

Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 4th April 2018

In the Chair: Trevor Atkinson.

Other Officers Present: The General Secretary; Match & Registration Secretary; Finance Secretary; Administration & Disciplinary Secretary; Child Welfare & Facilities Secretary; Media Secretary.

Life Vice Presidents: Roger France, Geoff Crompton, Ron Tindall

Clubs: All member clubs were represented with the exception of Cawthorne.

Apologies:

Introduction: The Chairman opened the meeting on a sombre note reading out a tribute and holding a minutes silence for President Donald Earnshaw who had passed away recently. The funeral would be Friday 13th April 2.45pm Huddersfield Crematorium. A letter from league solicitor Andrew Sugden was read out by the General Secretary.

The Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting of the 6th December 2017 were taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

Matters arising

No matters arising

Financial Report

The Finance Secretary advised the meeting he had had problems with sending emails hence cricket ball invoices for clubs had been posted. Next seasons price for cricket balls would go up by 50p. There were no outstanding fines and all club loans up to date.

Handbooks and YCB Affiliation Package – T20 Tickets for Yorkshire CC

The General Secretary reported the number of Handbooks remain at 12 per club this year, although once again we have produced a few more copies. Should clubs feel that they need an extra 2 or 3, please contact him.

If anyone spots any errors in the Handbook could you please let him know, and as well as providing any appropriate updates on the web site, we will be able to correct any errors in the 2018 Handbook. Any important changes he will email to club secs.

Included on Page 9 of the Handbook is a short summary of this year's rule changes. There are only a few changes with a new ball to be compulsory for all 1stXI Competition games, and pink balls MUST be used in the T20 Trophy competition and MAY be used in the T20 Shield competition. Any clubs requiring team sheets for Heavy Woollen or Black Sheep games to see him after the meeting. Questions from the floor regarding the use of Pink balls in the T20 Shield were answered.

Along with the Handbooks all Clubs should have received:

- A TMRP booklet

- 4 tickets for a specific YCCC T20 game at Headingley. These tickets should not for resale.

- 2 packs for their Club Umpires which include "Rain Rule Cards" from the League, plus a set of "Umpires information cards" issued by the ECB.

- There are also 2 extra "Rain Rule Cards" for clubs to pass onto captains.

Disciplinary Report

The Administration & Disciplinary Secretary had no disciplinary matters to report.

CWF&T Report

The Child Welfare & Facilities Secretary reported he would be contacting the teams that hadn't had sightscreens in place last season

Match & Registration Secretary

The Match & Registration Secretary reported Play Cricket in progress and despite emails not a single player registration had been received from some clubs. These needed to be done urgently. 2,600 total players were registered players last season but only 1,600 actually played and currently 1,400 had been registered for the start of the season. A list of clubs with no play-cricket player registrations were read out. These clubs were: Almondbury; Barkisland; Delph & Dobcross; Flockton; Golcar; Linthwaite; Shelley; Rastrick; Meltham; Mirfield; Nortonthorpe; Thongsbridge and Upperthong. The Captains meeting had most clubs represented and had been successful. He asked captains and umpires to be aware that scorers would greatly benefit from early knowledge of the identity of new bowlers and new batsmen and whether or not batsmen had crossed.

Media Secretary Report

The Media Secretary reported a new website to link Play Cricket which would be much more user friendly on mobile apps would hopefully be completed by the beginning of the season. All data from the website had been transferred into google sheets and he would grant permission to each club to keep relevant officers information up to date. He would email the clubs with the information. The UA rep enquired if they would be able to keep their page up to date this way.

Public Liability Insurance 2017

The Administration & Disciplinary Secretary reported outstanding public liability certificate's still to be seen from the following clubs were:- Denby Dale, Elland, Kirkheaton, Linthwaite, Mirfield, Mirfield PC and Nortonthorpe.

Report from the Umpires Association

The UA representative reported the club umpires meetings had taken place with 22 of them taking advantage. 4 club umpires to do fixtures each week had been gained from it and the UA thanked the Club umpires and looked forward to the season. The Captains meeting at Broad Oak to go through the law changes, had been very well supported.

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League Dinner 2018 and Mcc v DHCL U21

The General Secretary reported the League Dinner would be held on Friday Nov 9th 2018 at Cedar Court with guest speaker Paul Nixon ex Leicestershire and England wicketkeeper. Once again the cost would be held at £32.50. The DHCL league U21's would be playing the MCC again at Honley on Wednesday 15th August.

Any other business

The Chairman said the league would be monitoring each day the weather and ground situations with a decision about the first week fixtures to be taken nearer the day.

The Holmfirth rep mentioned 2 changes of officers in the handbook. Any club changes would be emailed with the minutes.

The Chairman closed the meeting wishing all clubs an enjoyable season and the next Council meeting would be in July.

The next meeting of the Council is Wednesday 4th July 2018 - 7.30pm at Almondbury CC.