

**98<sup>th</sup> AGM held on Tuesday, 22 November 2011 at Almondbury Wesleyan CC**

**WELCOME**

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting including; Life Members, Trevor Heeley and Adrian Whittaker and Umpire's Association Chairman, Peter Firth

Before the meeting commenced a minute's silence was held in memory of both Ted Gill (former cricketer, umpire and donator of the trophy for most 6 hits) and Gary Hallas (cricketer from Crossbank Methodist CC).

The President, Jack Carson presented a bouquet of flowers to Joyce Booth (Vice-President) and Liz Poulter (Secretary) who are both standing down.

**ATTENDANCE**

All clubs except Azaad, Durkar were represented together with all members of the Management Board except N Heppenstall.

**APOLOGIES**

N Heppenstall

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the 97<sup>th</sup> AGM held on 23 November 2010 had been circulated and there were no matters arising.

**OFFICERS' REPORTS**

The President, Secretary, Result Secretary, Registration Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor and Umpire's Appointment Secretary all read their reports and copies are attached at the end of the minutes. In addition, the Treasurer handed out the statement of accounts.

**OFFICERS OF THE LEAGUE**

No nominations had been received and existing officials and members were re-elected together with the new appointments of:

Vice-President - Alan Kaye  
Secretary - Bev Matthewman  
Management Board Member - Andrew Matthewman

Representatives to the Area Council and Junior League will remain as I Livesey and P Senior respectively.

The League Team Manager:- Andrew Matthewman.

**CONSTITUTION**

There will be 68 sides for the 2012 season - Premier, A, B and C sections having 12 teams and Sections C and D having 10 teams

### **ALTERATIONS TO LEAGUE RULES**

Rule 2 (F) - Page 39	Carried	Unanimous
Rule 5 (A) - Page 40	Carried	22 - 8
Rule 5 (F) - Page 41	Defeated	14 - 16
Rule 5 (U) - Page 42	Defeated	1 - 29
Rule 5 (V) - Page 42	Carried	Unanimous
Rule 7 (E) - Page 44	Carried	Unanimous
Rule 7 (O) - Page 45	Carried	Unanimous
Rule 7 (S) - Page 45	Carried	Unanimous
Rule 7 (U) - Page 46	Defeated	4 - 26
Rule 8 (A) - Page 46	Carried	Unanimous
Rule 9 (B) - Page 46	Defeated	9 - 16
Rule 10 (D) - Page 49	Carried	20 - 6
Rule 12 (C) - Page 51	Carried	21 - 7
Rule 14 (C) - Page 53	Defeated	13 - 20
Rule 14 (C) - Page 53	Defeated	6 - 24
Rule 14 (D) - Page 53	Carried	Unanimous
Rule 17 (R) - Page 55	Carried	22 - 2
Rule 17 (Bye-Laws)	Carried	20 - 5
Allsop Cup Rule S - Page 57	Carried	Unanimous
Allsop Cup Rule A (g) - Page 58	Carried	21 - 6
Tinker Cup Rule F - Page 59	Carried	Unanimous
Armitage Cup - Page 63 and 20/20 Cup - Page 66	Carried	Unanimous

### **LEAGUE COMMITTEE DATES 2012/2013**

7 February 2012, 3 April 2012, 12 June 2012, 16 October 2012, 27 November 2012 (AGM),  
5 February 2013, 2 April 2013

### **HONORARIA**

No change.

THE AGM CLOSED AT 8.30 pm

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2011 AGM**

Ladies & Gentleman

Firstly I wish to formally report that arrowselfdrive.com have completed 10 yrs sponsorship of the league and have very kindly agreed to a further 10 yrs sponsorship. We are indebted to Chris Taylor Managing Director of Arrow for this continued excellent support of the league.

Additionally CopyMark sponsors of the 20/20 competition have also agreed to sponsor the Allsop, Tinker & Armitage cups. Again, we are extremely grateful to their Managing Director, Mark Pidsley for this support.

We also thank all our other sponsors and details can be found on the web site and in the handbook.

