

# Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League

## EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018

In the Chair: Trevor Atkinson

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

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

**Club Representatives:** Les Harrison.

**Apologies:** Match & Registration Secretary; Malcolm Westoby.

### The Minutes

The minutes of the Executive meeting on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018 were taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed by the Chairman.

### Matters arising

- No matters arising.

### League Structure 2019

League structure for 2019. A request from Holmbridge to be admitted as full members of the league was discussed and it was decided that their progress would be better served by remaining in the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI system. As a consequence to the impending departure of Cawthorne, the Executive have decided on the following league structure which will be in place for the 2019 season:

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#### **Premiership (14 teams)**

*The lowest ranked team will be relegated at end of the 2018 season.*

#### **Championship (12 teams)**

*At end of the 2018 season, the top two sides will be promoted to the Premiership. ONLY the bottom side will be relegated to the Conference.*

#### **Conference (12 teams)**

*At end of the 2018 season, the top two sides will be promoted season to the Championship.*

*Potentially the above situation leaves only 11 teams in the Conference, so in an effort to harmonise the league, Hoylandswaine 2nd XI have been invited to participate in the Conference for 2018. Hoylandswaine have accepted this invitation.*

#### **Premiership Two (12 teams)**

*With Cawthorne 2nd XI and Hoylandswaine 2nd XI no longer in the division that creates a 12 team structure for 2019 thus eliminating Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday League fixtures - a move that is expected to be welcomed by most.*

#### **Championship Two (12 teams)**

*No change to the promotion and relegation places; 2 teams promoted and 2 teams relegated*

#### **Conference Two (12 teams)**

*Again, no change to the promotion and relegation places; 2 teams promoted and 2 teams relegated.*

#### **Conference Three (10 teams)**

*The same, no change to the promotion places; 2 teams promoted only.*

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### Monthly Finance Report

The Financial Secretary gave his monthly report. Fines were slow coming in he will keep reminding clubs. TICS had withdrawn sponsorship from the T20 competitions.

### Grounds and Facilities report

The Child Welfare, Trophies & Facilities Secretary reported problems with the square at Almondbury and the heavy roller still waiting repair. A meeting would be arranged with Almondbury. Scholes would be emailed re no sightcreens. Problem with Edgerton & Dalton ground the groundsman had been on holiday and this should improve. Boundary markings at Honley were discussed.

### Disciplinary Report

The Administration & Disciplinary Secretary reported the following suspensions:- Tom Brook – Scholes 6 matches with 2 suspended until 19/07/2019. Josh Brook - Scholes 2 match ban. James Noble – Scholes 3 match ban. Dan Barber – Clayton West 1 match ban. Mark Johnson – Marsden 3 match ban. Islam Hussain – Mirfield 2 match ban. The Executive agreed that any disciplinary report concerning a Drakes League club or player from the Heavy Woollen Cup competition would be dealt with in house.

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### **Report from the UA**

Ron Tindall reported they had lost 6 umpires since the beginning of the season and at least 6 more would be retiring at the end of the year. Numbers had reached crisis point. New Law 42 with the issuing of penalty runs was causing more problems for umpires and not improving discipline at all. The Executive decided with immediate effect the umpires would revert back to just reporting as before. Waist high no balls and the final warning after one was discussed but would remain the same for this season.

### **Report from Match & Registration Secretary**

The Match & Registration Secretary was absent. On the fines list there were 2 conceded games on the England World cup game day. No fines for these as agreed at the July Council meeting. Denby Dale 2ndXI v Flockton the umpire was correct in calculations after rain rule. Flockton had conceded the game by not going back on as per MCC Laws. 6 pts awarded to Denby Dale.

### **Media Report**

The Media Secretary reported things were coming together on the website with player stats and registrations recently added.

### **Gates Cup Semi Finals**

The General Secretary reported everything in place for the Sykes Cup and Paddock Shield finals. 3 gates would need manning at Kirkburton for the Paddock Shield. 12 noon start for the Sykes Cup final.

### **MCC Game**

The General Secretary reported the league u21's side had been finalised and umpire appointed for the MCC game at Honley on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August. Any Executive who wanted to go to let him know by the 9<sup>th</sup> August for catering numbers. A J Harrison accountants would kindly provide sponsorship for the match. Caps had been ordered.

### **Rules Revision reminder to clubs**

The Administration & Disciplinary Secretary would email clubs with reminder of any rule proposals to be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018.

### **Any Other Business**

- A complaint had been received from Hoylandswaine re conduct of Skelmanthorpe players at the Paddock Shield semi-final at Kirkburton. Since the umpires were unable to provide any relevant information and no representatives from either the League or Skelmanthorpe were at the game it was not possible for the Executive to take any firm action. However a notice had been placed on the website concerning any anti-social behaviour at the weekends T20 finals.

**The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at Broad Oak CC.**