



# HUDDERSFIELD CENTRAL CRICKET LEAGUE UMPIRES & SCORERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 23rd Annual General Meeting held at Flockton Green Working Men's Club

on 19th September , 2012

## **PRESENT:-**

Chairman, Hon. Secretary /Treasurer and 13 members.

## **APOLOGIES**

Trevor Heeley, Brian Cooper and Stuart Hawden.

## **MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Chairman read out the minutes of the last annual general meeting and these were passed as a true record.

Proposed by Roy Ashworth and Seconded by Ian Livesey.

## **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

## **PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

The Chairman read out the President's Address.

On the eve of the Central League's Centenary it is a time to reflect on the past, to examine the present and to prepare for the future.

The stability of the Central League was a feature with its expansion over the years adding strength to what was hoped would be a guaranteed future.

However in recent years an increasing number of clubs (the majority long established members of our league) chose to leave to sample pastures new. In particular the Huddersfield League resulting in undermining the stability to such a degree as to give serious concern for the future which is further threatened for some of our clubs whose grounds are being sold, whilst others are facing an uncertain future due to player shortage.

For our part as an Association we can be proud of the fact that we have remained loyal to the League throughout and I sincerely hope that we shall continue to play our part in working with others seeking to overcome the problems which will require time and patience and not least teamwork from all towards ensuring the League has a stable platform on which to rebuild towards ensuring there is still a future for us and those who follow to enjoy.

Of this past season the element of enjoyment was undermined by frustration which was in evidence both on and off the field as cancellations and abandonments played havoc especially with many last minute decisions giving Brian, our Appointments Secretary, added headaches as he endeavoured to notify us in time to avoid unnecessary travel.

During the course of the season there have been incidents reported by our members requiring action by the League Management whilst other incidents were dealt with on the spot.

We are asked to report all incidents which involves indiscipline - confrontation and threatening behaviour and that we seek to ensure that the spirit of cricket is maintained throughout.

In acknowledging the fact that only one third of our members attend our meetings it is essential that our minutes which are sent to all members are read and their contents noted, and that any questions you may have are referred to us for discussion. Always remember that your problem of today could become our problem of tomorrow.

In closing I wish to convey my most sincere thanks to all our officers for their continued work and dedication in these difficult times and to all members I ask that you continue your valued service to the Central League within your membership of our Umpires' Association.

### **CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS**

We have come to the end of another season, one which has been very disrupted by the weather over which we have no control. The League has lost almost 50% of its fixtures, clubs have lost valuable income and we have been left kicking our heels for a good number of Saturdays. A more serious thought is the number of matches lost as a result of clubs being unable to fulfil their fixtures due to lack of players.

It is also known that a number of clubs have decided to leave the league to play in other leagues. Whilst we wish them well we hope that most of their club umpires will remain in our league.

We do not appear to have had any major problems in the association and those minor ones we have had have been quickly resolved.

Perhaps the reasons for a few problems is in the fact that we have more officially qualified umpires as a result of training courses run by the ECBACO. A further 6 people passed the Level 1 exam in the last close season.

I wish to thank the Officials for their support during the past year, particularly to Brian Cooper for his untiring work as Appointments Secretary, together with those members who agreed to make last minute changes to their appointment.

On a more personal note I have decided after 32 years as an Umpire, 26 of those in the H.C.C.L, to hang up the white coat. I have been undecided over the last couple of seasons as to what to do but I must let my head rule my heart and say enough is enough. In 1990 I was present at the first meeting of the Association and to be eventually elected Chairman is an honour I will always feel proud of.

I will certainly miss the game and the large number of friends, both Umpires and Players, I have made.

My cricket career turned a full circle last Sunday as I started in 1947 as a scorer in Flockton C.C. and 65 years later I umpired my last match on the same ground.

As I believe that the Chairman of any Association should be actively involved I have decided not to offer myself for re-election at this meeting. I have been fortunate to have had excellent support from various officials during my time in office. Without wishing to offend anyone who has held office I would like to thank two of those in particular. Firstly the late Phillip Lumb for his work as

Secretary, especially at the time when C.R.B. checks were introduced. Also to Garry Rank for the time and effort he has put into training our members. By his efforts he has helped to take our association from a one league outfit to part of a National Group. He also introduced us to one particular umpire, Fireman Sam, who I am sure will remain in the memory of all who met him.

