

Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 6th June 2012

In the Chair: Trevor Atkinson.

Other Officers Present: The President; Executive Secretary; Match & Registration Secretary; Finance Secretary; Administration Secretary; Disciplinary Secretary.

Life Vice President: Roger France.

Clubs: All member clubs were represented with the exception of Hoylandswaine.

Apologies: were received from Hoylandswaine.

The Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting of the 2nd May 2012 were taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

Matter arising

- Kirkheaton and Thongsbridge were not represented at the Council Meeting on the 2nd May 2012 and under Rule L3(e) were fined £5.
- The League Child Welfare Officer reported that all member clubs had now returned the necessary CRB information. He reported that almost 300 members of League clubs now held up to date CRB checks.
- The Chairman reported that the Umpires' Association had written to Golcar regarding comments made on the Umpires' report – April 28th 2012. The letter reaffirmed the opinion of the umpires, that if a start time for the game had been agreed, there would have been insufficient time for the sightscreens to have been moved into place, by the appropriate time. The Golcar representative commented that a line should now be drawn under the matter.
- The Match & Registration Secretary confirmed that there was a fine for slow over rates in the Hoylandswaine v Scholes Premiership game
- The Chairman stated that a minutes silence would be observed before all League games on "Armed Forces Day" – Saturday June 30th 2012.

Outstanding Fines

The Finance Secretary reported that there were no outstanding fines.

Fines

Slow Over Rates:

The Match & Registration Secretary read out a list of fines for slow over rates from 28th April to 2nd June 2012 - (copy attached).

Administration fines:

The Match & Registration Secretary stated that due to the introduction of the new system of results reporting and team sheet & match report form (TMRF) submission, he had shown some tolerance regarding the receipt of this information for the first four weeks of the season. He stated that this level of leniency could not continue indefinitely, and clubs must now expect to be fined according to rule, if they fail to submit match information on time. He asked that, if any clubs were having problems in sending him the appropriate information, they should get in touch as soon as possible (contact details in the League Handbook). He also stated that if it was not possible to scan and email the TMRF it should be sent by 1st class post on the next available working day.

Ineligible Players:

The Match & Registration Secretary read out a list of player ineligibility from 28th April – 2nd June 2012. Under rule L6(b) each offence carries a £20 fine together with any appropriate points adjustments and/or result reversal - (copy attached).

Expansion of the League

The Executive Secretary reported that he had received an expression of interest from another club wishing to join the League for the 2014 season. He had also received approaches from at least three other clubs.

Disciplinary Issues

Disciplinary Secretary announced details of disciplinary decisions made:

Graeme Simpson: Delph & Dobcross Honley v **Delph & Dobcross** -12th May 2012 Premiership.

1 match suspension for dissent and abuse of cricket equipment.

Irfan Zahoor: Delph & Dobcross Honley v **Delph & Dobcross** – 12th May 2012 Premiership.

Reprimanded and warned as to his future conduct.

Luke Hargreaves: Delph & Dobcross Honley v **Delph & Dobcross** – 12th May 2012 Premiership.

Reprimanded and warned as to his future conduct.

Chris Coleman: Marsden Scholes v **Marsden** – 20th May 2012 Premiership.

2 match suspension for the use of obscene language, dissent and abuse of cricket equipment.

Umpires' Representative Report

The representative from the Umpires' Association reported an incident in a 2nd XI game, where an appointed umpire was openly challenged by a club umpire as to his decision making expertise. This was done on the field of play and in front of players, and is of course something that should be actively discouraged. The umpires should be working together as a team, and if necessary any such issues should be discussed at an interval in play, and away from the earshot of others.

The representative from the Umpires' Association passed on the appreciation of the umpire who officiated in the Joe Lumb match held at Thongsbridge, on Sunday 13th May. The umpire reported that the organisation of the day was excellent, and both the club and the Junior Cricket League should be proud of their efforts.

The representative from the Umpires' Association announced that the UA were still in need of more umpires, and distributed a circular to all club representatives for them to display in their respective clubs.

The Chairman commented that he felt that the use of club umpires in 2nd XI games had been a resounding success since its introduction, and had alleviated many of the potential problems of staffing these games.

League Cup Draw

The draw for the Oddfellows Cup and Earnshaw Cup were made.

<i>Oddfellows Cup:</i>	Almondbury v Armitage Bridge	<i>Earnshaw Cup:</i>	Cumberworth United v Lepton Highlanders
	Lascelles Hall v Holmfirth		Delph & Dobcross v Emley Clarence
	Barkisland v Broad Oak		Holmfirth v Lascelles Hall
	Emley Clarence v Thongsbridge		Clayton West v Paddock or Cawthorne

Any other business

1) The Finance Secretary read out the names of ten clubs who had not as yet responded to his request for the mid-season ball order. The deadline for the order was tomorrow (Thursday June 7th 2012), and representatives were asked to make contact by that time if they wished to place an order.

2) The Match & Registration Secretary asked for clubs to adhere to the following points:

When submitting registration forms:

- Make sure that the form is completed in block capitals, and is legible.
- Please include date of birth; postcode and name!
- Note that the surname entered on Part 1 of the form needs to be the one used on the results sheet.

Please note that any ineligible forms will be returned to sender, rendering any registration null and void.

When emailing scanned registrations:

- Use a separate file for each scanned registration.
- If passport information is included this should be included in the same file as the scanned registration.

Junior players playing in open age cricket:

The Match & Registration Secretary reiterated that:

- Club players must be in the Under 13 age group, in school year 8 and be 12 years old on 1st September of the preceding year, before being able to play in any open age group cricket.
- County squad and area squad players must be in U12 age group, in school year 7 and be 11 years old on 1st September of the preceding year, before being able to play in any open age group cricket.
- In both the above situations written parental consent is required for each game played in.
- In due course, a section for parental consent will be added to the Registration Form, in order to alleviate the need to produce a letter of consent each time a young player plays in an open age game.

Match Day registration:

According to L9(b), Match day registration requires the RTDF to be signed on the reverse by an officiating umpire and the opposing captain. These are then often emailed to the Match & Registration Secretary, and the signatures on the reverse are often excluded in the email. In order to simplify the situation he asks that clubs use available space on the front of the form instead of using the reverse, and then only one side will need to be scanned and emailed. If posting the RTDF the problem does not arise.

Team Sheet & Match Report Form:

The Match & Registration Secretary asks that all clubs ensure that the essential detail is filled in at the top of the TMRF before these are submitted. It is not the umpires' responsibility to fill in the headings, and omissions cause much unnecessary work.

3) The Executive Secretary added that although the TMRF states that the home club should telephone Gosnay's Sports Agency within 15 minutes of the game, this applies in 1st XI cricket only.

4) The Holmfirth representative asked if it would be possible to fax information to the Match & Registration Secretary, and in particular, the Team Sheet & Match Report Form. At this moment in time the Match & Registration Secretary said that he did not have a fax facility at his disposal, but would consider the request especially if this would be helpful to member clubs.

The next meeting of the Council is Wednesday 4th July 2012 - 7:30pm at Almondbury CC.