

Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 4th September 2013

In the Chair: Trevor Atkinson.

Other Officers Present: The President; Executive Secretary; Match & Registration 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 Armitage Bridge.

Apologies: None.

The Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting of the 8th August 2013 were taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

Matters arising

- Cumberworth and Hoylandswaine were not represented at the Council Meeting on the 8th August 2013 and under Rule L3(e) were fined £5. Kirkheaton were also not in attendance, and as it was their second absence were fined £10.
- Club Umpire Information: The Administration Secretary said that as yet he had received only four returns from member clubs. This information was requested by the end of the season, and the Chairman reiterated that a prompt response would be much appreciated in order to begin to make progress in the Executive committee's efforts to help improve the umpiring situation in the DHCL.
- The Chairman reminded clubs to submit any nominations for the Lady Sykes and Fred Stallard awards to the Administration Secretary by the end of the month. The Administration Secretary emphasised the importance of supporting each nomination with a resume of the career of each nominee.

Outstanding Fines

The Finance Secretary reported that the League's financial situation was looking healthy and cash flow was good. He also said that Cawthorne owed £79 and Marsden £14.

Fines

The Match & Registration Secretary made references to the list of fines which had previously been emailed to clubs. He stated that as yet he had not received the Hall Bower v Kirkburton result sheet from Sunday 25th August.

He continued by questioning several representatives about outfield catches which had not been credited to their team's usual wicketkeeper, due to the lack of detail on some result sheets. The afore mentioned club representatives agreed to contact the Match & Registration Secretary with the relevant information as soon as possible.

Disciplinary Issues

The Disciplinary Secretary announced details of disciplinary decisions made:

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| Arron Lilley: Delph & Dobcross | Hoylandswaine v Delph & Dobcross -10 th August 2013 Premiership.
Fined £100 plus 1 week suspension, suspended until Sunday 10 th August 2014 for showing dissent at an umpire's decision and abuse of cricket fixtures/fittings. |
| Ovais Hussain: Paddock | Paddock v Kirkheaton – 10 th August 2013 Conference.
2 week suspension, with 1 week suspended until Sunday 10 th August 2014. The suspension to run from midnight Friday 30 th August to midnight Friday 6 th September 2013 for showing dissent at an umpire's decision. |
| Faisal Siddique: Paddock | Paddock v Kirkheaton – 10 th August 2013 Conference.
1 week suspension, suspended until Sunday 10 th August for showing dissent at an umpire's decision. |
| Moin Hussain: Paddock | Paddock v Kirkheaton – 10 th August 2013 Conference.
Reprimanded as to his future behaviour for showing dissent at an umpire's decision. |
| Taimoor Shah: Paddock | Paddock v Kirkheaton – 10 th August 2013 Conference.
Warned as to his future behaviour for insulting comments towards an umpire. |
| Mark Turner: Paddock | Paddock v Kirkheaton – 10 th August 2013 Conference.
Reprimanded and reminded of the captain's duty to control his players. |

Individual Trophies

The Executive Secretary asked that all individual trophies be returned to Ballcraft for engraving for this season's winners.

League Dinner arrangements

The Executive Secretary stated that he would be sending letters about the dinner to club secretaries by the end of the month. He reiterated that the date for the dinner was Friday 15th November and that ticket prices would likely remain unchanged at £32.50.

Tour de France 2014

The Chairman said that on 23rd October 2013, Kirklees and Calderdale would be giving a definitive statement on road closures and potential disruption on Saturday 5th July 2014. After this statement a ruling will be made as to the viability of a full programme of DHCL fixtures taking place on this date. As things stand roads will be open on Saturday 5th July 2014.

The Umpires' Representative report

The Representative from the UA reported that a Level 1 ACO course had been organised to start on Tuesday 8th October 2013 at Broad Oak CC from 7pm - 9pm, and will run for 8 weeks. The cost would be £40. If anyone is interested they should contact the Administration Secretary in advance, although any late applicants will be cordially received. The course would be advertised on the League website; on the Junior League website and also in the Huddersfield Examiner.

The Representative from the UA also said that the UA are holding their annual dinner at Meltham Golf Club on Saturday 6th December at 7.30pm. The cost is £19 per head with entertainment provided, and all are welcome. Bookings should be made through Roger Harrison - 01484 844874.

The Chairman asked the Representative from the UA if there had been any predicted increase in members for 2014. The Representative from the UA stated that there had been a few individuals who had shown some interest in joining, and that members of the UA were continually doing their best to attract people to join the UA.

Any other business

1) The Chairman congratulated several clubs with regard to their recent successes - namely:

Hoylandswaine	Sykes Cup winners.
Shepley	Byrom Shield and Paddock Shield winners.
Slaithwaite	Winners of the Frank Platt Championship.
Moorlands	Winners of the Cedar Court Conference.

2.) The Chairman reminded clubs that there were still some promotion and relegation issues to be settled, and that clubs should be taking all games seriously. He also stated that with the forecast of imminent rain before the weekend, all clubs should make sure that pitches are covered.

3.) The Chairman said that this Sunday 8th September, at Wrenthorpe CC starting at 12 noon, Hoylandswaine would be playing Woodhouse Grange in the final of the Black Sheep Yorkshire Champions Trophy. All support would be much appreciated.

4) The Match and Registration Secretary said to the Council that of late, he had received many enquiries surrounding two topics:

- Rule L9(a), the last 6 games rule: His advice on this issue was to simply consider the part of the rule which states "...or if more than 50% of the games that he has played in the immediately preceding 10 league games have been in the 1st X1.....", and list the players in sequence with the most appearances. The nine players with the most games played cannot play in the 2nd X1, but if there are a number of tied appearances, it is up to the club to decide which players to exclude.
- Player Registration: He referred clubs to Rule L5(d) which states that "*Non-EU players, players requiring a transfer and players who have played competitive open-age cricket anywhere in the world during the current or previous two seasons may not be registered, between 1st August and the end of the season. Otherwise the procedure shall be as per the period 1st April to 31st July.*" Which he said means that players can be registered after 31st July provided that they do not fall into the categories above.

5.) The Hoylandswaine representative asked if the minutes of the Council meetings could be posted on the website a little more promptly than they currently were. The web master agreed that the timings of future postings would be improved.

6.) The Paddock represented questioned whether the Hopkinson Trophy and Schweppes Cup points were being collated and posted anywhere? The Match and Registration Secretary said the points were being collated, and that he would ensure that they were made public as soon as possible.