



PEARSON
FINANCIAL WELLBEING

HUDDERSFIELD

PREMIER CRICKET LEAGUE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 6th May 2026

In the Chair: Trevor Atkinson

Other Officers Present: General Secretary – N Clee; Match & Registration Secretary – P Senior;
Administration Secretary – M Binns; Media Secretary – Mrs Paula Huddleston

Life Vice Presidents: G Crompton; R Tindall

Club Representatives: L Harrison; C McCreddie

Apologies

EDI Chair – Mushtaq Hussain; Treasurer - A Hill; President – W A Sugden; Compliance Officer – Mrs Jackie Brook; Grounds & Facilities Coordinator - A Fortis

Minutes of Previous Executive Meeting held on Wednesday 8th April 2026

Approved.

Matters Arising

Edgerton & Dalton CC

With the support of HPCL E&D CC have reached an agreement with their landlords Dalton Bowling Club that allows them to play cricket at Dalton Fold in 2026. The agreement is in the form of a two year license that runs to the end of 2027 rather than a lease/tenancy agreement. This type of agreement was selected by DBC because fewer sitting tenancy rights, that may otherwise afford certain protections to E&DCC in the future, attach to a license. This now enables DBC to unilaterally serve an enforceable notice. The commercial terms have been accepted. The lack of certainty regarding further years of tenure remains a concerning uncertainty.

The actions detailed in the previous Minutes regarding the fitness and readiness of the Dalton Fold ground were undertaken. In the event, and on inspection, the pitch and the ground were found in a minimum satisfactory condition and the first game of the season on 18th April completed without incident.

Ron Tindall was thanked for attending on 18th to check everything was in order and to be available to offer advice and support in the event of any problem (there weren't any).

Bursaries for W&G's Coaches

After consulting with YCF's Richard Wilkinson it was agreed that it would be appropriate to offer each Club bursaries of 50% of the cost of one W&G's coach completing the Foundation Coaching Course (LI) plus one W&G's coach completing the Core Coach course (LII). These costs would be paid from HPCL's Development Fund.

Financial Report – TA (on behalf of AH)

The Report confirmed that the finances of the League are in a satisfactory state with General Funds totalling £52k.

The Development Fund stands at £12,352.02

18 out of 40 clubs have paid their annual subscription/affiliation invoice.

Interest free loans granted to Slaithwaite and Moorlands for scoreboards and sights screens have now been transferred.

Disciplinary Report – MB

A video potentially showing a player tampering with a match ball at a HPCL game on 2nd May has emerged via social media on Facebook. Investigations are currently underway.

Media Secretary Report – PH

The League website appears to have crashed for a few days. This may be because of the large amount of detail that has recently been uploaded (such as full 2026 Handbook and rules) as well as increased new content. Paula is working to ensure these problems are resolved and the website becomes stable again.

The website's Player Registration page is frequently visited, and the tribute to Golcar CC's Graham Hincliffe attracted quite some attention. The relaunched Podcast series, hosted by Andrew Crawshaw is attracting approx. 270 listeners per episode. Interest in players and interviews are the most popular themes.

EDI Report - MH

Nothing to report

Clubmark, Safeguarding and Compliance – JB via MB

Jackie reminds Clubs that the ECB/YCF currently have a big focus on SHMS and Clubs being compliant in key areas (such as DBS, Affiliation, SGLII). All 40 HPCL Clubs are required by the ECB to use the SHMS and keep it up-to-date.

All 24 Clubs with 1st XI's in our Premiership and Championship have nominated a W&G Activator. Full compliance if W&G's matters will be achieved when YCF (by 31st Oct 26) check that each Club has run at least one girls match by that date.

The 'About Us' page of P-C must be accurate and kept up to date.

Match & Registration Secretary Report - PS

The first fines list of the season is attached these Minutes.

There are too many teams conceding games, especially on a Sunday but also occasionally on a Saturday. There is a lot of slow play, and following slow play by both teams one high profile game was abandoned early in April due to bad light.

Emley Clarence CC's Conference fixture vs Hoylandswaine is being moved to a Sunday due to a clash with Emley football.

Following many Sunday Cup fixtures being washed out on 3rd May, these have been moved to 10th. HWC fixtures are being moved to 17th. HPCL's Executive will consider what the best course of action should be if there is weather disruption again on 10th, recognising that there is no appetite for (C4.2.3.7.1-3) games rolling over into multiple mid-week evenings.

The draws for the 2nd rounds of the Oddfellows and Earnshaw Cups will be made shortly and circulated asap.

Great concern was expressed and discussed regarding the situation at Denby Grange CC. DG CC have already conceded several games and also failed to provide Club Umpires at several matches. This is causing particular problems in the Alliance 4 division which is reliant on 8 teams participating fully. The Executive are keeping in mind that DG CC only joined our league in 2024, and have already been granted a special dispensation to run a single team in 2025. It is noted that another management regime change has taken place over the 25/26 winter.

It was agreed to arrange an emergency visit to assess the situation. HPCL does not rule out placing DG CC on notice that unless there is a significant actual improvement their membership of HPCL may be terminated at the end of the year.

Grounds and Facilities – AF via MB

AF presented the proposed pre-audit information template, and the actual audit form that he and his colleagues will use when undertaking an audit of every Club by the end of the 2026 season.

Audits will be undertaken in three teams of two persons, led by AF himself, C McC and LH (13/14 each), each of whom will be accompanied by a Committee colleague. It was agreed to audit the Wesleyans first as a test of the new system which all auditors would attend. MB and PH will host from the Wesleyans side.

The template and audit form are enclosed with these Minutes.

Any Other Business

Chair Trevor Atkinson raised a potential situation regarding promotion of teams in HPCL's Conference. As had already been flagged, if the current division table turned out to be the end of season position then teams placed in 6th, 7th or 8th positions would be promoted into the Championship. This is because positions towards the top of the table may be occupied by unpromotable teams.

A rule change proposed over last winter by the Executive dealing with this foreseeable eventuality gained 60% support, but not the two thirds needed to be passed. As we move towards the conclusion of the season this matter may require emergency decisions because the Executive believes it is neither fair nor sustainable to promote teams ending the season in the middle of the division.

Please note: The next meeting of HPCL's Executive Committee will take place at Almondbury Wesleyan CC on Wed 3rd June 2026 commencing at 19.00pm