<u> Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League</u>

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 4th July 2012

In the Chair: Trevor Atkinson.

Other Officers Present: Executive Secretary; Finance Secretary; Administration Secretary; Disciplinary Secretary.

<u>Clubs</u>: All member clubs were represented with the exception of Clayton West.

Apologies: were received from The President; Match & Registration Secretary and Clayton West.

The Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting of the 6th June 2012 were taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

Matter arising

- Hoylandswaine were not represented at the Council Meeting on the 6th June 2012 and under Rule L3(e) were fined £5.
- The Match & Registration Secretary was not present, and as such unable to comment on the faxing of information to him.

Outstanding Fines

The Finance Secretary listed the following outstanding fines:

Cawthorne £17 from 5th May
Slaithwaite £17 from 27th May
Cawthorne £20 from 19th May
Cawthorne £20 from 2nd June.

Fines

The Administration Secretary explained that a list of fines for late results; slow over rates and ineligible players from Saturday 9th June to Tuesday 26th June inclusive, had been sent out to representatives (or their email contact) along with the agenda prior to the meeting. The list of fines will no longer be read out, and this process will continue in the future in order to assist in improving the efficiency of the Council Meeting. Any queries on individual fines will still be open for discussion at the meeting.

T/20 Results and Team Sheet submission

In the absence of the Match & Registration Secretary, the Administration Secretary explained that clubs should submit T/20 result and team sheets as soon as possible after the completion of the games, and in the same way as information is submitted for League matches.

Expansion of the League

The Executive Secretary reported that there was continued interest in the form of formal application, and letters of interest from clubs wishing to join the League for 2014.

Disciplinary Issues

The Disciplinary Secretary announced that should a disciplinary report be sent by an umpire to the League, it was important that the report be signed by both umpires. There was now a newly designed downloadable report form on the League website.

As a follow up to this announcement, the Disciplinary Secretary stated that a report had been received by one umpire detailing the behaviour of Paul Hamer: Armitage Bridge in a recent game. The player had offered his apologies for his behaviour and this had been accepted by the Disciplinary Committee.

The Disciplinary Secretary also reported that there were three outstanding disciplinary issues which were to be dealt with as soon as possible.

Umpires' Representative Report

The representative from the Umpires' Association reported that a message from "Twitter" had been drawn to his attention. The message contained derogatory comments about the umpires at a recent Premiership game. It was revealed that the comments had been made by a Golcar supporter. The Golcar representative stated that he was aware of the incident, and although he had already had spoken with the offending person, he would have further words.

The Executive Secretary stated that any reported abuse from players or clubs via social networks, would be dealt with as a disciplinary matter, but it is very difficult to deal with comments made by members of the public.

Cup Draws

The draw for the **Oddfellows Cup**, and **Earnshaw Cup** were made.

Games to take place on Sunday 22nd July, 1pm start.

Oddfellows Cup: Almondbury v Barkisland Earnshaw Cup: Delph & Dobcross/Emley Clarence v Lascelles Hall Lascelles Hall v Thongsbridge Clayton West v Cumberworth United

Due to a lack of appropriate result information, the draw for the **T/20 Trophy** did not take place, and will now take place at Almondbury Cricket Club on Friday 6th July at 6.45pm.

The draw will be an open draw, and Quarter Final games will take place on Tuesday 10th July, 6.30pm start.

The Quarter Final draw for the **T/20 Shield** was confirmed below as:

(a) Linthwaite v Armitage Bridge

(b) Cawthorne v Thongsbridge

(c) Cumberworth United v Lascelles Hall

(d) Almondbury v Lepton Highlanders.

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It should be noted that the rounds for the T/20 Shield have been pre-drawn, and although previously listed on the League website, the Quarter Final draw has not been recorded accurately in the League Handbook. The Semi Final draw is as per League website and Handbook.

Any other business

- 1) The Executive Secretary asked club representatives to note the following points which do not correspond to the details in the League Handbook
 - Oddfellows and Earnshaw Cups, Semi Final ties Sunday 22nd July. All games to start at 1pm and not 1.30pm as stated in the League Handbook.
 - T/20 Finals Day

 Sunday 29th July.

 T/20 Shield Start time 12 noon.

 T/20 Trophy Start time 4 pm.
 - Oddfellows and Earnshaw Cup Finals Sunday 5th August. Both games to start at 1pm and not 1.30pm as stated in the League Handbook.
- 2) The Emley Clarence representative was concerned that where there was inclement weather and no prospect of play, clubs had to abide by Rule L8(e) and wait for an hour after the scheduled start time before a game could be cancelled or abandoned. He asked if a rule change could be made? The Chairman said that in circumstances where it was obvious that no play would be possible, he felt that most umpires would use a "common sense approach".
- 3) The Barkisland representative asked that all electronic communication be sent to the Barkisland Secretary rather than the League representative.
- 4) The Hoylandswaine representative informed the Council that in the future the ECB may ask the League to use the "Playcricket" website for the posting of results etc.
- 5) The Holmfirth representative expressed his concern about the falling number of umpires in the League. The Chairman agreed that this was one of the biggest challenges currently facing the League, but he was similarly encouraged by the number of potential new umpires who will be joining the Umpires Association in 2013 when the League is expanded to 34 clubs.
- 6) The Broad Oak representative asked if it was possible to modify the proposal to expand the League to 14 clubs in the Premiership with 12 clubs in the Championship and Conference. The chairman said that any potential changes need to be made by the clubs themselves, and this could be done via the submission of a rule change.
- 7) The Meltham representative asked that in view of the expansion of the League for 2013, would the situation for promotion and relegation be unaltered for the current season? The Chairman confirmed this to be the case. See Rule L7(f).

The next meeting of the Council is Wednesday 1st August 2012 - 7:30pm at Almondbury CC.