

Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 11th April 2012

In the Chair: The President: Mr R K Platt.

Other Officers Present: Executive Secretary; Finance Secretary; Administration Secretary; Disciplinary Secretary.

Clubs: All member clubs were represented.

Apologies: The Chairman and Match & Registration Secretary.

The Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting of the 7th March 2012 were taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

Matter arising

- All clubs were represented at the Council Meeting on the 7th March 2012, except Holmfirth. However, no fines were applicable due to the meeting being called out of sequence.
- The Administration Secretary reminded Council members that, for most clubs, the due date for the presentation of Public Liability insurance details was 14th April. At this stage Cawthorne; Emley Clarence; Hall Bower; Holmfirth and Rastrick, had not lodged evidence of their current insurance details with the Administration Secretary.
- The Executive Secretary reiterated that the electronic results reporting procedure would be in operation for the 2012 season, and that a presentation for those responsible for processing the results information, would be given by the Match & Registration Secretary at Almondbury Cricket Club on Wednesday 18th April at 7.30pm.

Outstanding Fines

The Finance Secretary reported that there were no outstanding fines.

He also stated to Council members that within the packages of new balls and score books distributed to representatives, an invoice had also been included to cover League subscriptions; coaching fees; Handbooks and YCB affiliation fee.

The Finance Secretary then alerted Council members to the letter that he had sent to clubs (4th April 2012) on the subject of rate relief. Clubs should consider if it would be more advantageous for them to apply for Small Business Rate Relief, rather than applying for Charitable Relief as an Amateur Community Sports Club.

League Handbook

The Executive Secretary reported that there had been a few errors from the original fixture lists sent out to clubs, and those posted on the website and subsequently included in the Handbook. These errors had now been sorted out with all clubs involved, and these fixtures are now in order, and correct in the Handbook and on the website. However, the Executive Secretary did report two fixture errors in the Handbook:

- July 3rd T/20: should read Delph & Dobcross v Slaithwaite (NOT Broad Oak) and Marsden v Broad Oak (NOT Slaithwaite).
- September 15th Championship 1: should read Barkisland v Meltham NOT Meltham v Barkisland.

SGM regarding the expansion of the League

The Executive Secretary reported that a statement from the Executive would be following soon, based upon the response given by clubs to the proposal to expand the League up to a maximum of 38 clubs.

White Rose Competition

The Executive Secretary informed clubs that at the latest meeting of the White Rose committee it was agreed to suspend the competition for at least the 2012 season. Although the Drakes Huddersfield Cricket league was keen to continue to support the competition, there were only two other leagues who agreed to be involved for this season. The WR Secretary is to make early contact with potential participant leagues in order to attempt to revive interest for the 2013 season.

Pre-season captain's meeting

The Disciplinary Secretary informed the Council that the meeting was well attended, and there was much good dialogue between all parties present, especially club captains and umpires. Captains were given information on *The Spirit of Cricket*; *The Disciplinary Code* and *The Responsibilities and duties of Captains*. Some of these were posters to be displayed in dressing rooms as a reminder to Captains and players alike. If any club needed extra copies of any of these documents clubs should contact the Executive Secretary.

The Executive Secretary reported that from the meeting, there appeared to be an appetite among most of the captains present to change the playing conditions of the Sykes Cup, and move towards adopting more of a "one day format". This was something the Executive committee had proposed last year, but did not achieve the required majority from clubs. The Executive Secretary stated that the Executive committee will look to revisit the previous suggestions with a view to presenting to clubs at this year's AGM.

CRB Checks

The League Child Welfare Officer reported that by the required deadline date, he had only received 15 replies to his letter asking clubs to detail members with the appropriate CRB checks. Clubs with outstanding returns are: Barkisland; Broad Oak; Cawthorne; Delph & Dobcross; Elland; Emley Clarence; Hall Bower; Holmfirth; Hoylandswaine; Lepton Highlanders; Linthwaite; Paddock; Rastrick; Shepley and Skelmanthorpe. He also told the Council that CRB forms can now be downloaded from the internet.

Any other business

- 1) The President recommended a set of coaching sessions being run by former Yorkshire CCC bowler, Steve Oldham. A handout was given to each club representative giving details.
- 2) The Umpires' Association representative informed the Council that a club umpire would need to be supplied by the away teams in the following 2nd Team fixtures on Saturday 21st April: Premiership 2: Broad Oak v Barkisland and Conference 2: Shelley v Almondbury.

The next meeting of the Council is Wednesday 2nd May 2012 7:30pm at Almondbury CC