

EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 3rd April 2024

Held at Honley CC

In the Chair: Trevor Atkinson

Other Officers Present: General Secretary – N Clee; Match & Registration Secretary – P Senior; Media Secretary – J Harrison; Compliance & Safeguarding Officer – J Brook

Life Vice Presidents: G Crompton; R Tindall.

Club Representatives: L Harrison; C McCreadie.

ITEM 1: Apologies

President – W A Sugden; Administration Secretary – M Binns; Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Officer – M Hussain

ITEM 2: Approval Of Minutes

The previous Executive Meeting minutes from Wednesday 6th March 2024 were approved.

ITEM 3: Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

ITEM 4: Financial Report

The Chairman on behalf of the Treasurer provided a financial update:

Current account: £12,304.17

Money Manager: £27,624.90

Loans: £7,861.33

Balance: £47,790.40

This includes 11 x £605 = £6,655 paid up front by clubs for the new cricket balls with just Golcar CC to pay. The total Invoice payable to supplier is £7,425.00 which includes six spare balls.

Since last meeting he had paid £2,820.00 to YCB for affiliation fees and £1,388 to Swift Print for handbooks and match report forms.

Awards Evening: Kirkheaton CC were still outstanding a £30 payment.

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Almondbury's monthly loan repayment of £111.11 (due on the 1st April) had not yet been received (March's repayment was received on 09/03/24, but April's still outstanding). The committee deduced that a change of treasurer at ACC was probably the reason behind the tardiness so the Chairman would remind the Treasurer to issue a payment reminder to ACC.

ITEM 5: Disciplinary Report

The Chairman had nothing further to report from the Council Meeting.

ITEM 6: Media Secretary Report

The Media Secretary reported that grounds supplier Battersby's are all ready to go ahead with their campaign behind the Tom Walker award (£500 voucher to winner, £100 to a runner up decided by the league). He would instruct the Treasurer to issue an invoice for a Gold website banner at his first convenience.

His feeling was that Gutter Doctor were no longer interested in their banner he would remove it in due course.

The Media Secretary reported that the invoice for the website from Shopblocks had been issued to him, but he was not ready to approve until a bug first reported in August 2023 had been repaired. He was hopeful of an update towards the end of the week and would approve if he was satisfied with a resolution.

ITEM 7: EDI Sub Committee Report

The Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Officer was not present.

ITEM 8: Compliance & Safeguarding Report

The Compliance & Safeguarding Officer reported that Linthwaite CC had not completed their commitments for achieving Clubmark. She would speak to the Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Officer who is currently assisting LCC, who may face automatic relegation if they miss their compliance date, with the project.

Life Vice President Ron Tindall asked for confirmation that the club that finished 3rd in Conference would go up if LCC don't meet their objective.

The Compliance & Safeguarding Officer will send The Linthwaite Secretary, who had been out of the country, a reminder email.

It was reported that Marsden only have one person registered for Safe Hands on the system. The Safeguarding officer was instructed by the General Secretary to email Andy Moorhouse at MCC for his information.

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She reported that Shelley still haven't uploaded documents yet so JB will email the club to motivate them to do so.

ITEM 9: Match & Registration Secretary Report

Emley FC's recent promotion has some potential ramifications. Trustees at the ground rely on a healthy relationship between cricket and football. Their promotion may mean their league require them to have their ground available much more often.

EAFc have an arranged annual friendly with a Huddersfield Town XI who offered them a pre-season friendly for Sat 29th June. Emley Clarence CC have formally requested if their 1XI fixture with Clayton West CC can be moved to their preferred date of Sunday 30th June which CWCC have as their first preference.

After discussion it was decided that the Match & Registration Secretary will instruct that as a first step, they should find an alternative ground to play the fixture with Lepton Highlanders, Holmbridge and Flockton mooted as likely options.

No change of date will be sanctioned at this moment in time.

ITEM 10: UA / Conference – WTU Marking Of Umpires & Clubs

Ray Bissett from the Umpire's Association asked if the Administration Secretary can distribute minutes of Executive Meetings to all the UA members. It was decided that it would remain as it is, with all club secretaries and league officials receiving them. It was also observed that they usually end up in the public domain via club websites anyway. Umpires would be informed on any matters which directly affect the UA.

WTU – The Match & Registration Secretary, based on a conversation with the Administration Secretary and from experience in umpiring in the Conference, suggested that umpires and captain's marks could be used further down the pyramid to prepare them if moving up to a higher division's fixture. Life Vice President Ron Tindall responded to state that it was challenging to expect any divisions lower down to comply because he believes the system has to be deemed sound at top two levels.

ITEM 11: Any Other Business

The Chairman canvassed opinion about the weather affecting the first weekend of the season. The consensus was to not make too hasty a decision, so it was generally agreed to leave it a few more days first. The General Secretary would inform clubs when a decision will be reached.

[Update: It was decided on Monday 10th April that the opening fixtures will be postponed with a decision about whether to replay or cancel them to be made at the May Exec Meeting]

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