

Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League

THE MINUTES

Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7TH September 2011

In the Chair: Roger France

Officials Present:

The President, Vice President Donald Earnshaw, 3 members of the Secretariat and 5 members of the Executive

Apologies were received from The Registration Secretary and Geoff Crompton

All clubs were represented except Elland, Hoylandswaine, Kirkheaton and Thongsbridge

The Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting dated 3rd August were amended in so far as the Earnshaw Cup Final was between Hall Bower and Linthwaite, and not Thongsbridge as stated. The minutes as amended from the Council meeting and the Executive meeting on the 3rd August 2011 and the minutes of the Executive meeting on 24th August were taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

Matter arising

- a) Hoylandswaine are fined £5 and Paddock are fined £10 (2nd non- attendance) for their non- attendance at the August Council meeting in accordance with Rule L3(e).
- b) The Chairman congratulated our White Rose team, captained by Arron Lilley, for their success in retaining the White Rose Trophy. Congratulations were also extended to Clayton West and Hall Bower in winning the Oddfellows Cup and the Earnshaw Cup, respectively. He said that he was pleased with the enthusiasm and sporting behaviour that was shown by all four teams and by the support they received on the day from their followers.
- c) The Chairman announced that 22 clubs had voted in respect of the proposed amendment to Rule L3(b). He asked the Council if they wished to know the result or come back to a Special General meeting for the result. It was agreed the result would be revealed. Of the 29 clubs expected to vote, Micklehurst were not required to vote as they were leaving the League at the end of the season, 20 clubs voted in favour and 2 clubs voted against the proposal that an addition to Rule L3(b) be 'any Co-opted Executive Committee Member may be nominated for any Officer's position or position of Chairman, by any Club.' The amendment to the Rule was therefore passed.
According to Rule clubs have 2 weeks in which to lodge their votes. Of the clubs not having voted, Hoylandswaine, Kirkburton, Lascelles Hall, Paddock, Rastrick, Scholes and Thongsbridge have therefore until Friday evening on 9th September to lodge their votes. Club not registering their votes by this deadline will be fined £20.
(as of 10th September Hoylandswaine, Paddock and Scholes had not lodged their vote and Thongsbridge vote was received late)
- d) The President asked the Council if they were in agreement as to him opening the envelopes with nominations in for position of the Chairman of the League. It was agreed that they be opened with the result that Trevor Atkinson and Ron Tindall have been thus nominated.
The Chairman said that clubs can still lodge with the Administration Secretary nominations for Chairman up until 30th September, but not for Trevor and Ron as they were already nominees.
- e) The Finance Secretary said all financial matters were up to date.

Fines

The Match Secretary read out a list of fines from 6th August 2011 to 4th September 2011. A copy is attached

Disciplinary Matters

The Administration Secretary announced details of disciplinary decisions made

Tim Collier	Hall Bower	2 match suspension for as Captain he kicked over the stumps
Andrew Gleave	Barkisland	2 match suspension for foul and abusive language towards the umpire
Chris Sykes	Hall Bower	2 match suspension for violent behaviour
M Saddiq	Rastrick	3 match suspension for ungentlemanly conduct, foul and abusive language towards the umpire and visible dissent

New Twenty/20 format

The Executive Secretary announced that only 13 clubs had returned their forms regarding views on changes to the Twenty/20 Competition. 10 clubs were in favour of change and 3 were against.

The Chairman said that the format would probably be changed and could only assume that the 16 clubs who did not vote did not have any views on the matter

Ground Inspections

Roger Peaker, the Ground and Facilities Officer, had sent letters to clubs where members of the Executive had commented that improvements were necessary on certain aspects of the ground/club facilities. A response was required to the letter by 15th August, outlining the club's plans for improvement. He said he was very disappointed that he had received only one reply. A second letter was distributed to clubs and a response was required by 30th September.

Bruce Jakeman, the Holmfirth representative, took issue with the criticism of comments made by inspection team who visited Holmfirth, eg comments on the new scoreboard, umpires room, the wicket and overhanging trees. The Chairman said, that notwithstanding Mr Jakeman's concerns, it would have been courteous that they and the other clubs who had been corresponded with, had replied as requested.

Lady Sykes and Fred Stallard Nominations

The Chairman once again asked for nominations for the above awards. He went on to explain what the awards were for.
Lady Sykes Candlesticks: a player of long service as a player of a club,

Fred Stallard: someone who has given a lifetime of service to the club. It can be someone who has never played cricket but has given a long time service to the club.

Nominations forms can be obtained from Judith France or Paul Whiteley, or a letter will be accepted. The nominations are to be sent to the Administration Secretary.

