

# Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League

## THE MINUTES

### Council Meeting held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2011

In the Chair: Roger France

#### Officials Present:

The President, Vice President Donald Earnshaw, 3 members of the Secretariat and 6 members of the Executive

Apologies were received from Norman Clee

All clubs were represented except Broad Oak

#### The Minutes

The minutes of the meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2011 were taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed

#### Matter arising

The Finance Secretary said all outstanding matters were now up to date

#### Disciplinary Matters

The Disciplinary Secretary announced that Aman Ullah from Linthwaite had received a one match suspension in May

#### Oddfellows And Earnshaw Cup

The draw was made for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the Oddfellows Cup and the Earnshaw Cup, to be played on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2011

#### Fines

The Match Secretary read out a list of fines from 30<sup>th</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> May 2011. (copy attached).

She said that she was very very disappointed with many result sheets that were being sent to her.

- Eg. 1) Full names not being completed (there are two R Bagshaw playing and how can she differentiate for averages)  
2) If a player did not bat, his name was left blank  
3) the sheets were not added up  
4) if the match is rained off all 11 names for each team are required on the sheets  
5) sheets are not being sent in on time, and this month alone there has been £250 in fines  
6) **both** umpires are to complete Part 3 on the form  
7) she required to know from the umpires the number of over bowled after the 3 hour limit had been reached

The Umpire's Secretary said that the 3 hour rule does not allow for the moving of side screens, looking for the ball or the bails being blown off. If there is an injury this should be recorded. He also said that some umpires are more tolerant and do not record when the 3 hour rule has been breached

The Chairman said that the instances of the 3 hour transgressions were less this month than previously. He was very concerned regarding the team sheets not being sent in according to Rule. He said clubs must sort matters out and send them in on time. He said that the standard of result sheets had been discussed before and Yvonne had been told that if they were not up to scratch they had to be sent back to the clubs. He was aware that she had only done this in exceptional circumstances, and generally sorted matters out herself. Yvonne does the averages and very often the figures sent in from the clubs do not agree with her figures, thus making her job very arduous and long winded. The Executive had suggested that the averages should be calculated on her figures only.

The Holmfirth representative said the 2 years ago it was recommended that clubs bought a fax machine. They have done and the result sheets are sent in straight away.

The Emley Clarence representative asked if the sheets scanned and e mailed would be accepted by the Match Secretary and the Examiner. They both said this was acceptable

The Marsden representative and Lepton Highlanders representative asked for their fine imposed for non receipt at the Examiner Office of their result sheet for 23<sup>rd</sup> April to be rescinded as they understood there were problems with the Examiner's fax machine.

The matter was stood down to be discussed by the Executive.

#### Ground Inspections

The Chairman thanked the 5 clubs for their hospitality that he and the Administration Secretary had visited, saying the visits were very helpful and matters were able to be discussed, eg 1) where money has been spent on the grounds  
2) clubs raising money themselves 3) plans for the future 4) applications for loans. These are matters that the Executive may not normally be aware of.

He went on to say that all clubs that they had visited had covers and he imagined that indeed every club in the League now had either plastic sheets or roll on covers.

He said that the weather forecast for Monday 30<sup>th</sup> was that there would be rain about that day and all clubs should have been aware of this. He was therefore, he said, quite mystified as to why **Five** of the seven **Premiership** fixtures were not played, whilst all games in the Championship and the Conference were. He went on to congratulate everyone in the Championship and Conference Clubs and the umpires for enabling 25 over games to be played.

The Umpire's Secretary said that in none of the 5 games did he believe that the wickets were covered. He understood that it was difficult for one man to put the covers on but assistance should be given by members of the club.

Golcar.....the covers were folded up inside the tackle shed

Shepley ... if the pitch had been covered the game would have probably have started by 4:30pm

Barkisland....more than one person is needed to put on the covers, and they were not put on

He thought that when the Umpires attend to umpire a Premiership game and covers had not been put on when adverse weather was forecast then it would be recommended that the points on offer may not be forthcoming. He said it seemed unfair that in the two matches played in the Premiership , Delph and Dobcross v Marsden and Honley v Skelmanthorpe, that Marsden and Skelmanthorpe gained 1 point whereas all clubs who did not play gained 2 points.

