



HUDDERSFIELD CENTRAL CRICKET LEAGUE UMPIRES & SCORERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the meeting held at Flockton Green Working Men's Club on Weds 14th Aug. 2013

PRESENT:-

Chairman, President. Hon. Guest Speaker David Haikings and 12 members.

APOLOGIES:-

Stuart Hawden & Dave Watson.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

Before the Minutes of the last meeting were read & passed as a true record, Proposed by T.Heeley & Seconded by P.Battye. The minute taker apologised for them not having been forwarded to Phil Senior for putting on the website.

MATTERS ARISING :-

There were no matters arising .

LEAGUE MEETING MINUTES.

No matters arising.

MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES.

- a) There was still one Disciplinary matter outstanding.
- b) Gary Rank highlighted the comment by our President regards over bowling when this had already been highlighted in the minutes of the meeting held on the 19th June 2013.
- c) It had been reported Glenn English was poorly & the League had sent their best wishes & regards on behalf of the League.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was one item of correspondence that had been received from Bev. A copy of the report from the YCB Bowling Panel giving the OK to Saeed Ashraf (Edgerton & Dalton) with regards to his bowling action.

TRAINING OFFICER.

No topic this week .

AOB.

- 1) The subject of poor attendances & ways to ensure minutes get to members to improve this was raised once again with the following being mentioned: - a) Posting minutes to all members to

ensure they are aware of the issues raised & discussed but with postage charges as they are it would cost approx £ 40+ per month to do this even with the £2 per head we SHOULD receive annually from the League so we would possibly be looking at an annual membership fee as the other Umpire Assoc's do to cover this cost.

b) Sending the Minutes by e-mail after obtaining an e-mail address from all our Umpires.

c) HCCL Website.

d) Via Club Secretaries.

e) Change of Night.

However all the above options in there own way do not address the problems of members attending meetings or reading minutes, **IT IS UP TO MEMBERS TO ENSURE THEY DO SO AS IT IS THE ONLY WAY THAT WE KEEP UP TO DATE WITH CHANGES IN THE LAWS THROUGH GARY OR ON MATTERS RAISED AT MANAGEMENT BOARD / LEAGUE MEETINGS THAT MAY AFFECT WITH REGARDS TO CHANGES IN THE LEAGUE OR REPORTS RECEIVED REGARDS UMPIRES.**

A RESPONSE FROM MEMBERS REGARDS THESE MATTERS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

2) Gary confirmed it is OK for the Square Leg Umpire to call No Ball if he felt there had been an Unfair Delivery.

3) Query regards the 'Spoken Language on the Field of Play'. All Leagues, Clubs & Umpires in our Assoc. were issued with the YCB Directive at the start of the Season and this should be adhered to. If the Umpire feels this is not the case he should discuss the matter with the Captain & advise that if it does not cease the matter will be reported to the League who should take what action they see fit.

4) The 'Slow Over Rate' issue was raised again & it was felt there should be some other form of penalty imposed to try & overcome this matter.

There were no other matters arising so a small recess was held before our Guest Speaker David Haikings addressed the members.

Our Chairman introduced David who is Chairman of the Huddersfield / Halifax Branch of the ECB ACO & the Drakes League Umpires Assoc.

David thanked us for once again inviting him to one of our meetings , he gave us a short history of his involvement in Cricket as a player , 23 years of these were in our League playing at Upper Hopton, before moving on to Gomersal & Lascalles Hall to enable his son to improve his game which he did by playing in the Yorkshire Schools County Side . While his son was playing in Australia he decided to take up Umpiring & later 'for his sins' became Chairman of the Drakes Umpires Assoc. This was followed by the same position for the Huddersfield / Halifax ECB ACO Branch. At this point he felt he should obtain some formal Umpiring Qualifications so as to avoid , the 'what does he know ' , if he had to pass judgement on any issues raised against a fellow Umpire . David has passed the ECB Levels 1, 1a & 2 Umpires Courses and promotes the case that wherever possible new Umpires should take the Level 1 or at least attend the 'Introductory & the Refresher Courses Gary gives to help improve your knowledge of ' The Laws of Cricket' and your skills in managing your matches. The Courses now mean that if you were young enough & good enough you could over a period of time be able to make your way onto the 1st Class List & above.

In his capacity as Chairman of the ACO Branch & the Drakes Umpires Assoc. he also highlighted, as our Assoc. had, the issue regards the apathy on the part of the members not attending meetings or contributing in trying to overcome problems that might arise or have arisen during the course of a Season. This also meant that when, in an effort to stimulate interest by inviting a Guest Speaker to the meeting, the lack of numbers attending made extreme embarrassment to the organisers and those who had attended including the Speaker. The recruiting of Umpires was the other main issue even though attempts were being made to encourage the players before they stopped playing to think about taking up the smock the response was mostly 'if, buts & maybe' or 'I'm taking up golf'. In bringing things to a close the call was for us to continue our efforts to try and improve things, at this point he asked if any one had any questions they might want to ask?

There being no questions our Chairman thanked David on our behalf and brought the meeting to a close at 9:25pm.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next 2 meetings will be as follows :-

a) Wednesday 18th September 2013. Commencing 7:30pm at Flockton Green W.M.C. when proposals to Rule Changes or new Rules will be discussed and presented at our AGM for approval before passing to League Secretary for inclusion at HCCL AGM.

b) AGM and PIE & PEA SUPPER WEDNESDAY 16TH October 2013. Commencing 7:30pm. at Flockton Green W.M.C.