

Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League

EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

Wed 6th Nov 2019

In the Chair: Trevor Atkinson

Other Officers Present: The President – RF; The General Secretary - NC; Child Welfare & Facilities and Trophies Secretary - RP; Match & Registration Secretary - PS; Media Secretary – JH; Interim Admin Sec - MB

Life Vice Presidents: Geoff Crompton; Ron Tindall.

Club Representatives: Malcolm Westoby, Craig McCreadie and Les Harrison.

Apologies

Finance Secretary - AH

Administration Secretary

Following an introduction by TA the Executive voted unanimously to appoint MB as interim Administration Secretary until the AGM.

Minutes of previous meeting 2nd Oct 2019

Approved

Matters Arising

- a. Armitage Bridge CC agreed to host the 2020 League U21's fixture against MCC (likely date 12th August 2020).
- b. At least two of the four Conference 3 trophies needed are been sponsored (£50 each). The trophies will bear the sponsors name
 - i. Batting - Jeff Aram
 - ii. Bowling – GP Valeting (Rochdale) – Gary Pemberton

NC is hopeful that Fielding and Wicketkeeping sponsors will come forward

Finance Report – TA in absence of AH

TA provided the meeting with the current financial situation.

Ground & Facilities - RP

Nothing to report

Disciplinary Report

Nothing to report

Apologies

Finance Secretary - AH

Media Secretary Report - JH

- a. There will be a slicker way to load the umpire match appointments for 2020 which will make them available at least 24 hours earlier than previously, normally by each Monday evening of the season
- b. The Gallery pages of the website will be redesigned for 2020
- c. 2019 Sykes Cup Final photos and photos of other finals will be updated on website

Match & Registration Secretary Report - PS

- a. 2020 season will start on 3rd Saturday of April – 18th and fixtures will follow a similar pattern as before, ending on Sat 12th Sept 2020
- b. Sykes Cup Final 9th Aug, Paddock Shield 16th Aug, with T20 Finals day 26th July.
- c. A Fixture Calendar Framework template was circulated for information
- d. A small number of fixture clashes with other calls on the ground of a club in question would need to be dealt with. They would be accommodated in the fixture allocations where possible, however when that was not possible it was confirmed that it was the responsibility of a club to solve their problem. Normally there would be a club ground without a fixture somewhere in the league that would be available early or late in the season which should be used as the first alternative.
- e. The Duckworth-Lewis rain rules (standard form) are contained in the Rule Changes to be decided at the upcoming AGM

Rules Revision Process

Holmfirth CC had already been informed by the Gen Sec – NC that their proposed change to Rule L10.1 would not go forward to the clubs at the AGM as the independent appointment of umpires was undertaken by the UA not the league Executive. HCC had then asked that their proposed change be amended to state that “all umpires appointments will be made prior to the start of the season and published on the website prior to the season”.

This matter was discussed in some detail, and believed to be impractical, denying the UA flexibility to respond to panel absences and to the importance of certain fixtures when that became clear. In any event it was decided by an overwhelming majority vote that the proposed rule change could not be amended retrospectively and put to the AGM, as the deadline of 31st August had passed more than two months ago

Umpires ‘Pool’

It was agreed that a decision regarding how best to manage the ‘2019 Umpires Pool’ going forward would be left until after the AGM, as there were rule change proposals regarding provision of umpires that might affect the overall situation from 2020 onwards. It was agreed however that the Pool had been a relative success and provided umpires for many matches that may otherwise not have had one.

Administration Award

NC was still working on this and a decision was pending

League Dinner - NC

Attendance was expected to be approx 270, which was a few more than the previous year. As Media Sec – JH could not attend Gen Sec – NC would check alternative arrangements for photos of winners and how best to tweet out as soon as possible thereafter.

Any Other Business

- a. Media Sec – JH brought a request from an un-named club for guidance regarding the alleged illegal in season attempt to approach and poach six players from one club. It was confirmed that whilst the DHCL did not have specific rules regarding these matters they were covered by the YCB rules, which were applicable to DHCL through our affiliation, and that if a club brought a complaint to the Executive they would deal with it based on these rules and the evidence provided. It was agreed that whilst these cases are not easy to deal with or prove, they may well serve as a warning to all clubs regarding such conduct.
- b. Broad Oak were thanked for enabling the Executive to meet at their club each month. League Rep CMc confirmed BO were happy for this to continue into the future. Chair – TA told BO that he would arrange for the League to make a suitable contribution to costs.

The next Executive Meeting will be held on Wed 4th December at Elland prior to the Council AGM