



Walker Timber HUDDERSFIELD CRICKET LEAGUE

EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 3rd July 2024

In the Chair: (in the unavoidable absence of the Chairman) President - W Andrew Sugden

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

Life Vice Presidents: G Crompton; R Tindall

Club Representatives: Craig McCreadie; Les Harrison

Apologies

Chair -Trevor Atkinson, Treasurer - A Hill, EDI Chair – M Hussain, LVP – R Peaker,

Minutes of Previous Executive Meeting held on Wednesday 5th June 2024

Approved.

Matters Arising

HCL has been informed that ECB's Managed Migration Team, that were consulted in relation to the eligibility of Slaithwaite CC's overseas player Joshua Earle, have now asked ECB's Leagues and National Counties Manager to check the visa status of this cricketer with his registered Club Slaithwaite CC. SCC have agreed to keep us informed of developments.

Financial Report - MB

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

Disciplinary Report – MB/TA

HCL Disciplinary Register										
Date	Name	Club	Match	Divn	Offence	Sanction	details	Captain	Sanction	dates
22.6.24	George Parkes	Cumberw	Swaine vs Cumberworth	Conference	L1 mistreating equipment	1 wk ban suspended	knocked over wks when dismi	Jordan Greaves	Final written warning	to 21.6.26

WTU Fair Play Penalties 2024		Penalties	Points
18.5.24	Broad Oak	1	
25.5.24	Wes	1	
25.5.24	BRH	4	1
29.6.24	Broad Oak	3	1

An updated version of this information will be available on HCL's website.

Media Secretary Report - JH

Due to the Media Secretary starting a new job his available time will be reduced for the next few months.

EDI Report – MB/JB

A meeting of the Sub-Committee will be arranged during July. In the meantime a selected number of Clubs have been invited to a meeting with HCL's Executive Officers and HCL UA's Officers to discuss EDI matters.

HCL's EDI Chair is providing very helpful and valuable assistance in progressing an ongoing Safeguarding Referral case and supporting the investigation process.

Safeguarding – JB

As agreed at the June meeting JB brought forward ECB's Safeguarding Policy and recommended that the HCL formally adopts this policy and adds it to its rules. This was agreed with immediate effect. As with the EDI and Anti-Discrimination Codes this policy will be appended to HCL's Constitution and added into section L1 of HCL's Handbook.

Jackie advised the meeting that investigations into the serious Safeguarding Referral Case relating to events that took place during a HCL match on 25th May are ongoing. The case is in the hands of the YCB Safeguarding Team with HCL's Compliance Officer and EDI Chair supporting the process.

Draft Safeguarding Guidance to Clubs regarding scorers was reviewed and following minor adjustments was agreed. This will be issued to Clubs immediately. It is recognised that the need for responsible adults to provide oversight of U18 scorers who are not separated from the vicinity of others, without the scorers need to have an uninterrupted view of the match in a situation where they cannot be distracted is a challenge. However the meeting emphasised that applying good practice to safeguard all youngsters and vulnerable adults must remain a top priority of paramount importance.

Progress is being made regarding one of our Clubs putting in place DBS checks of Captains and Club Umpires that the YCB discovered, as part of their investigations, were not in order. It is hoped that everything will be satisfactorily in place such that the Club in question will not be prevented from being able to play their fixtures on the weekend 6th/7th July.

Both Jackie and Phil Senior were thanked for all their support provided to facilitate a successful DBS verification process for 6 persons.

ECB Premier League & Clubmark Progress – JB

Clubmark

The meeting was very pleased to hear that all remaining un-accredited Clubs in HCL's Premiership and Championship divisions have now achieved Clubmark in 2024. Other Clubs who appear likely to be promoted from the Conference into the Championship for 2025 have also achieved Clubmark, so there are no barriers to them playing in an ECB PL division in 2025.

Jackie confirmed that by the end of 2024 only 6 of HCL's 40 Clubs will not be Clubmark accredited. This is an excellent achievement and the management committees of 34 Clubs and Jackie Brook are congratulated and warmly thanked for their very professional and diligent work.

Match & Registration Secretary Report - PS

An updated Fines Register was reviewed and confirmed. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Sykes Cup Semi-Final arrangements - NC

Arrangements to staff the two upcoming semi-finals at the Wesleyans and Moorlands were agreed.

Any Other Business

Following many enquiries from Clubs requesting adjustments to the schedule of Sat 6th July to avoid clashes with England's soccer Euro 24 quarter final tie, and after much discussion, it was agreed to allow Clubs, by mutual agreement and with the Umpires, to bring forward the start time of matches to not earlier than 10.00am and/or to shorten the length of matches to not less than 30 over per innings.

The next meeting of the HCL Management Executive will take place at Almondbury Wesleyan CC on Wed 7th August 2024 commencing at 7.00pm