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PREMIER CRICKET LEAGUE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 3rd June 2026

In the Chair: Trevor Atkinson

Other Officers Present: General Secretary – N Clee; Match & Registration Secretary – P Senior;
Administration Secretary – M Binns; Compliance Officer – Mrs Jackie Brook

Life Vice Presidents: G Crompton; R Tindall

Club Representatives: L Harrison; C McCreddie; EDI Chair – Mushtaq Hussain

YCF's Mr Richard Wilkinson was also in attendance as our guest and an observer

Apologies

Treasurer - A Hill; President – W A Sugden; Grounds & Facilities Coordinator - A Fortis; Media Secretary – Mrs Paula Huddleston

Minutes of Previous Executive Meeting held on Wednesday 6th May 2026

Approved.

Introduction

Richard Wilkinson introduced himself and explained the changes that the YCF have recently made. Steve Coulthard will continue to be an additional key contact for HPCL. Richard committed to assist HPCL in whatever way was needed and to provide practical and financial support where possible.

He was interested to see the workings of the League's administrative body and better understand the issues, challenges and priorities of HPCL.

Matters Arising

Denby Grange CC

Following concerns discussed regarding the situation at Denby Grange CC it was agreed to visit them to review and assess their situation, which we currently fear is precarious and unstable. The meeting is timetabled for Mon 8th and a report back will be made next meeting.

Financial Report – TA (on behalf of AH)

The Report confirmed that the finances of the League are in a satisfactory state with General Funds totalling just over £58k. Current account: £24,621.86 (including £10,620.00 for cricket balls), Money Manager: £28,649.23, Loans out to Clubs: £15,722.46, totalling: £58,373.55

The Development Fund stands at £12,352.02

All clubs have paid their annual subs etc invoice except Meltham. Simon Kenworthy from Meltham has contacted HPCL to explain that following the resignation of their treasurer they are having to re-do their bank mandates, which is inhibiting their ability to process and pay invoices.

Lascelles Hall have requested a £5,000 loan for a new roller to be repaid over 3 years. Their paperwork is in order. The meeting agreed to approve this interest free loan.

Disciplinary Report – MB

| Date | Name | Club | Match | Division | Offence | Sanction | Captain | Sanction |
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| Disciplinary Register 2026 | | | | | | | | |
| 2.5.26 | Benjamin Birkhead | Scholes | Rastrick vs Scholes | Prem | Ball tampering | L3 reduced ban 3 games | Josh Brook | No action |
| 3.5.26 | Istikhar Hussain | Rastrick | Rastrick vs Scholes | Prem | Posting film on facebook | L1, 1 game | Jacob Waterson | No action |
| 24.5.26 | Danny Moorhouse | Armitage Bridge | Moorlands Vs Arm Bridge | T20 Trophy | Dissent and offensive lang | L1, 1 game suspended | Alec Jakeman | Formal warning |
| 30.5.26 | David Wagstaff | Thongsbridge | Clayton W vs Thongsbridge | Alliance | Called umpire cheat not proven | Reminded | same person | Reminded |
| 30.5.26 | Kieran Evans | CW Club Umpire | Clayton W vs Thongsbridge | Alliance | Posted cheat statement on social media | Apology and Reminded | N/A | CW Reminded |

There have been several recent incidents involving participants posting statements or material into the public domain via social media. This is absolutely the wrong way to handle things. It is not acceptable to make what may be, in effect, on the record public statements via social media that are prejudicial to the interests and spirit of cricket, and have the unacceptable (even if unintended) effect of criticising, abusing, insulting, humiliating, or disparaging a person.

Furthermore HPCL wishes to remind everyone that when anyone is unhappy or concerned about events that take place during or connected to a HPCL cricket match then there are proper processes through which a Report or Complaint can be raised and addressed (see section L11 of the Handbook).

Clubs are also reminded to ensure that you have suitable and effective policies and controls in place to deal with social media matters, privacy, GDPR, and the taking and use of photographs and film clips.

