

Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 8th August 2013

In the Chair: Trevor Atkinson.

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

Life Vice President: Roger France.

Clubs: All member clubs were represented with the exception of Cumberworth; Hoylandswaine and Kirkheaton.

Apologies: Match & Registration Secretary and Hoylandswaine.

The Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting of the 3rd July 2013 were taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

YCB "OSCA"

The Chairman informed The Council that Vice President France had recently received an award from the YCB to commemorate his "outstanding services to cricket" during his 22 years as Chairman of the Huddersfield Cricket League. The Chairman congratulated Vice President France on his award, and The Council responded by giving Vice President France a round of applause.

Outstanding Fines

The Finance Secretary reported that at the start of the meeting there was £154 owed to the League in outstanding fines money. After calculating monies received on the evening he reported as a "post minute event" that all fines had now been paid.

Fines

In the absence of the Match & Registration Secretary the Chairman asked that any individual issues about the fines list, which had been emailed to representatives along with the August Council Agenda, be discussed with the Match & Registration Secretary.

Disciplinary Issues

The Disciplinary Secretary announced details of disciplinary decisions made:

Danny Mulhall: Hoylandswaine Broad Oak v **Hoylandswaine** -30th June 2012 Premiership 2.
1 week suspension from midnight Friday 19th July to midnight Friday 26th July, plus 1 week suspended until Saturday 28th September for showing dissent at an umpire's decision.

Scott Marsh: Hoylandswaine Broad Oak v **Hoylandswaine** – 30th June 2012 Premiership 2.
2 weeks suspension (since captain for the game) from midnight Friday 19th July to midnight Friday 26th July, plus 1 week suspended until Saturday 28th September for showing dissent at an umpire's decision.

Umpires 2014

The Chairman reported to The Council that due to the predicted shortage of members of the Umpires Association, there could be an acute problem with the staffing of DHCL games by League umpires next season, and several weeks ago he had received a letter from the UA to this effect. He said that this lack of umpires was not due to the expansion of the League but simply the diminishing number of members of the UA. He also noted that already this season many club umpires were being asked to travel away with their clubs due to this shortage. With this in mind the Executive Committee decided that action needed to be taken, and it was agreed that future umpires were to be found at the clubs, with these either currently acting as club umpires or perhaps simply needing an extra incentive to put their name forward to join the UA. The idea of appointing a club umpire's co-ordinator from a member of the Executive Committee, with a view to taking responsibility for appropriate 2nd X1 appointments and general communication was proposed. After a meeting with the Chairman; Administration Secretary and UA Appointment's Secretary it was agreed that a first step would be to compile a register of club umpires including their preparedness to umpire in "away" games, and any ambitions they had for the future. The UA secretary also felt that if necessary, he would himself be able to co-ordinate the appointment of club umpires along with his other duties.

The Chairman stated that along with these minutes, the Administration Secretary would send out a questionnaire for completion by club secretaries, in order to gain the necessary information to move the situation forward. It was agreed to include a question proposed by the Almondbury representative asking if there were any ex players at clubs who may be interested in putting themselves forward as prospective members of the UA.

A question was asked about the level of umpires' pay, to which the Chairman responded that current pay was mostly in line with other comparable leagues.

The Umpires' Representative said that there would be a Level 1 umpires course available starting in the second week of October, and also an evening introductory course would be available for those interested, although no date has been fixed as yet.

Rules Revision

The Administration Secretary stated that any proposed rule additions or amendments for 2014 should be lodged with the Administration Secretary by 31st August.

Lady Sykes and Fred Stallard awards nominations

The Executive Secretary invited nominations for both of the above awards. In view of the scheduled League presentation date of Friday 15th November 2013, nominations should be sent to the Administration Secretary by 31st September. Reminders of the criteria for nomination are:

Lady Sykes Trophies - A current cricketer, nominated by their club, who has given outstanding service to their club and the game in general.

F.R.Stallard Cup - A person who has given long and distinguished service to a nominating club & /or the League and has not been awarded a Lady Sykes Trophy within the last 20 years

Last 6 games - player eligibility L9(a)

The Executive Secretary asked clubs to note that this season only 9 players would now be disqualified as a result of this rule. Any specific questions about player eligibility should be directed to the Match & Registration Secretary. A question was asked by the Denby representative about player eligibility surrounding their already played rearranged 2nd X1 match v Rastrick 2nd X1, which was originally scheduled for 17th August. The Executive Secretary asked that this question also be directed to the Match & Registration Secretary for a ruling.

Tour de France 2014

The Chairman stated that the Tour de France was scheduled to take place in parts of Calderdale and Kirklees on Sunday 6th July 2014, and that a letter had been received from Kirklees Council saying that roads will be completely closed on that day. He also said that the cycle race was the third biggest sporting event in the world, and due to the enormity of the event there may also be the potential for disruption on the Saturday prior to the race, something which the Executive committee will have to be aware of when considering the viability of scheduling a full programme of league fixtures for Saturday 5th July 2014.

The Chairman said that he had already received three requests from clubs who were hoping to use their facilities over the weekend of 5th/6th July in connection with the event.

The Umpires' Representative said

The Representative from the UA had nothing further to report that previously mentioned.

Any other business

1) The Executive Secretary congratulated all those clubs who had been successful or taken part in the three recent finals ie:

T20 Trophy	Winners:	Hoylandswaine	Losing Finalists:	Delph & Dobcross
	T20 Shield	Winners: Broad Oak	Losing Finalists:	Almondbury Wesleyans
	Oddfellows Cup	Winners: Cawthorne	Losing Finalists:	Slaithwaite
	Earnshaw Cup	Winners: Shepley	Losing Finalists:	Hall Bower

He also reminded the Council that on the Sunday following the meeting 11th August, the Sykes Cup Final would be taking place at Elland CC. He stated that there would be plenty of parking at the ground, although there may be some traffic issues in the vicinity. Also the Paddock Shield Final would be taking place on Sunday 18th August at Broad Oak.

2) Vice President France continued on the theme of congratulations highlighting both Hoylandswaine's fine achievement in reaching the Black Sheep Yorkshire Champions Trophy Final, and the Huddersfield Joe Lumb team for reaching the Joe Lumb Final.