Congratulations to all prize winners, both individual and team and I look forward to them receiving good support at the Annual League Dinner on Friday 2 March 2012 at Cedar Court, Huddersfield.

I also thank all members of the Management Board for their excellent work over the last 12 months. I am sorry to report that Joyce Booth, long serving Vice President and Liz Poulter Hon Secretary are both retiring this year. Umar Chishti is also not seeking re-election. I sincerely thank them for all their committed work and wish them well. Replacing Joyce and Liz are Alan Kaye as Vice President and Bev Matthewman as Hon Secretary. We also welcome onto the Man Board Andy Matthewman who has managed the league sides. Delighted to have you all on board and I hope you enjoy the experiences.

On the subject of change, Mirfield and Cumberworth have decided to move onto fresh pastures and we wish them well. Joining us tonight from the CYCL is Netherton CC and we welcome them to our league

Dr Peter Davies is busy compiling the Centenary Book on the league and it is envisaged it will be ready by the end of the 2012 season

I personally wish to thank all umpires, scorers, tea ladies & groundsmen who ensure cricket is played in the correct manner and I am sure new recruits to all these roles would be welcome.

Finally may I wish you and all your families the very best of the coming festive season and an enjoyable cricket season in 2012.

J Carson  
League President

## **Secretary's Report for 2011 AGM**

I would like to re-iterate our President's thanks to arrowselfdrive.com and all the other sponsors of the league for their invaluable support.

Thanks should also be given to the President and all the Management Board for their hard work and especially to Phil Senior and Harry Marsden for their fabulous service in collecting, collating, and publishing the results and Jim Bostwick for taking care of the finances, not forgetting Brian Cooper who has the difficult task of allocating match umpires.

There were two formal disciplinary hearings this year and a number of internal ones held by individual clubs mainly due to verbal abuse directed at the umpire and unsportsmanlike behaviour.

We had a few instances this last year when clubs overlooked important information from the league due to non-attendance at meetings and by not reading meeting minutes, published on the league website.

I would like to finish by saying a big thank you all the clubs for your support during my three years as secretary and I hope you will make every effort to welcome and support the new secretary in the same way.

E Poulter

## TREASURERS REPORT

The League had a surplus of £224.06 for the year, which is considerably less than last year due to a reduction in fines of nearly £2,000 and the loss of the sponsorship for the Cups.

League funds now stand at £17,434.19 with fines of £465.00 outstanding.

In addition to a payment of £100 to help expenses of the Umpires Association the League also purchased new Umpires Score Cards at a cost of £165.60 and Laws of Cricket books for Umpires and Clubs at a cost of £108.00.

The League continues to be grateful to Arrow Self Drive.com, who have announced an increase in sponsorship and a commitment for the next 10 years and also Solly Sports, Fisco and Ken Mallinson whose sponsorships have continued. Copymark have agreed to take over the sponsorship of the Cup competitions.

Congratulations go to Cumberworth, Flockton, and Green Moor who completed the season without any fines.

I would like to thank Phil Senior and Harry Marsden without whose help the end of season accounts could not have been issued to clubs on time and Harry for carrying out the audit of the accounts.

Finally, I would like to thank all the clubs who made prompt payment and League Officials and Management Board members for their assistance throughout the year and wish all clubs the very best for the 2012 season

J A Bostwick

TREASURER

## **Arrow Huddersfield Central Cricket League Registration Secretaries for Report 2011**

Once again as in previous years the League Database continues to grow with some 481 new registrations and transfers throughout the year and now contains 2630 registered players at the end of the 2011 Season

This is the third year of results sheets being submitted electronically. My part is to deal with Players Registrations and Transfers and Team sheets which are completed on the day. In 2009 things started brightly, unfortunately in 2010 things changed with more and more team sheets being received late, and in 2011 more team sheets have been received on time, but the information, contained in them is more and more ineligible. Block Capitals please is the answer

Thankfully the new rule of a points deduction for late sheets was not needed to be enforced on too many occasions.

