



HUDDERSFIELD CENTRAL CRICKET LEAGUE UMPIRES & SCORERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 22nd Annual General Meeting held at Flockton Green Working Men's Club

on 21st September, 2011

PRESENT:-

President, Chairman, Hon. Secretary /Treasurer and 22 members.

APOLOGIES

Ian Livesey Howard Moxon and Paul Taylor.

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 Imran and Seconded by Mick Drury.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The end of another season giving time to reflect on the past to examine the present and attempt to predict the future.

As the League approaches its Centenary in 2013 whilst none of our current members date back to 1913 many can remember the many changes which have occurred over the past 50 years (and more) with the continued expansion of the League almost contradicting the title Huddersfield Central with its present boundaries stretching some 20 miles involving longer journeys amidst varied weather patterns which sees play in ideal conditions in one area whilst the ravages of storm and tempest greet our arrival in others.

Although our Association wasn't founded until 1990, umpires have featured in the League's history and have been and still are a vital integral part. Over the years there have been many long serving and dedicated colleagues we have been privileged to have known, whilst many are no longer with us their memory lives on as reference to their character often brings a wry smile of recognition and that warm feeling of gratitude for their friendship.

As always in expressing my sincere thanks to all our officers for their dedicated work and support I have to yet again refer to the disappointing attendances at many of our meetings.

There have been a number of serious incidents during the season involving our members which required a more in depth discussion in order to assist towards avoiding such incidents or dealing affectively with them on the spot.

Remember we are an association seeking to give guidance, encouragement and support.

I ask each one of you

be a part of – **NOT** apart from.

As we prepare for whatever another season has in store for us – one thing's certain another birthday – so looking to the future keep your eyes open for potential new members – young or not so young would be welcome giving Garry the opportunity to impart more of that knowledge we all appreciate in confirming that we all have still something to learn.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

As we have come to the end of another season we can look back at the first one in which the latest amendments to M.C.C. Laws came into play. The two changes that affected us most at our level are (a) being present at the toss and (b) having sole responsibility regarding playing conditions i.e. weather light and ground conditions. I know that some of our members did not see the point of certain of the law changes, but we are there to uphold the laws, not to make them.

Weather wise we have not done too badly with far less matches lost compared to last season. As Chairman I would like to thank those members who have regularly attended the meetings. My thanks to Mick Tock for his work as Secretary/Treasurer, to Harry Marsden for auditing the books and producing the balance sheet. To Garry Rank for giving up lots of time to organise and run training courses. Why more of our members don't take advantage of this I don't know. To Brian Cooper for his untiring work as Appointment Secretary to ensure that all matches had officials or an official present. He has been assisted by those members who were prepared to move at the last minute. Our thanks must go to Flockton Green W.M.C. for allowing us to hold our meetings at the club and to Andrea the stewardess for all her help. Finally on behalf of the Association may I thank Liz Poulter for her excellent work as General secretary of the League as she announces her departure from the position.

Looking forward to next season may I remind everyone to check that your C.R.B. is up-to-date together with your E.C.B.A.C.O. membership.

In closing I look forward to seeing you all in 2012.

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 20.

I would like to thank Peter Firth our Chairman for his help in my first year 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 thank you to Don Kirby for his speech at the August meeting.

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 but two main expenditures were the new blue book (M.C.C. Laws) which was given to all umpires at the start of the season. The other expenditure is a digital handset for Garry Rank so that he can do his training.

At this point in time we have had only one deposit and that is the Pea and Pie Supper raffle as you can see in the balance sheet. 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 – Peter Firth

Vice-Chairman – Mick Tock

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

Dr Geoff Evans proposed that all the above officers be voted on en-block.

Seconded by Roy Ashworth.

NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The next Annual General Meeting will be held on the 19th September, 2012.

The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.



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- Garry Rank brought up the point of the Level One Course going up from £30.00 to £40.00. Everybody gets membership into the E.C.B.A.C.O. and a free Tom Smith's book.
- The Chairman and President have reported about the stop tap at Birkby Rose Hill to the Management Board.

MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES

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

- Responses received from Horbury Bridge and the umpire concerning the allegations of unsportsmanlike behaviour and lack of toilet facilities at Horbury Bridge during the Horbury Bridge B v Leymoor B game on Saturday, 30 July 2011. The Management Board has concluded that both sides were equally to blame for the "unsportsmanlike behaviour" during the match. The clubs were asked to remind their players of the "Spirit of Cricket" guidelines and no further action will be taken on this occasion. With regard to toilet facilities at Horbury Bridge CC, they have an arrangement with the Ship Public House to allow players use of their facilities and more notices will be placed around the club so that away teams are more aware of the current arrangements.
- Letter received from Bradley & Colnebridge CC questioning why there was no slow over rate recorded against Silkstone B when they played Bradley & Colne B on 9 July 2011. An explanation from the umpires has been sent to Bradley & Colne.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

TRAINING OFFICER

Garry Rank told the meeting that there could be a Level One 'A' Course at Outlane Cricket Club possibly in the new year. There will be a level one course which will be held at Flockton Green W.M.C. at the beginning of October. Also in the new year there will be a revision class which will be held at Flockton Green W.M.C.

AOB

- An umpire brought a point up about the toss and the decision that he made at the match between Edgerton B –v- Mount A.
- There was also a point brought up about covers and rain affected matches at the Silkstone A –v- Old Almondburians.
- Dr Geoff Evans gave a report on the match between Huddersfield Central League Under 17s and Nidderdale Under 17s.

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday the 19th October, 2011 at 7.30 p.m. at the same venue (Pea and Pie Supper).