



HUDDERSFIELD CENTRAL CRICKET LEAGUE UMPIRES & SCORERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the meeting held in Flockton Green Working Men's Club On Wednesday 19th June 2013.

PRESENT: There were 9 members present for the meeting

APOLOGIES: Ian Livesey, Stuart Hawden, Brian Cooper, Trevor Heeley and Michael Drury.

Minute Taker: Harry Marsden.

1. The Chairman expressed disappointment at the number of members present, however he gave a warm welcome to our guest this evening Mr Don Kirby.
2. **The Minutes of the last meeting** held on the 15th May 2013 at Flockton Green W.M.Club were read to the meeting and accepted as a true record. Moved David Watson and seconded Tony Barnes.
3. **Any Matters Arising**
 - The President Trevor Heeley had sent out a letter to all Umpires asking them to support the Association in these particular hard times for the Association as well as the League - he asked for any suggestions that might improve attendances at meetings
 - The matter of bowlers exceeding the 12 over limit would be raised later in the meeting.
4. **Correspondence**
 - a. Management Board Minutes of the 14th May 2013 were read to the meeting **there were no special items concerning Umpires**
 - b. There was no other correspondence
5. **Training Officer** Gary Rank referred to the matter of bowlers exceeding the 12 over limit, he was still seeking clarification on the matter, however at this point in time he recommended that as soon as the Umpire was aware that a bowler had bowled a ball in his 13th over, that he immediately be taken off and the over be completed by another bowler, similar to the position with an injured bowler. Further enquiries to be made.
6. **Any other Business** . Harry Marsden, asked with his grounds man's cap on that Umpires did not leave any stray studs from boots behind the wickets especially at the end of a game. A number of these stray studs had caused damage to ground machinery blades.
7. Mr Tock then welcomed our Guest Speaker for the evening Don Kirby. Don gave an interesting talk on two areas of cricket, players protective equipment and The spirit of cricket. In his talk on protective equipment he referred to the rules of the game with regards to protective equipment and to how batsmen

could be out and not out of for example helmets. It is something for umpires to study closely. For example only in a televised match last month David Bairstow was given out incorrectly of his helmet. He also referred to wicket keepers retreating to the boundary edge when four runs are required off the last ball. In fact the wicket keeper is not allowed to field on the boundary unless he has taken off his pads and gloves. Should he field it whilst in that scenario with his gloves and pads on this would incur five penalty runs

But his second talking point the spirit of the game raised more debate. The simple question **Is it Banter or is it abuse**, more and more personal and offensive remarks are now been aimed at the batsmen where in the past it was banter. It is up to the Umpire to decide what is acceptable and what is not acceptable and it should be nipped in the bud as soon as possible. Following a discussion he referred to the preamble in the Laws of cricket.

- What is the Spirit of Cricket
- The responsibility of a Captain
- Players Conduct and Behaviour
- Fair and Unfair Play
- Umpires and when they are authorised to intervene
- What is against the spirit of the game
- RESPECT the opposition (stop personal and offensive remarks), your own team and Captain, the Umpires and their roles and responsibilities
- Remember that there is no place for violence
- And that in a game, Captains, Umpires and players set the tone for the conduct at a cricket match, and everyone is expected to play their part and contribute.

He asked Umpires to read the two pages which gave examples of the above. Mr Kirby answered a number of questions raised and he was thanked for an interesting talk which had caused an excellent discussion.

8. There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.40pm. The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 17th July 2012 at Flockton Green WMC commencing at 7.30pm