Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League

Council Meeting MINUTES

Wed 4th December 2019

In the Chair: Chairman Trevor Atkinson

Other Officers Present: The President – RF; The General Secretary - NC; Child Welfare & Facilities and Trophies Secretary - RP; Match & Registration Secretary - PS; Media Secretary – JH; Administration Secretary – MB, Finance Secretary - AH

Life Vice Presidents: Geoff Crompton; Ron Tindall.

Club Representatives: Malcolm Westoby, Craig McCreadie and Les Harrison.

Clubs: All clubs were present

Apologies

None

Minutes of previous Council Meeting of 4th September 2019

Were taken as read and approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. There were no matters arising.

Finance Report

There were a small number of payments outstanding for the Annual Dinner, and for fines, from the 2019 season. They would be followed up.

Disciplinary Report

Nothing to report.

Child Welfare, Facilities and Trophies

Nothing to report.

Umpires Association

Courses for Umpires are being run, Stage I on 15th Feb 2020 and Stage II on 22nd Feb, both at Broad Oak. Booking via either League or YCB websites.

It is hoped that there would be 45 members of the Umpires Association available to officiate for 2020. Due to the maximum number of umpires required to officiate 1st XI Competition fixtures being 38 each week, there could be spare capacity during the season, which clubs could take advantage of if they needed an umpire to stand in for their club umpire in any 2nd XI Competition game. Ron Tindall may be able to assist in this process.

Media Secretary

Photos of the awards at the annual dinner would be on the website and had been tweeted around on the Monday after the dinner. Club Secretaries are being asked to upload their 2020 Club Directory information themselves asap.

Registration Secretary

- Registrations already received for the 2020 season would be processes shortly. Could clubs please check that the Play Cricket part of that process has been completed.
- 2020 Fixtures will be released shortly and the first game is on Sat 18th April 2020. Attempts to accommodate ground fixture clashes at Lepton Highlanders, and Emley Clarence will be made where possible.
- Clubs were reminded that there may be alternative grounds available for the last 2 weeks of the season when there are no Conference 3 fixtures allocated.
- The 2020 Player Registration/Transfer Form will be on the website shortly. In the meantime please use the 2019 version.

T20 Trophy Fixtures

Tuesday 09-Jun-20

Brook Miller Mobility Twenty/20 Trophy Week1

Group 1

Barkisland v Armitage Bridge

Golcar v Honley

Group 2

Mirfield Parish Cav v Almondbury Wes

Moorlands v Shelley

Group 3

Delph & Dobcross v Broad Oak Thongsbridge v Slaithwaite

Group 4

Scholes v Shepley Hoylandswaine v Kirkburton

Thursday 11-Jun-20

Brook Miller Mobility Twenty/20 Shield

Preliminary Round

Cartworth Moor v Marsden
Birkby Rose Hill v Hall Bower
Holmfirth v Mirfield

Upperthong v Lepton Highlanders

Flockton v Rastrick

Denby v Edgerton & Dalton
Cumberworth United v Clayton West
Kirkheaton v Meltham
Emley Clarence v Denby Dale
Lascelles Hall v Nortonthorpe

Thursday 18-Jun-20

Brook Miller Mobility Twenty/20 Shield

First Round

Cartworth Moor or Marsden v Birkby Rose Hill or Hall Bower
Holmfirth or Mirfield v Upperthong or Lepton Highlanders
Flockton or Rastrick v Denby or Edgerton & Dalton
Cumberworth United or Clavton West v Kirkheaton or Meltham

Emley Clarence or Denby Dale v Lascelles Hall or Nortonthorpe

Linthwaite v Elland
Holmbridge v Thurstonland
Almondbury v Skelmanthorpe

Semi Finals on 9th July, with Finals Day on 26th July

Any Other Business

The Holmfirth Representative asked the Chairman why Chris Ridler, the Holmfirth Secretary had been removed as DHCL Administration Secretary. Trevor Atkinson explained that Mr Ridler's administration work in relation to handling meeting minutes had been inadequate, that in relation to the 'Umpires Pool' he had failed to work to best effect with the Umpires' Association. Furthermore he had become a disruptive influence on the Executive to the point where relations with himself and other members of the Executive had irreconcilably broken down. The Holmfirth Representative indicated that his club would be nominating Chris Ridler for the position of DHCL Chairman at the next AGM in 2020.

In response to a question regarding the current Reader vs Dukes cricket ball the meeting was advised that the League are currently in a contract with Reader, but that when this contract has expired all options, including the Dukes Cricket ball would be considered for the next contract term. For fairness and consistency it would remain mandatory for every club to use the same 'League ball' for each game.

There was mixed feedback about the recently held annual League Dinner. The Executive would be reviewing the format and possible arrangements for the future.