



HUDDERSFIELD CRICKET LEAGUE

EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2023

In the Chair: Trevor Atkinson

Other Officers Present: The President; General Secretary; Compliance & Safeguarding Officer; Match & Registration Secretary; Media Secretary.

Life Vice Presidents: Geoff Crompton; Ron Tindall.

Club Representatives: Craig McCreddie; Mushtaq Hussain; Les Harrison.

Apologies: The Administration & Discipline Secretary and Finance Secretary.

Minutes of Previous Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd August 2023

Approved.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

Finance Report

The Chairman, on behalf of the Finance Secretary, reported the finances of the League are in a satisfactory state with an overall balance of just over £52k, which is a similar position to 2022.

He also reported Almondbury were up to date with their outstanding invoices.

Two clubs have still to pay their June fines invoice (Lascelles Hall and Kirkheaton). Three clubs have still to pay their July fines invoice (Skelmanthorpe, Lascelles Hall and Kirkheaton). Edgerton & Dalton had paid their outstanding invoices prior to the meeting.

Disciplinary Report

The Chairman had nothing further to add from the Council Meeting.

Media Secretary Report

The Media Secretary had nothing further to add from the Council Meeting.

The EDI Sub Committee Report

Mushtaq Hussain confirmed our ongoing commitment to push forward women and girl's cricket.

He also fully supported a rule rather than a suggestion to clubs that overs should be reduced and start times adjusted where Eid coincides with a cricket fixture.

ECB Premier League/Clubmark Progress

The Compliance & Safeguarding Officer reported that she and a number of Clubs who have successfully undertaken the Clubmark process are offering to provide one-to-one support to any club that still needs to gain the accreditation by the end of 2024.

She also noticed that Hoylandswaine's DBS is muddled with another clubs. Les Harrison also added he'd also experienced a mix-up with Delph & Dobcross and Armitage Bridge as DBS contacts on the system. It was accepted that these should be resolved naturally but the C&S Officer will seek confirmation of the resolution of these mix-ups by Steve Archer at the YCB.

The General Secretary reported that Alan Birkinshaw at the YCB confirmed that as part of the ECB PL club criteria an Under 17's team could not be counted as one of the three Junior sides playing hardball cricket that clubs in the top two divisions are required to run. However hardball girl's teams can be included as one of the three sides.

Match & Registration Secretary Report.

The Match & Registration Secretary presented a report of all player performances (MVP) to aid selection for the Overseas Player Of The Season Award. It was unanimously agreed that Nayyar Abbas (Delph & Dobcross) should be the recipient of this award with a clear lead over the performance of the nearest player. Abbas would be presented with his award at his team's match at Golcar on the last day of the season.

Gate Collections

The Chairman thanked those that were present in attending the recent semi-finals and finals and helping with the gate.

Readers Cricket Balls

After discussion on the performance of the balls by official supplier Readers, The Chairman agreed we will continue to review the performance next season.

The General Secretary noted that complaints towards balls splitting or losing shape quickly were seemingly fewer as the season wore on. The Match & Registration Secretary queried why we can't trial other manufacturers balls. However, it was generally accepted this couldn't be an option at this time.

The General Secretary observed that there didn't seem to be a distinct improvement between the Sovereign and Special Imperial balls trialled by Premiership clubs. The Match & Registration Secretary backed this up with his experience of them.

Any Other Business

Concern was raised by the Premiership match between Hoylandswaine v Broad Oak which was reduced to a 40 over match despite being held in good weather with no forecast for rain. Craig McCreadie, club representative for Broad Oak was present and expressed his disappointment with this and that he did not agree personally. Vice Life President Ron Tindall will contact the two umpires involved regarding this.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on Wednesday 11th October 2023 at Almondbury Wesleyan (7:00pm)