

# Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League

## EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019

In the Chair: Trevor Atkinson

**Other Officers Present:** The President – RF; The General Secretary - NC; Child Welfare, Facilities & Trophies Secretary - RP; Match & Registration Secretary - PS; Media Secretary – JH; Administration Secretary – MB; Finance Secretary - AH

**Life Vice Presidents:** Geoff Crompton; Ron Tindall.

**Club Representatives:** Malcolm Westoby, Craig McCreadie and Les Harrison.

### Apologies

None

### Minutes of previous meeting 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Approved.

### General Secretary - NC

New Conference 3 trophies awarded at the recent dinner had been sponsored, and it was hoped that the remaining one would be sponsored for 2020.

It was confirmed that Cartworth Moor had won the Administration Award.

Although attendance was slightly increased vs 2018 there remained mixed views about the League Dinner. All agreed that the earlier finish time was welcome. The less than interesting speaker had not helped. It was agreed that the Executive would look at the format again when making arrangements for 2020.

In relation to the matter brought up under AOB in the previous meeting regarding approaching and poaching players, a formal complaint against Kirkburton CC had subsequently been received from Broad Oak. The League had already established in advance of this meeting that YCB rules which previously existed regarding these matters had since been removed from the current rule book. It was confirmed that current DHCL rules do not deal with these matters either. Therefore KCC were not in breach of any rules. It was agreed however that approaching players mid season without the knowledge or agreement of the club with whom any player is registered, or any attempt to make wholesale approaches to multiple players at a club, as was alleged to be the case in the complaint received, was very poor form and to be frowned on. It was agreed that the Executive would research and consider this matter over the next months and seek to bring forward a recommended proposed new rule to the next AGM in 2020. Any reference to rules that are no longer valid regarding these matters would be removed from the website to avoid confusion.

### Finance Report – AH

AH provided the meeting with the current financial situation. Major bills paid since last meeting: Cobwood Trophies £4,591.83.

### Ground & Facilities - RP

Nothing to report

### Disciplinary Report

Nothing to report

### Media Secretary Report - JH

Photos from the dinner had been tweeted out and would be loaded up onto website shortly.

### Match & Registration Secretary Report - PS

The likelihood of a young U17 cricketer being played illegally under a false name in one of the second to last fixtures of the 2019 season is under investigation.

The possible offending club had been asked to confirm events and their response was awaited. Whilst this event had not affected the game, if proven, it would be a serious offence. The case would be dealt with at the next meeting when all evidence had been collected.

### **Any Other Business**

A grant aid request had been received from Almondbury CC for help with funding for a new cricket net practice facility. The meeting confirmed that the League was not in a position to make grants to clubs, however it was agreed that an interest free loan of the indicated shortfall sum, up to a maximum of £2,400, would be made available if that was helpful to ACC.

**The next Executive Meeting will be held on Wed 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at Broad Oak, commencing at 7.00pm**