the 2013 season

League Dinner arrangements

The Executive & Disciplinary asks for returns from clubs before Christmas. He stated that the room would once again be arranged in round tables to seat either ten or twelve.

Preliminary round of the Oddfellows and Earnshaw cups

The draws were made as follows:

Oddfellows cup: Armitage Bridge v Emley Clarence
Lascelles Hall v Meltham

Almondbury v Clayton West
Thongsbridge v Denby Dale

Earnshaw cup: Hall Bower v Emley Clarence
Marsden v Almondbury

Clayton West v Lascelles Hall
Lepton Highlanders v Thongsbridge

Games will be played on Sunday 12th May

Any other business

- 1) The Chairman presented the Hopkinson Trophy to Elland, and the Schweppes Trophy to Kirkburton (this was jointly won by Kirkburton and Slaithwaite).
- 2) The Financial Secretary reminded clubs that he had sent out order forms for balls, but had hard copies available after the meeting for those clubs who needed one.

The Chairman thanked all clubs for their co-operation over the year, and wished everyone a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The next meeting of the Council is Wednesday 3rd April 2013 – 7.30pm at Almondbury CC.