

# Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY 3rd APRIL 2019

In the Chair: Trevor Atkinson

**Other Officers Present:** The General Secretary; Finance Secretary; Administration Secretary; Child Welfare & Facilities and Trophies Secretary; Media Secretary.

**Life Vice Presidents:** Geoff Crompton; Ron Tindall.

**Clubs:** All clubs were present except for Birkby Rose Hill and Kirkheaton.

**Apologies:** The President; Match & Registration Secretary.

### Introduction

The Chairman welcomed all clubs to the meeting and hoped all had enjoyed a good winter.

### The Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting of the 5th December 2018 were taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

### Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

### Financial report

The Finance Secretary delivered the Annual Financial Report and balance sheets and reported that the League currently enjoyed a healthy financial position.

Only a small amount of monies was outstanding from Cartworth Moor, Skelmanthorpe and Shelley. Some amounts were in dispute, but he was in healthy dialogue with those clubs and expected them to be resolved in due course.

The Council approved the Accounts report unanimously.

### General Secretary Report

The General Secretary had distributed all 2019 handbooks to clubs (12 per club) and had a few extra spares if any clubs needed any.

Some of the competition rules sections have been reorganised with a view to make them a little more user friendly.

A summary of this year's rule changes can be found on Page 9 of the Handbook – see below:

- Points deduction along with the appropriate fine for conceding a fixture.
- No 30 minute delay before the implementation of the rain rule, And an over will be lost for every delay of 3 mins instead of 3.5 mins.
- If a player, who is normally a first team player, becomes eligible for the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI as a result of suspension then the player will be deemed to have played in all the games during his suspension.
- On day registration is to be allowed in Prelim and R1 of Paddock Shield.

He reminded clubs that pink cricket balls purchased from the League are to be used in **all** T20 Trophy games and optional in the T20 Shield.

He also distributed to all clubs packs which included Umpire Pool posters, Umpires' Directive Cards for Club Umpires, Rain Rule cards for Club Umpires and team captains and a TRMF booklet.

He reminded clubs that this year clubs WILL need to contact the YCB directly in order to obtain their 4 complementary T20 tickets. Club Secs/Reps should already have received an email with appropriate contact details.

### Disciplinary Report

The chairman gave an overview of the disciplinary tariffs. He confirmed that the number of league and cup matches a player is suspended would be converted into a time period covering those matches and that any T20 matches during that period would also be included in the suspension.

He explained that The Administration secretary would be dealing with disciplinary administrative duties only and clubs were to raise grievances with the Chairman rather than him.

## **Administration Report**

The Administration Secretary confirmed that he had received most of the public liability forms in from clubs with only a few outstanding.

## **Match & Registration Secretary Report**

The Match & Registration Secretary was absent but had forwarded notes:

The RTDF form had been updated to streamline the process and the obligation to complete Part 4 has been removed and replaced by the requirement to complete all registrations by an application on Play-Cricket to make the player a League Registered Player (LRP). A player is only registered when a confirmation has been received from Play-Cricket.

All clubs claim to have completed the Annual Registration Audit and details they have been accepted under Rule 5. All overseas players have had their LRP status removed. If any of these players are returning, then the club will need to simply re-apply for the LRP role once they have entered the country.

## **Grounds and Facilities Report**

The Grounds & Facilities Secretary made all clubs aware that any without sightscreens require permission from the DHCL.

## **Umpires Pool Report**

The Chairman briefed all clubs on the new Umpire's Pool scheme before passing on to the Administration Secretary to explain exactly how the scheme works.

He had so far 33 names added to the pool following the recent exposure and advertisement on the league website. He asked for clubs to let the Administration Secretary aware that they don't have an umpire for their 2ndXI match and he will extend that request to the Umpires' Pool. Hopefully this will result in an official being made available for that match.

DBS is not required for individuals standing in for 1-5 matches a season, however those standing for more than 5 matches will require DBS cover. He has also struck a deal with Solly's for a small amount of umpire kit.

The Administration Secretary urged clubs to give extra consideration during matches for those standing as Pool umpires.

## **Media Secretary Report**

The Media Secretary reported a positive uptake on clubs using the Google Sheets to update their club details. He requested that clubs update their captains in time for the season if they hadn't already done so.

## **Umpires Association Report**

The UA representative reported that they had eight new umpires join up.

The recent courses in March had been successfully completed.

Umpire appointments for the opening weekend of the season were assigned and will appear on the website soon.

## **Any Other Business**

### **League Dinner 2019**

The General Secretary stated the dinner has been booked for Friday 15 November 2019 and revealed plans to revamp the structure slightly to offer more appeal. The guest speaker will be Simon Hughes (ex-Middlesex & Durham), BBC radio commentator and TV cricket analyst. As an experiment this year there would be no comedian. He is also exploring an alternative option to the traditional three course meal and he hopes a slightly reduced ticket price along with a later start time will add more appeal. This will be confirmed at a later date.

### **The MCC v DHCL Under 21 Fixture**

This was now looking like being an annual event given the success of the last two occasions. The 2019 event will take place at Armitage Bridge on Wednesday 24 August.

If clubs have any recommendations for players to represent the League could they please inform the General Secretary.

### **Close**

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 will be held on Wednesday 3rd July 2019 at Elland CC 7pm.**