

Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 3rd September 2014

In the Chair: Trevor Atkinson.

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

Life Vice President: Roger France. Geoff Crompton.

Clubs: All member clubs were represented with the exception of Cawthorne and Honley.

Apologies:

Introduction: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the September 2014 Council meeting.

The Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting of the 2nd July 2014 were taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

Trophy Winners

The Chairman congratulated the following clubs:- Hoylandswaine on winning the Premiership, Sykes Cup and the T20. They had certainly set the standards for the league.

Kirkheaton on winning the Oddfellows Cup and Conference.

Broad Oak on winning the Paddock Shield.

Moorlands on winning the T20 Shield.

Golcar on winning Championship 2.

The Chairman also reminded clubs the last 2 games of the season should be played properly as promotion and relegation issues were still not decided in some of the leagues.

Outstanding Fines and any other related issues

The Finance Secretary reported weather had played havoc with the Sykes Cup and as a result gate receipts had been well down on last year. Fines still outstanding were Cawthorne £20.00 and Kirkburton £8.00. The Finance Secretary also reported that fines had nearly doubled compared to this time last year.

Loans had been made to four clubs – Broad Oak for scoreboard, Hall Bower for sightscreens, Cartworth Moor for sightscreens and Armitage Bridge for Roll on Covers totalling over £9,000.

Fines

The Match and Registration Secretary reported everything was correct as per fines register.

Disciplinary Report

The Disciplinary Secretary reported since the last meeting Daniel Mulhall of Hoylandswaine had been banned for 2 weeks (4 matches) for abusive language to an umpire in a 2nd XI game v Skelmanthorpe Saturday 26th July 2014.

Individual Trophies

The General Secretary reminded the clubs individual trophies had to be back at Ballcraft by 1st October. Fines would occur after this date.

Non EU Player 2014

The Chairman announced it had been decided at the last Executive meeting that Michael Cranmer of Hoylandswaine was this year's recipient of the award.

WYACC 6 a-side competition

The General Secretary reported any clubs interested in entering the WYACC local/regional 6 a-side competition to contact him. The closing date for this was 19th September 2014.

League Dinner

The General Secretary reminded the council that the Annual League Dinner would be take place on Friday 14th November 2014. The guest speaker is Peter Bowler, an ex-county cricket with Leicestershire, Derbyshire and Somerset who now works in the legal profession, and is also regarded as an accomplished after dinner speaker. He will be supported by Jamie Sutherland, a comedian from Liverpool. Ticket prices will be held at last season's price of £32.50, and the General Secretary reminded the Council of the new rule change which committed all member clubs to the purchase of a minimum of four tickets for the Annual Dinner. Pro forma would be sent out to clubs this month.

Modernisation of League

The Chairman outlined the facts behind the modernisation proposal. A sub-committee had been formed consisting of The Chairman, Roger France, Ron Tindall, Norman Clee and Craig McCreadie. They had met for 5 Mondays and put together the proposal which was then put to a players meeting at Elland. After listening to what was said at the meeting and after a special executive meeting the modernisation proposal was finalised. The Chairman reported the best way now to proceed now would be to use league rule L12(d) and get it through on a 12 month experimental trial. The clubs were to vote on the proposal en-bloc. The General Secretary / Administration Secretary to send out the Modernisation recommendations and club voting form to all clubs with the voting forms to be back by 18th September. The result of the Special General Meeting will be announced on Thursday 25th September.

Report from the Umpires Association

The umpires representative thanked the club umpires especially the ones that had gone to away games this had helped enormously with the staffing of games. There had been an increase in umpires this season although three had recently been lost to ill health. A Level 1 course had been arranged to run from 7th October for 8 weeks at Broad Oak CC 7pm start. Numbers were needed so the training material could be ordered from the ECB.

A short term course for club umpires would be held if required prior to next season.

Any other business

- The Match & Registration Secretary had an email from the Heavy Woollen inviting clubs to enter as they were one club short for 2015. He also asked the council for any comments re the playing of Sunday fixtures late in the season and would they be best suited earlier on.

The next meeting of the Council is Wednesday 3rd December – 7.30pm at Almondbury CC.