

Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League

EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2019

In the Chair: Trevor Atkinson

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

Life Vice Presidents: Geoff Crompton; Ron Tindall.

Club Representatives: Craig McCreadie; Malcolm Westoby.

Apologies: Media Secretary; Les Harrison

The Minutes

The minutes of the Executive meeting on Wednesday 9th January 2019 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

Future Minute Taking

In future the compiling of minutes would become the responsibility of the Media Secretary.

Rule L9a Update

Following a meeting between the President, Chairman and LVP Ron Tindall it was accepted that due to the reduced number of umpires for the coming season there was no alternative than to advise clubs that in Championship Two, Conferences Two and Three they would need to take a club umpire for away fixtures as well as home games.

Due to the lateness of this development the meeting agreed that clubs would not be fined for any failure to provide away umpires but expected them to make every effort to comply.

Monthly Finance report

He was very busy negotiating with several clubs re probable non-invoicing /payment of monies for league subscriptions, balls, fines and dinner tickets. These were all matters outstanding from the previous financial year.

Grounds and Facilities Report

Linthwaite CC

The Secretary was continuing his discussions with Linthwaite and felt there was some reasons for optimism.

Disciplinary Report

Nothing reported from the Administration & Discipline Secretary.

Umpires Association Report

Umpiring Roster

There would be 43 umpires on the League list for the coming season.

Further Recruitment

Following a well-intended report from the Administration Secretary regarding umpire recruitment the meeting agreed that the league would set up a recruitment centre under his control. It was hoped that this action would help clubs meet their increased obligations regarding club umpires.

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Media Secretary Report

The Media Secretary was absent and had sent in nothing to report.

Match & Registration Secretary Report

The Match & Registration Secretary discussed possible ways of speeding up the player transfer procedures.

Any Other Business

League Dinner 2019

The meeting agreed that to attempt to halt the decline in attendances there would be no comedian this year and the possibility of replacing the traditional three course meal with something more relevant would be explored. It was expected that these measures would reduce the ticket price and enable the start to be later and therefore more convenient.

Sykes Cup Sponsorship

All Rounder had informed us that due to business uncertainty caused by Brexit they would not be renewing their sponsorship for this season. The meeting were delighted when the Administration Secretary agreed to take over the sponsorship through his company *WisdenAuction.com* on a 12 month rolling contract.

Birkby Rose Hill

The Chairman updated the meeting on his discussions with Birkby Rose Hill following reports of problems in a match between their Second team and Flockton. Following an internal investigation their 2nd team captain along with other senior players had left the club and all players who took part in the game had been fined by the club. The meeting agreed that the club had acted correctly with this matter which they consider is now closed.

Honoraria

The meeting agreed that future increases in honoraria would be in line with League rule L4a

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on Wednesday 6th March 2019 at Broad Oak CC (7:00pm)