



HUDDERSFIELD CENTRAL CRICKET LEAGUE UMPIRES & SCORERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the meeting held in Flockton Green Working Men's Club On Wednesday 20th June 2012.

PRESENT: There were 19 members present for the meeting

APOLOGIES: The Chairman, Peter Firth, was on holiday and the Secretary Mick Tock was acting Chairman whilst Harry Marsden, would take the minutes of the meeting. Other apologies were received from John Earnshaw and Howard Moxon

1. **The Minutes of the last meeting** held on the 16th May 2012 at Flockton Green W.M.Club were read to the meeting and accepted as a true record. Moved M.Drury and seconded I.Livesey.

2. **Any Matters Arising**

- The Extra Ordinary Meeting Minutes called for the 12th June 2012

A report back stated that the meeting had been called to discuss the changes that were taking place in the League and the teams that were leaving at the end of this season - following a lengthy discussion - a vote was taken and passed unanimously that in the event of more than 2 clubs leaving, having taken into account promotion and relegation, the sections for 2013 will be determined by the final finishing positions of 2012, with no club being allowed 2 teams in the same section other than the lowest section.

Clubs and Management Board are to reflect of the various issues discussed and submit any comments to the Hon Sec. Consideration to be given to appropriate rule changes where necessary.

Following this report our President stated that he had spoken to the full meeting and referred to the clubs that were leaving, he had requested the clubs to think again before moving, the point of no return as not yet been reached - if you don't have a rich benefactor you could become whipping boys - no money means major problems, please think hard before you leave.

3. **Correspondence**

- a. Management Board Minutes of the 12th June 2012 and League Meeting Minutes of the 12th June 2012 were given to the meeting **there were no special items concerning Umpires**
- b. Extra Ordinary Meeting Minutes of the 12th June 2012 **details as above**
- c. The Secretary also stated that a Bank Statement had also been received

4. **Umpires Appointment Secretary** - Brian Cooper spoke about the number of rained off matches that had occurred lately and referred to a number of occasions lately when umpires had visited grounds prior to 12 noon and called games off. He reminded Umpires it is up to the two captains/clubs to call games off prior to 12 noon, not umpires. He reported a number of umpires had travelled to games which had already been called off due to not been informed - these would off course need to be reimbursed by the clubs concerned. The next

round draw of the Alsopp and Tinker Cups had been made prior to the meeting and he asked for umpires to inform him of their availability for the ties which were due to be played on the 1st July 2012.

Geoff Evans praised Brian for all his efforts during the past few weeks considering the amount of bad weather

5. **Training Officer** Gary Rank stated that he had nothing tonight, but urged members if they had any areas of concern to contact him so that any problem areas could be discussed at the next meeting.
6. **Any other Business** . Harry Marsden had three items, which he wished to put to the meeting in his role as League Registration Secretary
 - Junior players (under 12 age group) playing in open age cricket - following a request for guidance from an Umpire. He stated that any Under 12 player allowed to play in open age cricket in 2012 (i.e DOB after 31st August 1999) will have in his possession a card allowing him to play - containing his name, DOB, Club, Parents Signature and the Signature of Ian Chappell Chief Executive YCB. A current form used by a Junior allowed to play was shown to the meeting
 - A reminder also to Umpires - that any Under 13 player signed on, on the day (i.e DOB after 31st August 1998) must have their Parents Signature on the form.
 - An Umpire had also reported that the Captains had already 'tossed up' before he arrived at a game - both captains reported that they tossed up at 1.45pm . It was five minutes after that, when the umpires turned up and with no apologies for turning up late demanding they toss up again. The captains stated that given that the wicket keeper and the batsmen were all padded up, they refused as both felt it was unfair to make such a demand at this time and defended their decision - **A reminder that Umpires need to turn up in good time to be able to witness the toss**
 - Trevor Heeley reported that despite the new facilities at Azaad that the accommodation for scorers was very poor, still sitting outside, he had reported the matter to the Management Board and asked umpires to monitor if any improvements were forth coming
 - Geoff Evans reported problems with the renewal of his ECB/ACO membership renewal - Ian Livesey agreed to take the matter up with ECB
 - Stuart Hawden thanked the umpires who had completed Ground Report Forms despite the few matches played. Area of concern which he was taking forward were
 - Poor toilet facilities at a number of grounds (with no hand washing facilities)
 - Incorrect marking of the return crease (only being marked 2 foot)
 - The incorrect marking of the protected area - five foot in front of the wicket and a foot marking at each side of the middle stump.
 - Ian Livesey referred to a case in another area concerning remarks made against a female secretary on a league 'forum' website. Problems were ever growing on the social network sites, face book, twitter etc and these were now being addressed. The club in question had been suspended from cricket.

7. Mick Tock then welcomed David Haikings, our Guest Speaker for the evening, to the meeting. David is an Umpire in the Drakes League and also the new Chairman of the Huddersfield/Halifax Branch of the YCB ACO. David gave an enjoyable talk on his way through his cricket life, starting as a scorer at Mirfield, before playing cricket at Mirfield, Staincliffe, 23 years at Upper Hopton, Gomersal and Lascelles Hall where he was also secretary for 9 years. He decided to start umpiring 4 years ago, and moved into the Drakes League.

At the end of last year he took over the role of Chairman of the Huddersfield/Halifax Branch of the YCB ACO and urged all members to join him at the Branch meetings at Outlane. Meetings are held four times a year, and at the last meeting Umpire Ishie Dawood was the guest, and in July (at a date to be confirmed) it is hoped Test Batsman Wasim Jaffa will attend, this will be followed by the AGM in October and at the February 2013 meeting the guest speaker will be Peter Bottomley.

A discussion followed on the clubs leaving the Central League and he referred to Trevor's comments earlier about the differing standards of a number of top clubs in the Drakes League, he referred to a T20 match at Hoylandswaine only last week where the players on view were County and ex County players. Any clubs moving would need to improve their playing strength and ground facilities. A discussion then followed on the Umpires pathway to the top and the fast tracking of new umpires onto the Test and County scene.

David was an interesting speaker and the chairman thanked David for attendance.

8. There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.10pm.
9. The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 18th July 2012 at Flockton Green WMC commencing at 7.30pm