Any Other Business

- a) The Chairman said he was very pleased to see Dr Peter Davies at the meeting. Dr Davies distributed information regarding the Pennine Cricket Society, which is to hold 6 meetings, 1 per month, at Golcar Cricket Club, commencing at the end of October. At the meetings there will be a guest speaker and catering will be supplied. He is also in charge of a project regarding clubs that do not exist anymore and asked if anyone had either played for one of those clubs or had any mementos to contact him at peterdavies80@hotmail.co.uk
- b) The Umpires' Secretary asked that the following clubs take their Home Club Umpire to the away game on Saturday 10th September 2011 as there were no league umpire's available.
Shepley, Almondbury, Shelley, Kirkburton, Micklehurst, Lascelles Hall and Paddock
- c) The Chairman said he was issuing an annual plea for all next Saturday's matches to be played seriously and in the proper spirit of the game, and all players should be aware promotions and relegations may depend on their results. He asked representatives to bring these concerns to the attention of their Captains
The Umpires' Secretary said that umpires had been requested to report back if matters were not quite right within the game
The Marsden Representative asked if the umpires had been asked to report back on last Saturday's games because he was aware of some clubs who had changed round their batting order. The response was that no such problems had been reported to him.
- d) Bruce Jakeman, the Holmfirth Representative, voiced his feelings to the Council and Executive regarding their player Javed Iqbal Snr and the deduction of points. He asked for the 24 points back. The Executive Secretary responded on behalf of the Registration Secretary. The Chairman said on the matter the following had occurred
 - 1) The Executive made a decision, 2) Holmfirth appealed to the Council and by a narrow majority the Executive decision was upheld, 3) Holmfirth wrote to the Executive regarding the Executive's procedures in this matter, 4) the Executive held another meeting to discuss the Holmfirth letter regarding procedures, 5) The Executive were satisfied that procedures had been followed and were adamant that according to Rule the decision of the Council was final and binding.

The Scholes representative said that nevertheless the Rule regarding registration of overseas players should be clarified.

Management Meeting held on Wednesday 7th September 2011

In the Chair: Roger France

Officials Present: As at the Council Meeting

Finance Secretary's Monthly Report

The Finance Secretary gave his monthly report

Hall Bower v Micklehurst

At the 3rd August meeting the Executive fined Micklehurst £50 for non-fulfilment of their fixture against Hall Bower according to Rule L7(e), but the following was overlooked:

According to the Rule " if the transgressors are the away side they will be required to pay a further £50 compensation to their opponents". The Executive therefore, according to Rule, state that Micklehurst are to pay Hall Bower a further £50 compensation.

Honoraria

The Executive agreed the Honorarium for the Executive and Finance Secretary, The Administration and Disciplinary Secretary, The Match Secretary, The Registration Secretary and the Webmaster

The next Council Meeting and the Meeting of the Executive will be on Wednesday 5th October 2011

FINES FOR SATURDAY 6TH AUGUST TO SUNDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

Saturday 6th August

1st XI

Elland v Broad Oak – Elland's result sheet not received by Match Secretary - £10

2nd XI

Micklehurst v Hoylandswaine – Micklehurst's result sheet not received by David Lockwood at the Examiner - £10

Saturday 13th August

1st XI

Lascelles Hall v Thongsbridge – Thongsbridge bowled 2 overs after 3 hour limit - £5 + (£3 x 2) = £11

2nd XI

NO FINES TO REPORT

Saturday 20th August

1st XI

Shelley v Skelmanthorpe – Shelley did not contact Gosnays in the required time. Match finished at 6pm and they did not ring Gosnays until 20:55 - £10

Rastrick v Linthwaite – Rastrick bowled 2 overs after the 3hr limit - £5 + (2 x £3) = £11

2nd XI

NO FINES TO REPORT

Saturday 27th August

1st XI

Broad Oak v Shelley – Shelley bowled 3 overs after the 3 hr limit - £5 + (3 x £3) = £14 x 2 for 2nd Offence - £28

2nd XI

Shelley v Clayton West – Shelley bowled 3 overs after the time limit - £5 + (3 x £3) = £14

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Sunday 28th August

1st XI

Shelley v Barkisland – Shelley did not ring Gosnays within 15 minutes of the match finishing as per Rule L8 o) - £10

2ND XI

NO FINES TO REPORT

Saturday 3rd September

1st XI

Thongsbridge v Linthwaite – Thongsbridge did not ring Gosnays - £10

2nd XI

NO FINES TO REPORT

Sunday 4th September

1st XI

NO FINES TO REPORT

2nd XI

NO FINES TO REPORT

Earnshaw Cup

Hall Bower v Linthwaite – Linthwaite bowled 2 overs after time allowed - £5 + (£3 x 2) = £11