

# Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY 3rd JULY 2019

**In the Chair:** The Chairman

**Other Officers Present** The President, The General Secretary; 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 Cartworth Moor and Mirfield Parish Cavaliers.

**Apologies:** None.

### Introduction

The Chairman welcomed all clubs to the meeting.

### The Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting of the 3rd April 2019 were taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

### Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

### Monthly Finance report

The Finance Secretary issued his financial report which showed the league's finances remain in a strong position.

The only large payment since last meeting was £1,357.96 to Extra Cover insurance

He also noted that a couple of clubs had not yet paid for the balls but had planned to pay in due course.

### Disciplinary Report

The chairman stated the following disciplinary actions had occurred:

1. David Blakey (Mirfield Parish Cavaliers) – Received a one match ban for inappropriate language on the field of play.
2. Josh Brook (Scholes) – Received a three-match ban for dissent on the field of play.
3. Tom Brook (Scholes) – received [a total of] eight match ban for dissent and foul and abusive language on the field of play. It was noted that this was a six-match ban but with a further two matches activated from a previous offence.
4. Qaiser Rashid (Almondbury) – Received a written warning for dissent.
5. Harry Bissett (Lepton Highlanders) – Received a four-match ban following vile abuse of an umpire.

## Match & Registration Secretary Report

From the issued fines list, number 32 would be removed due to an inaccuracy. He would reissue an updated copy following the meeting to also include the following very recent offences: -

The Match & Registration Secretary reported that two clubs, Shepley 1XI and Shelley 1XI had been punished for playing ineligible players during their T20 Group matches. Therefore, the results were reversed.

Kirkburton and Emley Clarence 1XI had sent their team sheets in late.

### Play-cricket

The Match & Registration Secretary highlighted that club Main Administrators have access to an Action List on the Site Admin homepage of the relevant club website which lists all errors and warnings shortly after each game with links for easy correction on the Play-Cricket website. It is the responsibility of the home team to supply FULLY COMPLETED documentation for every game by noon of the day after the game. It is also the responsibility of the away team to check the scorecards. Most of these omissions make it impossible to accurately report team and/or individual statistics including eligibility to play in Cup games and Last 6 League games. Clubs must get into the habit of checking their Action List the morning after every game or else stricter penalties will need to be imposed.

On the Play-Cricket site there is a facility for each team to confirm the result and the scorecard – most Play-Cricket using leagues make this compulsory. Please check your Action List, make any corrections to Scorecards and confirm result and scorecard within 24 hrs of every game. He also suggested placing players in squads and uploading teams on Play-Cricket club website prior to a match to help out scorers on a match day.

He also urged clubs to copy him in when contacting the Play-cricket helpdesk.

## Grounds and Facilities Report

The CW,F&T Secretary reported that the Paddock Shield and T20 Trophy had not yet been returned and that he required them by the weekend following the Council Meeting.

He was satisfied overall with most clubs. Just a couple of clubs were not regularly putting up sightcreens during matches.

## Umpires Pool Report

The Administration Secretary had received 60 enquiries through the online form on the website. 48 appeared genuine and 44 would be regular pool umpires. 43 matches had requested a pool umpire of which 40 matches had been fulfilled.

The bad weather during June affected some of the pool requests as people didn't want to stand when a match appeared to be in doubt.

Most of the pool umpires are genuinely interested in umpiring and have potential to move to UA.

Premiership Two is not in the pool's current remit but he is trying to be flexible to help the UA out with shortages.

The Administration Secretary thanked all the clubs present for their help.

## Media Secretary Report

The Media Secretary explained that he had released the League's Social Media policy on the website and is a permanent link in the top menu.

He also asked clubs to be aware of who is in charge or had access to Twitter accounts in their club's name (either officially or "unofficially". Claiming innocence or not knowing this should inappropriate content be posted would not be acceptable.

## Umpires Association Report

The UA Representative gave his report on the latest situation.

He also issued a reminder to clubs about discipline and conduct. The UA lost an umpire last year due to this issue. One umpire is considering quitting. He asked clubs to be aware that player behaviour is affecting the retention of current umpires and the recruiting of new umpires.

The UA Representative congratulated Denby CC 1XI for their skippers conduct after a recent match.

## **MCC vs DHCL U21 Exhibition Match**

The General Secretary informed the clubs that the annual exhibition match has been arranged for Weds 14 August at Armitage Bridge CC with an 11:30am start. He welcomed nominations from clubs to submit players (born on or after 1 sept 1997 to qualify). Any nominations must be Emailed directly to him with their name, date of birth and contact number. The General Secretary will assess the nominations ahead of selecting the team.

## **Fred Stallard Trophy & Lady Sykes Candlesticks**

The Chairman explained that the league was thin on ground for nominations. The criteria was 20-30 years' service to their club and / or the league in general. He asked for clubs to consider nominations for this award and nominations need to be in to the General Secretary by 30 September 2019.

The President helpfully added that it was beneficial to the nominee by giving their credentials when nominating.

## **Any Other Business**

### **Player Registrations**

The Match & Registrations Secretary once again re-iterated that NO player is registered to play in Drakes HCL unless they have been confirmed as a League Registered Player (LRP) within Drakes HCL on Play-Cricket i.e. neither old pre-Play-Cricket registrations nor junior registrations are valid unless they are also LRPs.

Clubs were reminded to be especially vigilant if they are using an agent or other third party, examine all documentation carefully and check-out the history of any player who is not known to them. These people are NOT entitled to complete registration forms on behalf of the player. Part 1 of the registration form MUST be completed ONLY by the THE PLAYER and where Part 2 of a transfer form is completed it must be completed by a recognised official of the players most recent club.

**The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 4th September 2019 at Elland CC 7pm.**