



Walker Timber **HUDDERSFIELD** PREMIER CRICKET LEAGUE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 3rd July 2025

In the Chair: Trevor Atkinson

Other Officers Present: General Secretary – N Clee; Match & Registration Secretary – P Senior; Media Secretary – J Harrison

Life Vice Presidents: G Crompton; R Tindall

Club Representatives: L Harrison; C McCreadie

Apologies

President - W A Sugden; Treasurer - A Hill; Compliance Officer – Mrs Jackie Brook; EDI Chair – M Hussain; Administration Secretary – M Binns;

Minutes of Previous Executive Meeting held on Wednesday 4th June 2025

Approved.

Matters Arising

Kirkburton Appeal – Sykes Cup R1 v Moorlands

The Chairman confirmed that HPCL Clubs of the Council voted to uphold Kirkburton's appeal. He reflected on the circumstances leading to the issue, noting the committee is currently overstretched and in need of more support.

Executive oversight and administration for the future

The Chairman reiterated the need for structural changes to the way the League is managed and administrated.

He said that discussions will take place with the General Secretary and Administration Secretary to map a better way forward.

The Media Secretary highlighted the need for a more structured media team, ideally consisting of a Media Secretary, Web Content Manager, and Social Media Lead.

Due to increased professional commitments, Jamie will step down after September.

ECB Premier League Accreditation – Girls Section Criteria - TA

The Chairman reported on discussions with Grace Pearce of the ECB, confirming that from the 2028 season, the top 24 clubs in each ECB Premier League must run a women's or girls' team. Currently, 15 out of 24 HPCL Clubs meet this criterion.

A communication received from the ECB regarding these matters has been shared with all member Clubs.

Financial Report – TA (on behalf of AH)

The Report confirmed that the finances of the League are in a satisfactory state, with an overall balance of just over £53k.

Shelley CC's sight screen loan has been paid to them.

2 Clubs still owe their April to 03 May fines (Moorlands (£40) and Skelmanthorpe (£14))

4 Clubs still owe their 10 May to 01 June fines (Birkby Rose Hill (£26), Skelmanthorpe (£49), Flockton (£10), Holmfirth (£11))

Disciplinary Report – TA/MB

HCL Disciplinary Register 2025										
Date	Name	Club	Match	Division	Offence	Sanction	Dates	Details	Captain	Sanction
1.6.25	Skelmanthorpe	Skelmanthorpe	B Oak v Skelmanthorpe	Sykes Cup	WTU Fair Play 10	No action - Cup game			A Greenwood	
1.6.25	Scholes	Scholes CC	Scholes v Arm Bridge	Sykes Cup	WTU Fair Play 12	No action - Cup game		and above 11	Josh Brook	
7.6.25	Andrew Fortis	Moorlands	Moorlands v Swaine	Conference	Dissent towards Umpire	Reminded			same person	
22.6.25	Eddie Walmsley	Moorlands	Moorlands v Swaine	HWC	poss serious dissent to umpire	Open case still being processed				

WTU Fair Play Penalties 2025		Penalites	League Points
2.5.25	Swaine Hussain	7	4
2.5.25	Thongsbridge Shuff	7	4
17.5.25	Shepley (vs Rastrick)	1	
17.5.25	Rastrick (vs Shepley)	1	
17.5.25	Golcar Keogh	2	

It is pleasing that there have been no changes or additions to this table since 17th May.

Moorlands 1st XI v Hoylandswaine 1st XI HWC R1

Due to controversy during a severely rain-affected Heavy Woollen Cup game, the League was requested to support the HWC sub-committee in dealing with two lengthy complaints/reports. After reviewing the evidence, the sub-committee decided to confirm the abandonment of the match due to being timed out and that the tie should be replayed on 6th July.

Media Secretary Report - JH

The Media Secretary is still in discussions with a potential website provider and will report back next meeting.

He has been evaluating Play-Cricket's functionality and will research how many ECB Premier Leagues use independent websites versus Play-Cricket.

EDI Report

Nothing to report

Clubmark, Safeguarding and Compliance – JB (via TA)

The Compliance Officer is working with several HPCL Clubs to ensure that they meet the criteria of running at least 3 hard ball junior teams.

Match & Registration Secretary Report - PS

Sykes Cup Semi-Finals

It was agreed not to charge gate fees at the semi-final matches due to minimal returns. Home clubs will pay umpires' fees.

Sykes Cup Final Venue

If Honley become a finalist then the venue for the Final will have to be changed. The General Secretary has reviewed and confirmed Thongsbridge CC as a suitable alternative venue, should that prove to be necessary.

Other Cup Final Arrangements

It was agreed that the host club for T20 Finals Day (2nd August) must provide a PA system or borrow the League's.

The General Secretary will contact clubs to confirm whether finalists in the Oddfellows and Earnshaw Cups will provide teas, once semi-finals are completed.

The June Fines List is attached to these Minutes. It was noted that on June 6th there were no offences and 2 umpires at every game.

Complaints by Denby (Umpires inadvertently allowing a bowler to exceed his T20 limit) and Almondbury (attempting to register a 2nd overseas player on day of game) were rejected.

Denby Grange (home to Cumberworth - no compensation) and Clayton West 2nd XI (away to Marsden - £100 compensation) have each conceded a game. They will each pay a £50 fine and will be penalised 2 points for a 1st offence.

Any Other Business

None

The next meeting of the HPCL Management Executive will take place at Almondbury Wesleyan CC on Wednesday 6th August 2025, commencing at 19.00pm.