

Huddersfield Central Cricket League



Full League Meeting | **Wednesday 15 June 2016** | **Flockton Green WMC**

Attendance:	All clubs were in attendance.
Minutes of Previous Meeting:	The minutes of the meeting on 5 April 2016 were agreed.
Graham Foster:	Clubs were informed that Graham Foster sadly passed away earlier in the week. A minutes silence was held in his memory.
Umpires Appointments Secretary:	The umpires appointments secretary, Mick Tock, will be unable to take calls on 18th and 19th June 2016. During this period, please contact Harry Marsden if you have any urgent issues, queries or concerns. Harry is contactable on 07771 831621.
DBS Checks and Child Welfare:	Clubs were reminded of the need to ensure that the relevant people within their club have up to date DBS certificates.
Results and Registrations:	There have only been 5 late results sheets all season so far which is a significant improvement on last year's statistics. The quality of the results sheets is also improving. Clubs were reminded of the need to check their players' eligibility for the Tinker Cup (as players that have played more games for their club's 1st team than their 2nd team will not be eligible to play).
Cup and T20 Competitions:	The Tinker Cup final will be held at Flockton CC. The Allsop Cup final will be held at Green Moor CC. The 20/20 final will be held at Birchencliffe.
Representative Team:	The representative team will be playing at Scarborough on 26th June 2016. The Management Board would like to thank Danny Terry of Horbury Bridge for agreeing to be the scorer for the League at that fixture.

Proposals for Mergers:

The Management Board explained the proposals that have been negotiated with the Halifax Cricket League. The proposals include details of the personnel that would be responsible for management, how rules are to be dealt with, how umpiring will be merged, details of the proposed divisional set-up, how promotion and relegation would occur, how the cup competitions would be dealt with, how our existing trophies would be reviewed, the price of subscriptions and overall finance. Club secretaries are to be provided with a copy of the written submission paper over the next few days so that they can discuss the proposals with their clubs in preparation for voting (which will be taking place imminently).

Clubs were then informed about the late proposals that were received from the Drakes League. As clubs are aware, the Management Board have tried to discuss a potential merger with the Drakes League in the past but to no avail. Now, the executive committee of the Drakes League have voted in favour of furthering discussions. The Management Board explained that we have very few details of the proposals from the Drakes League and communications were only received very recently. Clubs wanted more information about the proposals that are being put forward by the Drakes League before being able to reach a decision as to which potential merger they would like the Management Board to pursue.

The Management Board agreed that they would try to meet with (or at least speak with) members of the executive committee of the Drakes League over the following 48 hours. Once they have received a response to a few key questions that were highlighted by clubs, the Management Board will inform all clubs of those responses (via the club secretaries) and, as mentioned above, will provide a copy of the submission paper that has been prepared with the Halifax Cricket League. Once this information is circulated, clubs will have a strict deadline (expected to be the end of June but yet to be confirmed) by which they must vote for one of the proposals to be pursued. Voting will be via email and will be the responsibility of club secretaries.

Throughout the discussions about both proposals, a few main queries / concerns were raised, as follows, as the Management Board will take these into account and try to find out more about each of these areas:

- Will the HCCL lose its identity if we merge?
- How is ground criteria to be dealt with?
- What are our clubs prospects for promotion?
- Geographically, how will our clubs be affected?
- Will we lose our current sponsors / sponsorship?
- What are the increased annual costs going to be for our clubs if we join the Drakes League?

Club secretaries will be contacted by the Management Board as soon as a further update is available.

The next meeting is fixed for 18th October 2016 at 7.30pm but it will likely be necessary to call an additional meeting in the interim.