

# Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2019

**In the Chair:** The Chairman

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

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

**Clubs:** All clubs were present except for Almondbury, Birkby Rose Hill, Edgerton & Dalton, Lepton Highlanders, Linthwaite, Mirfield Parish Cavaliers.

**Apologies:** Hoylandswaine, Nortonthorpe, Shelley and Thongsbridge.

### The Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting on Wednesday 3rd July 2019 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

### Trophy Winners

The Chairman congratulated Shepley on their success in the Heavy Woollen Cup this season. He also went on to congratulate Hoylandswaine on winning the Byrom Shield, Sykes Cup and the Paddock Shield and to Golcar and Meltham who won the T20 Trophy and Shield respectively. There were also plaudits for Flockton who won Championship Two and Denby who won Conference Three.

The Chairman reiterated to all clubs that they must take the remaining matches seriously, even if little to play for.

### 12 Team Premiership

Following the August Executive Meeting, the Administration Secretary sent questionnaire out to all current Premiership clubs to canvass opinion on a proposed 12-team Premiership. 9 clubs out of 14 preferred this notion. The Chairman stated this gives the Executive Committee some guidance to work on.

The Chairman proposed there would be two possible solutions to discuss given there are 38 teams playing in 1XI competitions:

1. A 14 team Conference with some teams playing each other only once.
2. 12 teams each in the top three divisions with Hoylandswaine 2XI and the bottom-placed team in next season's Conference migrating into Premiership Two.

To achieve either option next season would require three teams relegated from the Premiership and only one team promoted from the Championship. He confirmed the Executive Committee will continue to discuss further and will need to propose a rule change on this.

### Monthly Finance report

There were fines outstanding with six clubs. The clubs had no further questions.

### Disciplinary Report

The Chairman had one case to report:

James Thompson (Thongsbridge) – Abusive behaviour towards an umpire (5 matches).

### Match & Registration Secretary Report

The Match & Registration Secretary reported that overall, fines were generally down throughout the season. He also emphasised that the rain rule must be implemented correctly in future matches.

He then discussed the fines list which had been distributed to clubs.

## Grounds and Facilities Report

The Child Welfare & Facilities and Trophies Secretary informed all clubs that the Trophies won this season would need to be delivered to Cobwood Engravers by 1 October at the latest.

## Umpires Pool Report

The Administration Secretary stated that the 50<sup>th</sup> pool umpire had been registered. There were 78 requests for umpires over the course of the season of which 94% had been filled.

He added that Clubs have provided 458 home umpires, Clubs have provided 371 away umpires and the Umpire's Association Average was 41.4 per week to the end of August.

He mentioned that clubs had been very supportive in adopting the measures, so the Administration Secretary congratulated and thanked them for that.

## Media Secretary Report

The Media Secretary had nothing to add.

## Umpires Association Report

The Umpires Association representative reported that they had lost 3-4 umpires through the season. Premiership Two had struggled to have Umpires for the final weeks of the season and were mostly attended by club and pool umpires.

In the 2020 season they anticipate two more members retiring although they have picked up an experienced umpire from another league.

The Umpires Association representative also highlighted that there is a short version of the Umpires course (a taster session) which they intend to implement for the winter at club social events around the league. He can be contacted for more details about this.

## Any Other Business

### League Dinner

The General Secretary issued full details for the Annual Awards Dinner which is scheduled for Friday 15 November. The speaker is Simon Hughes, a TV and Radio commentator and a Times newspaper journalist. There will be no comedian as the general perception was that they don't believe it offers as much value for money. This will be an experiment this season.

The food offered will be a simple menu (Steak pie, chips etc.) and the evening would start slightly later than normal (7:00pm for 7:30pm). The cost is £22.50 which is a £10 saving on last season, and it is still four tickets per club minimum.

### Playing At An Alternate Venue

Meltham reported that they had been approached by Lepton Highlanders who 2XI had been due to play, to see if they'd be willing to play a game on Leeds Road Playing Field due to a function being on at their home ground. Meltham requested guidance from the committee. The Chairman thought it wasn't suitable for league cricket and Lepton would have to concede the fixture. The Executive Committee would contact Lepton Highlanders regarding this.

### Hoylandswaine 2XI

A question was asked if Hoylandswaine 2XI would they be promoted if they finished in the top two of the Conference. The Committee confirmed that they would not.

### Wicketkeepers

Meltham asked if was possible to change the wicketkeeper if there was no injury in during a 2XI match. The Executive Committee confirmed they can.

**The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 4th December 2019 at Elland CC (7:00pm)**