But most of all I would like to thank you the members for having faith in me to act as your Chairman.

To my successor I wish him the same support I have received in the past and may he enjoy the position.

### **HON SECRETARY'S REPORT**

I have carried out the duties of Hon Secretary to the best of my ability.

Attendances at meetings this year have been good but once again we don't seem to have many scorers attending and we always seem to have the same faces at our meetings.

Aprils meeting was particularly well attended. For the remaining meetings we have been averaging about 18 which is disappointing because it is down on last year.

I would like to thank Peter Firth our Chairman for his help in my capacity as Secretary/Treasurer.

I would also like to thank Ian Livesey for supplying some stationery items.

Also thanks to Brian Cooper for his help with the database and thanks to Harry Marsden for filling in as Secretary at a couple of meetings which I could not attend.

Yours in cricket.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

I hope the balance sheet has been circulated. There doesn't seem to have been a lot to do with the balance sheet this time.

At this point in time we have had two deposits which are the Pea and Pie Supper raffle and a donation from the League of £100 to cover administration. If there are any questions please ask Harry or myself. I would also like to thank Harry for doing the audit on the books.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

President – Trevor Heeley

Chairman – Mick Tock

Vice-Chairman – Ian Livesey

Honorary Secretary – Mick Tock

Honorary Treasurer – Mick Tock

Auditor – Harry Marsden

Training Officer – Garry Rank

E.C.B.O.A.C.O Rep – Ian Livesey

**NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The next Annual General Meeting will be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2013.

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.



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- Correction - It was Greenmoor who were sledging in the match with Birkby Rosehill and not both teams as was stated in the last set of minutes.

## **MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES**

The Chairman read out the minutes of the Management Board meeting and gave his opinion of what referred to umpires.

- Email received regarding the game between Birkby Rose Hill v Higham on 25 August 2012, the result stands at 2 points each. Letter to be sent to Umpires Association for discussion and clarification on points raised.
- Regarding the issue of the use of bad language in schools brought to the table by T.Heeley, the replies have been received and noted.
- Regarding letter received from Ian Parr (Holmbridge v Crossbank Meths) on 11 August 2012, enquiries made to umpires, letters to be sent to both teams reminding them of the spirit of cricket.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Two letters of correspondence:

- A letter has been sent to the Management Board which has been forwarded to the Umpires' Association between Birkby Rosehill 'B' v Higham 'A' Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2012 complaining about an Umpire calling the match off due to adverse weather conditions. The meeting discussed the letter and a letter will be sent back to the League in due course.

- A second letter was received by the League and forwarded to the Umpires' Association complaining about two Umpires shouting at the scorers by a bystander. This was also discussed at the meeting and certain actions will be put into force early next year. A reply to the League from the Umpires' Association about this letter will be sent in due course.

### **TRAINING OFFICER**

- A Level 1 course is being run by the Huddersfield and Halifax E.C.B.A.C.O. on the 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2012 for 10 weeks starting time 7.15 p.m. at Outlane Cricket Club.
- The Huddersfield Central Cricket League Umpires' and Scorers' Association will be running a refresher course for 6 weeks on starting Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

### **AOB**

- A discussion took place about rain affected matches . Whether three minutes per over was enough time to have taken off . It was decided to be left as it was.
- Ian Livesey brought forward that the E.C.B.A.C.O. Umpires' list is not as it should be but they are hoping to get everything correct by the start of the New Year.
- The Umpires' Association gave a donation to Flockton Green W.M.C. for the use of their hall for our meetings.
- Dates for your diary for next year are 10<sup>th</sup> April, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 17<sup>th</sup> July, 21<sup>st</sup> August, 18<sup>th</sup> September and 16<sup>th</sup> October, all in 2013.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2012 at 7.30 p.m. at the same venue (Pea and Pie Supper – please bring a raffle prize).