



HUDDERSFIELD CENTRAL CRICKET LEAGUE UMPIRES & SCORERS ASSOCIATION

Meeting held in Flockton Green Working Men's Club
Wednesday 15th May 2013

Present: President, Hon Secretary/Treasurer & 11 Members

Apologies were received from : Stuart Hawden and Ian Livesey

Harry Marsden acted as Minutes Secretary

1. Mr Tock welcomed everyone to the meeting and made reference to the poor attendance at the meeting.
2. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 10th April 2013 had been circulated and were accepted as a true record. Moved Mick Drury, Seconded David Watson.
3. Matters arising from those Minutes
 - Trevor Healey referred to the new rules concerning Cup Matches and Brian Cooper added that games must now be completed on the second Sunday (Reserve date) shown in the handbook on page 10 even if a ball out had to be carried out and as a last resort with the toss of a coin.
 - There was some confusion with Cup dates and these should read
2nd Round should be 2nd June
3rd Round should be 16th June
Allsop Semi Finals should be 7th July
Tinker Semi Finals should be 14th July
 - There was also a misunderstanding with the wording with regards to Use of non-English language on the field of play. The wording reads 'The League wishes members of opposing teams to communicate to the other side and the umpires in English, not the whole game in English, **however**, if an umpire had reasonable belief through body language, gesture or attitude that non-English language is being used to intimidate or abuse opposing player(s), the umpire will ask the captain of the side in question to either ensure all such communicate cease forthwith or it is only in English. Failure to do so could be dealt with as a disciplinary matter.
 - A brief outline of last night's (14th May) was then given to the meeting
Details of the Cup Draw (which can be found on the Leagues Website
Two items of alleged discipline had been received from Umpires and these were being investigated
A letter from the Umpires Association concerning the Centenary Handbook – a reply had been sent to the Secretary
4. Brian Cooper gave his report on the Umpires position. He stated that he had a number of Umpires who had telephoned him complaining about clubs and a number of clubs complaining about Umpires. He added that in both cases the correct procedure was to put it in writing to the League Secretary. The next round of the Cup is on the 2nd June and he

asked that any Umpires not available should contact him. He finished by saying that a number of Umpires no longer wished to go to certain grounds and he requested that any Umpires not wishing to go to certain grounds, should advise him why

5. Correspondence.

A letter was received from the Management Board (Jack Carson) with regards to the fact that nothing had been included in the Centenary Book with regards to the Umpires Association. He shared our disappointment and explained the reasons for the omissions.

6. Gary Rank, Training Officer, then spoke to the meeting given one of his comprehensive and informative talks

- He spoke about matches being rained off and the possible 'get out' for clubs whereby our rule book states on page 37 ' that clubs should notify the umpires .. whilst on the next page adds ..Appointment Secretary (a possible misunderstanding/loop hole)
- He also states that Par H on page 51 wants deleting – the rule states that the batsman may have one appeal, when in fact it is now left to the Umpires.
- He then gave an interesting and in depth talk on the ECB guidelines for Junior Players and finished with what happens when a bowler 'exceeds his allowed 12 overs' by mistake. An instance had occurred when a bowler had entered his 13th over. His interpretation was (and he added that he would seek clarification for the next meeting)that if he had bowled one ball of his 13th over that an 'eligible' should finish off the over

7. Any Other Business

- Mr Heeley referred to the recent ACO News Letter which he thought was excellent. He highlighted a discussion he had had with the Editor Stephen Wood and referred in particular to two items he had discussed
 - Grooves on stumps
 - Inappropriate and abusive language that had been referred to in a BBC article and the ways children are taught to use expletives
- He finished by referring to the 150th Anniversary of Yorkshire Cricket Club and a service of celebration being held in York Minster on the 14th June 2013.

8. Mr Tock thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 940pm. He had invited Don Kirby to speak at the next meeting and asked members to spread the word to ensure a better attendance

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th June 2013 in Flockton Green Working Men's Club at 730pm.