



HUDDERSFIELD CENTRAL CRICKET LEAGUE UMPIRES & SCORERS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT FLOCKTON GREEN CLUB ON WEDS 6th April 2016.

PRESENT:- President , Chairman, Guests ex Chairman Peter Firth, Philip Ratcliffe (Chairman YCB) & 17 members.

APOLOGIES:- Winston Samuda, John Booth, Graham Foster, Javed Iqbal, Ebrahim Makada & Mohammed Eilias.

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the first Meeting of the Season & introducing Philip Ratcliffe who was to go through the revised Ground , Weather & Light rules brought about by the recent Court case in Birmingham where ECB had successfully defended 2 Umpires for alleged negligence.

The following points were highlighted by the Judge & SHOULD be taken into consideration in giving his judgement:-

1. The Umpires have a Duty of Care & this should not be passed on or assumed by others for example in a situation where the Umpires consider the conditions are dangerous but players want to play.
- 2) FROM NOW ON THERE MUST BE NO PLAY WHERE EITHER OF THE UMPIRES VIEWS CONDITIONS AS DANGEROUS OR UNREASONABLE.
- 3) Where there is only one qualified Umpire & the other end is being handled by a Player or Club Official THE QUALIFIED UMPIRE SHOULD TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR DECIDING ALL GROUND WEATHER & LIGHT(GW&L) ISSUES , while listening to the views of others.
- 4) It is important for Umpires to be prepared in advance to deal with issues of GW&L, and to have formed working relationships with the Captains & the Home club.
Where conditions are, or become unsafe the Umpire needs to be proactive in encouraging steps to be taken as promptly & effectively as possible to remediate unsafe area & eliminate the dangers eg. Covers & sawdust be available in case of rain or roping off areas that may be unsafe.
- 5) In determining whether play can proceed, regard must be had to the FACTORS involved in assessing conditions and the PROCEDURES to be followed in doing this, and keeping CAREFUL RECORDS. Refer to the GW & L Guidance Card in this quarter's magazine.
- 6) The lightning protocol set out in the Guidance SHOULD be carefully followed.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING .

Minutes of the meeting were read & passed as a true & correct record. Proposed - Harry Marsden.
Seconded - Trevor Heeley.

MATTERS ARISING. No matters arising.

LEAGUE MEETING & AGM.

- a) Solly Sports new League Sponsor.
- b) ALL Umpires must be ECB ACO members & have current DBS.

c) New Team sheets for 2016.

d) Existing Officials & Management Board re-elected on block.

e) Fixtures in April & September to be Sunday Fixtures with 1.00pm start in Sept. All other fixtures to start at 2.00pm.

MANAGEMENT BOARD.

Cartworth Moor had applied to re-enter League & had been accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Bank Statement had been received & there was no change in our financial position but the account was to be moved due to our current Bank closing its branch in Penistone.

UMPIRES APPOINTMENTS SECRETARY.

Mick Tock has taken over the duties of Appointments Secretary until further notice due to Graham being incapacitated.

PLEASE ENSURE Mick is NOTIFIED OF ANY CHANGES YOU MAY WISH TO MAKE TO YOUR APPOINTMENTS OR CANCELLED FIXTURES DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER WITHIN THE SPECIFIED TIME.

TRAINING OFFICER. No matters arising.

AOB. No matters arising.

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DATES OF MEETINGS & COURSES.

Next Meeting – Weds. 18th May 2016.

Meetings (Monthly) – Wed 15th June 2016, Weds 20th July 2016, Weds 17th Aug. 2016, Weds Sept. 21st 2016.

AGM – Weds 19th Oct 2016.

THE CHAIRMAN REQUESTS ALL MEMBERS ATTEND AS MANY MEETINGS AS POSSIBLE AS ISSUES RAISED AT THE MEETINGS ARE RELEVANT TO THE RUNNING OF OUR ASSOCIATION & THE MANAGING OF MATCHES.