Media Secretary Report – PH (via MB)

The recent public statement regarding HPCL's ball tampering case was read by over 80,000 persons. More than 60k were viewed via Facebook, and 11k on X. The attention this case has attracted reinforces that taking the unusual step of making a public announcement regarding the case outcome was the right thing to do.

Similar splits are seen on other information/posts issued. This confirms that our scaled up social media is hitting a much bigger readership and also a wider (younger) demographic.

There is minimal traffic on the website, which indicates that we need to find a better way to make key information and news which can be found on the website more easily searchable and accessible via social media.

The Womens' & Girls pages on the website need to be refreshed and brought up-to-date.

EDI Report - MH

Nothing to report

Clubmark, Safeguarding and Compliance – JB

The new Clubmark process (now renamed Affiliation) is being piloted by the ECB in 2026. The new process appears to be less onerous than the past. The previously planned trial with Thurstonland can't now happen.

6x HPCL Clubs have participated in an already held girls cricket festival which means they have fulfilled the second part of their obligations regarding girls cricket in 2026 (first part being to appoint and train an Activator).

JB and Steve Coulthard remain concerned about whether Linthwaite CC can become compliant in time to be eligible for promotion into an ECB PL division (Championship) at the end of the 2026 season.

Match & Registration Secretary Report - PS

The most recent fines list of the season is attached these Minutes.

A number of Clubs are struggling to appoint Club Umpires to matches in our 4 Alliance divisions. Clubs are reminded that fines will be applied once a Club has failed to provide a Club Umpire on more than two occasions in the season (see rule L10.6.10) although this rule is intended to be a deterrent, not a method of generating money.

Flockton CC's 1st XI have conceded their Oddfellows Cup fixture which automatically has an effect on their 2nd XI who now cannot proceed further in their Cup competition.

There are too many teams conceding games, and a lot of slow play.

PS is investigating an ineligible player matter connected to Shelley CC vs Lascelles Hall CC

Emley Clarence CC's Conference fixture vs Hoylandswaine, which was cancelled because of Emley football's involvement in special end of season fixtures, remains still to be played.

There are an unusually high number of registrations transfers – many more than in previous years.

Clubs and are reminded that they must provide a scorer and (Umpires also pls note) that games cannot commence or proceed unless one person representing each team is scoring (see rule L8.9). This may mean that a player must score and the team plays one cricketer down.

Grounds and Facilities – AF via MB

All pitch mark and other ground and facilities reports are being followed up.

A formal complaint regarding the alleged poor quality of the ground and supporting facilities at Linthwaite CC has been received. The report appears to include health and safety concerns as well as poor quality. This will be followed up as a matter of importance.

The G&F team had undertaken a test audit of the new Audit Process and templates developed at Almondbury Wesleyans last Friday 29th May. This was successful. Based on learnings from the trial some small amendments are being made to the form before using more widely.

An audit programme is now agreed and three teams led by AF, Craig McCreadie and Les Harrison will undertake 13/14 each by the end of the 2026 season.

Any Other Business

Upperthong CC have picked up on the possibility that they may be ineligible for promotion into the ECB PL Championship division due to the size of their ground being too small. A very good meeting was arranged with their management team to explore options that would enable the length of their boundaries to be increased and make it possible to erect double sight screens without compromising on boundary distances.

It was agreed to approach the YCF for grant funding support. HPCL also offered to assist by providing an interest free loan, but UCC would also need to identify grant funding support and be prepared to invest in improving their own facilities as well. An outline plan of how match pitches for at least 1st XI games could be relocated such that boundary distances would be increased to an acceptable distance was agreed. Possible specialist groundworks contractors were also identified. AF will continue to advise and support these matters. RW undertook to explore what funding support the YCF/ECB could provide.

Clubs are requested to take better care of Umpires at the tea interval. It is recognised that many Clubs do not routinely provide a cricket tea. However a hot drink should always be offered free of charge.

Please note: The next meeting of HPCL's Executive Committee will take place at Almondbury Wesleyan CC on Wed 1st July 2026 commencing at 19.00pm