



Walker Timber HUDDERSFIELD CRICKET LEAGUE

EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 5th June 2024

In the Chair: Trevor Atkinson

Other Officers Present: Match & Registration Secretary – P Senior; Administration Secretary – M Binns; EDI Chair – M Hussain; Media Secretary – J Harrison; Compliance Officer - Mrs Jackie Brook

Life Vice Presidents: G Crompton; R Tindall

Club Representatives: Craig McCreddie; Les Harrison

Apologies

General Secretary – N Clee Treasurer - A Hill, LVP – R Peaker,

Minutes of Previous Executive Meeting held on Wednesday 1st May 2024

Approved.

Matters Arising

The meeting confirmed the adoption of the new updated version of ECB's Anti-Discrimination Code. This Code forms part of HCL's rules. The amended version is being loaded onto HCL's website.

Financial Report - TA

The Report confirmed that the finances of the League are in a satisfactory state, with an overall balance of just under £51k.

Linthwaite CC have not paid their annual subs/YCB affiliation etc invoice.

Disciplinary Report – MB/TA

HCL Disciplinary Register											
Date	Name	Club	Match	Divn	Offence	Sanction	dates	details	Captain	Sanction	dates
4.5.24	Abdul Rehman	Flockton	Flockton vs Lascelles Hall	Alliance 3	L1 dissent	1 wk ban	24.5.24 - 31.5.24	Dissent called umpire biased	Mohammad Imran	1 wk suspended	to 3.5.2026 ban redu
17.5.24	Joshua Earle	Slaithwaite		Championship	accused of being ineligible	eligibility confirmed					
18.5.24	Cyril Tompkins	BRH	Shelley vs BRH	Alliance 3	Complaint	Can no longer umpire in HCL	Ongoing	Complaint by SCC	Tahir Iqbal	reminded	
25.5.24	Gharib Nawaz	BRH	Rastrick vs BRH	Championship	L1 Insulting Dissent	1 wk ban	14.6 - 21.6.24	Accused wkpr of cheating	Sarfraz Hussain	1 wk compounded to 2 wks	14.6 - 28.6.24

WTU Fair Play Penalties 2024	Penalties	Points
18.5.24	Broad Oak	1
25.5.24	Wes	1
25.5.24	BRH	4
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Media Secretary Report - JH

Nothing to report.

EDI Report – MH

A meeting will be arranged during June.

Safeguarding – JB

JB advised the meeting that the HCL must adopt the ECB's Safeguarding Policy, which is currently adopted by HCL Clubs. It was agreed that Jackie will bring the draft policy to the July meeting for adoption.

Jackie advised the meeting that a serious Safeguarding Referral Case had been received relating to events that took place during a HCL match on 25th May. Due to the potential seriousness of the case Jackie had consulted with YCB who informed her that they would take over the management and investigation of the matter. HCL asked to have been asked and agreed to support the process.

Jackie Brook was thanked for dealing with these most unpleasant matters in a very sensitive, diligent and professional way.

Early investigations into the case had, as a secondary matter, revealed that basic DBS checks of Captains and Club Umpires were not in place. Jackie is now supporting the process to make good these gaps as quickly as possible.

These matters have also revealed a gap in HCL's compliance verification processes, especially relating to Clubs who do not achieve Clubmark. It is agreed to consider this matter in more detail over the next weeks and to have better arrangements in place by the 2025 season at the latest.

ECB Premier League & Clubmark Progress – JB

Clubmark

Jackie Brook confirmed that all Clubs who have already achieved Clubmark have retained their accreditation for 2024.

Jackie continues to work with more than 10 Clubs who are striving to achieve Clubmark in 2024 and must make their submission by the end of June. Jackie is confident that all Clubs in HCL's top two divisions that must achieve Clubmark to retain their positions are on track to do so.

Match & Registration Secretary Report - PS

The first Fines Register of 2024 is attached to these minutes.

Clubs are reminded to ensure that a TMRF (Team Sheet) is filled out and submitted for all games.

Joshua Earle

The matter of a complaint received from Armitage Bridge CC challenging the eligibility, as an amateur, of Slaithwaite CC's overseas player Joshua Earle was discussed. These matters are complex. HCL had therefore already taken the unusual decision, as of 31st May, to temporarily suspend Mr Earle from playing in the HCL pending the outcome of investigations.

Extensive investigations are ongoing including consulting with the ECB Premier League, ECB's Managed Migration Team and the UK Government Home Office Sports Policy Unit.

Hoylandswaine CC's Ground

The meeting discussed the abandonment of Hoylandswaine CC's Premiership match vs Moorlands CC that was due to take place at Bamford Fieldhouse last Saturday 1st. The game was abandoned due to the unfit state of the ground following heavy rain on the previous Wednesday/Thursday 29th/30th May.

Moorlands CC had subsequently submitted a Complaint and requested being awarded 6 points alleging that the ground was underprepared/unsuitable to hold the fixture and not unfit as a result of inclement weather.

The meeting therefore rejected MCC's complaint and confirmed the awarding of two points each for an abandoned game due to inclement weather in accordance with HCL Rule 7.4.4.

The meeting was pleased to hear reports that HCC had now taken matters into their own hands and, at significant expense, engaged specialist contractors to remedy the underground flooding (caused by and being the responsibility of the water authorities). It is hoped that the works are completed quickly and satisfactorily enough for HCC's 2nd XI home match vs Denby Dale to be able to take place on Saturday 8th, which would negate the need to play the fixture at Bamford Fieldhouse. Daily inspections are being undertaken by HCL's ground and facilities team.

Any Other Business

None.

The next meeting of the HCL Management Executive will take place at Almondbury Wesleyan CC on Wed 3rd July 2024 commencing at 19.00pm