



## Annual General Meeting Wed 6th December 2023

**In the Chair:** W Andrew Sugden

**Other Officers Present:** Chair – T Atkinson; General Secretary – N Clee; Match & Registration Secretary – P Senior; Administration Secretary – M Binns; Media Secretary – J Harrison

**Life Vice Presidents:** G Crompton; R Tindall

**Club Representatives:** L Harrison; C McCreadie

Representatives from 35 of 40 Clubs were in attendance. Apologies were received from two Clubs – Moorlands CC and Hoylandswaine CC, with two other Clubs absent (Kirkheaton & Holmfirth) and Elland CC no longer in existence.

David Haikings from the HCL UA was also in attendance.

### Apologies of Executive Members

Andrew Hill, Mushtaq Hussain, Jackie Brook, Malcolm Westoby and Roger Peaker

### Minutes of previous AGM held on Wed 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Approved.

### Matters Arising

None.

### Results of Voting on Rule Changes for 2024 and the Future - NC

Results of the voting on 2024 Rule Changes are as follows:

38 Clubs eligible to participate submitted votes. Elland CC and Denby Grange CC were not included in the vote. One Club did not submit a vote.

#### Proposed by a Club

Item	Description	For	Against	%	Result
Item 1	Private space to be provided for scorers	33	5	86.84	Carried
Item 2	Teas to be mandatory in top three divisions	11	27	28.95	Rejected
Item 3	Increased stoppage time for DLS	4	34	10.53	Rejected
Item 4	Penalty for failing to score via P-C app	5	33	13.16	Rejected
Item 5	DLS to be switched on prior to all matches	2	36	5.26	Rejected
Item 6	12 noon start times for all Senior League/Cup fixtures	5	33	13.16	Rejected
Item 7	Sykes Cup changed clothing & coloured ball	19	19	50.00	Rejected
Item 8	Sykes Cup from 50 overs to 40 overs	18	20	47.37	Rejected
Item 9	Opting out of the Earnshaw Cup Competition	25	13	65.79	Rejected
Item 10	Slow Over Rate: Fielding Circle Penalty	30	8	78.95	Carried
Item 11	Slow Over Rate: Captain's Suspension Penalty	4	34	10.53	Rejected
Item 12	Slow Over Rate: Points Deduction Penalty	14	24	36.84	Rejected

#### Proposed by HCL Executive Committee

Item 13	12 noon start times in Sept for 50 over game	27	11	71.05	Carried
Item 14	Fine introduced for not attending Awards dinner	21	17	55.26	Rejected

Item 15 Fine increase for non-attendance at Council Meetings	23	15	60.53	Rejected
Item 16 Fine increase for non-attendance at AGM	24	14	63.16	Rejected
Item 17 Fine increase for failing to vote on rules proposals	22	16	57.89	Rejected
Item 18 Fine increase for failing to submit TMRF on time	16	22	42.11	Rejected
Item 19 Fine increase for playing an unregistered player	29	9	76.32	Carried
Item 20 Fine increase for slow over rate	17	21	44.74	Rejected
Item 21 Rule 12 amendment allowing Exec to add/amend rules	11	27	28.95	Rejected

### Confirmation (or not) of 2023 Experimental Rules (includes some agreed abstentions)

Item 22 All 50 over cricket to start at 12.30pm	30	4	88.24	Carried
Item 23 40 overs instead of 45 overs in bottom two divisions	17	10	62.96	Rejected
Item 24 Increase to 12 overs per bowler in Alliance (4th divn)	24	9	72.73	Carried
Item 25 Legside wides introduced in Alliance (4th division)	25	7	78.13	Carried
Item 26 Five leg-side fielders limit intro in Alliance (4th divn)	31	1	96.88	Carried

It is noted with interest that, with the exception of one, all 2023 Experimental Rules were confirmed for the future.

Jamie Harrison was thanked for his work to provide and analyse the electronic voting system.

## Finance Report

The League's Financial Statement of Accounts for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2023, already distributed to Clubs with the meeting Agenda, was approved.

The finances of the League continue to be in a satisfactory state, although they have worsened following it suffering a combined loss of more than £5.5k over the last two years. At the year end reserves totalled approximately £53k (including unsecured interest free loans out to seven Clubs).

The President thanked Finance Secretary Andrew Hill for his diligent, thorough, prudent and punctual handling of HCL's finances throughout 2023.

## Election of Officers to Honorary Positions and to the League's Executive Committee

The following Officers, who were nominated un-opposed, were re-elected en bloc:

Chair:	Trevor Atkinson	
General Secretary:	Norman Clee	
Finance Secretary:	Andrew Hill	
Match and Registration Secretary:	Phil Senior	
Administration Secretary:	Mark Binns	
Media Secretary:	Jamie Harrison	
Club Representative Members:	Craig McCreddie	(of Broad Oak CC)
	Les Harrison	(of Delph & Dobcross CC)
	(also EDI Sub-Committee Chair) Mushtaq Hussain	(of Birkby Rose Hill CC)
Compliance Officer – new position	Mrs Jackie Brook	

Life Member - The appointment of Mr Malcolm Westoby was confirmed by unanimous agreement.

The above Officers and their Executive Management Committee colleagues are supported by active Life Vice Presidents, a newly formed (in 2023) EDI sub-Committee, and Life Members.

A variety of the above persons serve on the Disciplinary Sub-Committee that attends Personal Hearings and Appeal Hearings.

## Sykes Cup & Paddock Shield 1<sup>st</sup> Round Draws

Ties to be played on Sunday 28th April 2024

### Sykes Cup (1<sup>st</sup> XI's)

Scholes	v	Kirkburton
Clayton West	v	Delph & Dobcross
Linthwaite	v	Mirfield Parish Cavaliers
Honley	v	Denby
Kirkheaton	v	Thongsbridge

### Paddock Shield (2<sup>nd</sup> XI's)

Meltham	v	Marsden
Shelley	v	Linthwaite
Barkisland	v	Cumberworth Utd
Mirfield	v	Moorlands
Uppertong	v	Almondbury Wesleyan

Lascelles Hall	v	Armitage Bridge	Skelmanthorpe	v	Hall Bower
Cumberworth Utd	v	Skelmanthorpe	Delph & Dobcross	v	Lascelles Hall
Almondbury Wesleyan	v	Thurstonland	Denby	v	Birkby Rose Hill
Hoylandswaine	v	Slaithwaite	Kirkburton	v	Clayton West
Hall Bower	v	Meltham	Denby Dale	v	Holmfirth
Moorlands	v	Broad Oak	Broad Oak	v	Honley
Birkby Rose Hill	v	Mirfield	Slaithwaite	v	Kirkheaton
Shepley	v	Shelley	Armitage Bridge	v	Hoylandswaine
Marsden	v	Barkisland	Golcar	v	Thongsbridge
Emley Clarence	v	Golcar	Mirfield Parish Cavaliers	v	Scholes
Holmfirth	v	Rastrick	Edgerton & Dalton	v	Shepley

## Any Other Business

There was no other business.

**The next HCL Annual General Meeting is planned for Wednesday 4th December 2024 at 19.00pm. Venue Honley CC.**