The Golcar representative said he was told the ground was unplayable and he would investigate the matter. The response was that even if the outfield itself is wet in places a game of cricket can still be played.

He said that in the cup game at Shelley the previous week the wicket had not been covered and also the same had happened at Barkisland.

The Barkisland Representative said a lot of the problems were due to the climate, with the weather coming from the west. He said the week before the match could have started by 4pm but it was called off at 3pm.

The Chairman said every effort should be made to get games on, wickets should be covered and assistance given from players. He gave Holmfirth as an example where all their games have been played last year. The Holmfirth representative said they had a quick drying ground.

### Annual Dinner

The Executive Secretary announced the speaker at the Annual Dinner would be Graham Thorpe and the comedian was Rudy West, (who worked on the cruise ships and was employed by ITV as a warm up artiste for X Factor)

### Any Other Business

The Umpires' Secretary said that the Home Club Umpire for the way team would be required to officiate in the following 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 games

#### **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

Delph and Dobcross v **Armitage Bridge**

#### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

Hoylandswaine v **Thongsbridge**

Hall Bower v **Lascalles Hall**

#### **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

Delph and Dobcross v **Broad Oak**

Golcar v **Scholes**

Holmfirth v **Honley**

# Management Meeting held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2011

**In the Chair:** Roger France

**Officials Present:** As at the Council Meeting

## **Complaint regarding Holmfirth registration**

Paddock lodged a formal complaint that Holmfirth had played an ineligible player on the 14<sup>th</sup> May, due to him not being registered. The two Holmfirth representatives strongly denied the complaint and said he was registered correctly. As the Registration Secretary was unable to be at the meeting this evening, although he had submitted details about the matter, the Executive decided to postpone the discussion until they could speak to the Registration Secretary.

## **Finance Secretary's Monthly Report**

The Finance Secretary gave his monthly finance report

## **Ground Inspections**

Roger Peaker, the Ground and Facilities Co Ordinator, said that himself and The Executive Secretary were to collate the information regarding the Ground Inspection Forms and report back to the Executive and the Clubs

## **Sykes Cup Final**

The Executive Secretary announced that this year's Sykes Cup Final would be held at Elland Cricket Club

## **White Rose Game**

The Executive Secretary said that our League's opponents, The Airedale and Wharfedale League, had said it was not convenient to play on the 17<sup>th</sup> July and had proffered two alternative dates. These dates are unacceptable as they coincide with our fixtures and cup matches. He is to sort out a date with the Airedale and Wharfedale League. It was decided that the venue for the White Rose Competition would be Broad Oak CC

## **CRB Issues**

The League's Child Welfare Officer, Roger Peaker, brought information to the notice of the Executive that all 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 Captains should have a CRB check. He said each club were given a copy of this information when the Child Welfare Officers attended the seminar at Broad Oak CC and details are also on the Junior League website. Vice President Earnshaw said this information should have been handed down through the YCB. The Executive Secretary is to clarify matters with Ian Chappell of the YCB.

## **Paddock Shield Player**

The Match Secretary reported that Paddock had played an ineligible player against Marsden in the Paddock Shield on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Paddock are fined £20 and Marsden go through to the next round of the Paddock Shield

## **Clayton West**

The Executive received a letter from Clayton West complaining about the date for their Sykes Cup tie being re arranged and asked why they were not consulted over this issue. The Executive Secretary said he would reply and explain matters to Clayton West.

## **Skelmanthorpe v Marsden**

The Executive confirmed the Enquiry Panel's recommendation that the points for the above 1<sup>st</sup> X1 match on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2011 be awarded as follows: Skelmanthorpe 6 points Marsden 0 points

## **Any other business**

- a) When asked by the Executive Secretary, the President introduced the way forward for the position of a future Chairman and his proposal will be discussed at the July meeting
- b) The Administration and Disciplinary Secretary gave notice that she would not be standing for re- election. In accordance with Rule L3(b) nominations for these position(s) should be sent to the Administration Secretary by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011.
- c) The Executive rescinded the fines against Marsden and Lepton Highlanders as mentioned at the Council meeting
- d) Disquiet was expressed that fixtures should be re arranged due to events held on our cricket fields during the season and it was confirmed that at least 12 month's notice of any request should be submitted and at the same time the Administration Secretary was asked to write to Shepley regarding their position.

**The next Council Meeting and the Meeting of the Executive will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2011**