



Walker Timber HUDDERSFIELD CRICKET LEAGUE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 4th December 2024

In the Chair: W A Sugden

Other Officers Present: Chair – T Atkinson; General Secretary – N Clee; Treasurer - A Hill, Match & Registration Secretary – P Senior; Administration Secretary – M Binns; Media Secretary – J Harrison; Compliance Officer – Mrs Jackie Brook

Life Vice Presidents: G Crompton; R Tindall

Club Representatives: L Harrison; C McCreadie

Representatives from 37 of 40 Clubs were in attendance. Apologies were received from one Club – Clayton West CC, with two other Clubs absent (Kirkheaton & Linthwaite).

David Haikings from the HCL UA and Bill XX from the Yorkshire Post were also in attendance.

Apologies

EDI Chair – Mushtaq Hussain

Minutes of Previous AGM held on Wednesday 6th December 2023

Approved.

Matters Arising

None

Results of Voting on Rule Changes for 2025 and the Future - NC

Results of the voting on 2025 Rule Changes are as follows:

37 of HCL's 40 Clubs eligible to participate submitted votes.

Item	Club Proposals	For	Against	%	Result
1	Change to length of innings / conditions of play (Tiers 2+)	5	32	13.51	Rejected
2	Allow 2nd XIs to be promoted into the Championship	4	33	10.81	Rejected
3	Introduce mandatory one day wide lines on the crease	12	25	32.43	Rejected
4	Early Starts: 45 ov matches starting at 12 noon	4	33	10.81	Rejected
5	Early Starts: 50 ov matches starting at 12 noon	11	26	29.73	Rejected
6	Early Starts: 45 ov matches starting at 12:30pm	10	27	27.03	Rejected
7	Early Starts: 45 ov match starting at 12:30pm (Sept only)	35	2	94.59	Carried
8	Concession of cup game-no entry to OCup/ECup	35	2	94.59	Carried
9	Home teams to provide teas	5	32	13.51	Rejected
10	Home teams to provide teas in Tiers 1-3 plus SCup ties	6	31	16.22	Rejected
11	Leg side wides & fielding restrictions in PShield Final&SF	31	6	83.78	Carried
12	Limit bowlers in all divisions to 20% of the available overs	13	24	35.14	Rejected
13	T20 Shield Refresh: Groups rather than knock-out	10	27	27.03	Rejected

Executive Proposals

14	SCup & OCup-Top 16 in SCup only remainder in OCup	29	8	78.38	Carried
15	Coloured Clothing in SCup	19	10	65.52	Rejected
16	Orange / Pink Ball in SCup	17	10	62.96	Rejected
17	Byes in OCup for highest qualifying 1XI teams	31	6	83.78	Carried
18	PShield & ECup-Top 16 in Shield only remainder in ECup	29	8	78.38	Carried
19	Byes in ECup for highest qualifying 2XI teams	30	7	81.08	Carried
20	“Leg side wides” in all PShield matches	27	10	72.97	Carried
21	Fair Play Points Deduction System adopted	34	3	91.89	Carried
22	Adopt the Sport England Governance Code	30	0	100.00	Carried

Financial Matters - AH

The League’s Financial Statement of Accounts for the year to 31st Oct 2024, already distributed to Clubs with the meeting Agenda, were reviewed and approved.

They showed a small surplus of £901, following a loss in 2023. The improvement was mainly due to the attraction of a new sponsor – Walker Timber – and higher attendances at HCL’s 2024 Finals.

At the year end reserves totalled just over £54k.

Election of Officers to Honorary Positions and to the League’s Executive Committee - NC

The following Officers, who were nominated, and being un-opposed were re-elected en bloc:

Chair:	Trevor Atkinson
General Secretary:	Norman Clee
Finance Secretary:	Andrew Hill
Match and Registration Secretary:	Phil Senior
Administration & Disciplinary Secretary:	Mark Binns
Media Secretary:	Jamie Harrison
Compliance & Safeguarding Secretary:	Mrs Jackie Brook

Club Representative Members: Craig McCreadie (of Broad Oak CC)
Les Harrison (of Delph & Dobcross CC)
Mushtaq Hussain (of Birkby Rose Hill CC) (also EDI Sub-Committee Chair)

The above Officers and their Executive Management Committee colleagues are supported by active Life Vice Presidents, an EDI Sub-Committee, and Life Members.

A variety of the above persons serve on the Disciplinary Sub-Committee that handles Personal and Appeal Hearings.

ECB Premier League - TA

As required by Paul Bedford of the ECB the following statement was read out at the meeting. The background to the statement and related matters were handled in the immediately following HCL Council Meeting.

Quote

As part of the ECB Accreditation Premier League requirements, clubs with a 1st XI in the Top 2 Divisions of the Huddersfield Cricket League are required to have at least 3 Junior hardball cricket teams. This requirement covers any age groups from the Under 11s and must include at least one Under 15 side. Failure to meet the above requirement may result in relegation or denial of promotion from the respective Division until the ‘Junior Section’ requirement has been met to the satisfaction of the Yorkshire Cricket Board and ECB.

Unquote

Sykes Cup & Paddock Shield Draws

Sykes Cup & Paddock Shield 1st Round Draws

Ties to be played on Sunday 1st June 2025 with a reserve date of 8th

Sykes Cup

Honley	v	Hoylandswaine
Thongsbridge	v	Golcar
Rastrick	v	Barkisland
Broad Oak	v	Skelmanthorpe
Shelley	v	Almondbury Wesleyan
Shepley	v	Delph & Dobcross
Scholes	v	Armitage Bridge
Kirkburton	v	Moorlands

Paddock Shield

Moorlands	v	Armitage Bridge
Skelmanthorpe	v	Golcar
Delph & Dobcross	v	Holmfirth
Almondbury Wesleyan	v	Kirkburton
Hoylandswaine	v	Scholes
Linthwaite	v	Thongsbridge
Slaithwaite	v	Shelley
Barkisland	v	Honley

Oddfellows Cup

Earnshaw Cup

1st Round ties to be played on 11th May 2025 with a reserve date of 18th

1st Round Byes

Slaithwaite, Marsden, Mirfield Parish Cavaliers, Birkby Rose Hill, Linthwaite, Meltham, Hall Bower, Cumberworth

Mirfield Parish Cavaliers, Hall Bower, Birkby Rose Hill, Shepley, Broad Oak, Edgerton & Dalton, Cumberworth Mirfield, Lascelles Hall

Holmfirth	v	Edgerton & Dalton
Denby Grange	v	Denby
Thurstonland	v	Emley
Cartworth Moor	v	Almondbury
Upperthong	v	Kirkheaton
Flockton	v	Holmbridge
Denby Dale	v	Mirfield
Lascelles Hall	v	Clayton West

Denby	v	Cartworth Moor
Kirkheaton	v	Flockton
Almondbury	v	Thurstonland
Emley	v	Upperthong
Marsden	v	Meltham
Holmbridge	v	Denby Dale
Clayton West	v	Rastrick

Other Key Dates:

Semi-Finals of all 4x competitions 13th July 20225 with reserve dates of 27th July 2025.

Oddfellows Cup & Earnshaw Cup Finals 10th August

Sykes Cup Final 17th August

Paddock Shield Final 24th August

Reserve date for all Finals 31st August

T20 Finals Day 3rd August

Any Other Business

There was no other business.

The next HCL Annual General Meeting is planned for Wednesday 3rd December 2025 at 19.00pm. Venue Honley CC.