On the Player Registration side – the overseas player rule has caused many controversies with a number of clubs, disagreeing with the Leagues interpretation that overseas students are not exempt from the Leagues overseas player rule.

Another major point raised by a many a club, is the introduction of Sunday League players into Saturday League Cricket without a transfer. Our present rules allow the registration of these players but a number of these registrations are causing concern. As with the players who sign on during the week, completing the form and stating that they haven't played cricket for a number of years but score a very high score or take a lot of wickets the following Saturday. I have little to go on when checking these sheets, and have to take the forms on face value, despite the long telephone calls I have to try and deal with from irate clubs.

Finally I wish to thank all Club Secretaries/Team Captains of clubs who did send their team sheets and registrations on time and Phil Senior for all his help and assistance throughout the year.

Harry Marsden  
Registration Secretary  
November 2011

## Results Secretary Report 2011

748 scheduled league fixtures (+68 various cup games)

33 were decided by the weather – 72 in 2010, 63 in 2009 and 136 in 2008

7 results were not phoned in – 12 in 2010, 17 in 2009

33 late result sheets – 61 in 2010, 64 in 2009

On most match days the line scores and league tables were published on the website before midnight on the day of the games. Within 24 hrs of the games approximately half of these line scores acted as links for the display of the full scorecard. By midnight on Monday the website displayed scorecards for all games, accumulated statistics for the leading 100 batsmen and 100 bowlers etc. Any missing information (approximately 3%) was purely down to the negligence of the home team clubs.

**The biggest disappointment has been the enormous increase in the number of errors on the result sheets. Incorrect section, date, teams playing, and the spelling of players' names (including those of own team) has become dreadful.**

The number of missing telephone results and late result sheets was down on the previous year but there were a few serial offenders who forced the Management Board to impose their threat of points deduction for teams who ignored warnings.

There was a reduction in the number of forfeited games. The number of conceded Cup games came down from 8 to 6 whilst the number of concede league games reduced from 14 to 5.

There were 97,500 specific website visits in 2011 each about 5 page views per visit. Figures are very similar to last year.

The results database worked very well. This enabled us to display leading performers and keep the accumulated statistics fairly well up-to-date. Calculation of final averages was done automatically and was displayed for checking within a couple of days of the final games.

Very many thanks to those who sent in result sheets and in particular I should like to thank Lee Booth and Harry Marsden for their assistance.

## UMPIRES APPOINTMENTS SECRETARY'S REPORT 2011

May I begin by placing on record my thanks to my fellow umpires for their assistance throughout the 2011 season and their willingness to change appointments, sometimes at short notice and probably not always to their liking!

11 umpires were ever present at league matches during the season, namely Derek Dyson, Malcolm Fortis, Trevor Heeley, Rasab Khan, Doug Matthewman, Maurice Peters, Stuart Preece, Philip Senior, Paul Simpson, Michael Tock and Peter White. Others missed just one or two matches but unfortunately, as often with players nowadays, not all were reliable with their availability and the number of fixtures per week with only one umpire varied dramatically from 2 matches to 18 matches.

In the early part of the season we welcomed 4 new recruits giving a total of 64 regular umpires and 6 part timers together with a number of occasional umpires. 12 teams failed to provide an umpire as per league rules. Clearly it is important that clubs continue to seek to recruit new umpires, especially from amongst recently retired players. Umpiring can be a rewarding and enjoyable way of staying involved in the game when ones playing days are over. The Umpires Association will once again be running an informal training course starting in February for anyone interested.

The HCCL Umpires and Scorers Association continued to hold monthly meetings from April to October and thanks are due to the officers of the Association, Peter Firth, Mick Tock and Garry Rank for all the work they do. Special thanks to Training Officer Garry for the considerable time and effort he puts in to organising and running training courses, including ECB ACO Level 1 courses which are to be recommended to any aspiring umpire.

All our regular umpires are CRB checked and members of the ECB Association of Cricket Officials as per league rules. Looking forward to next season could I ask clubs to remind their umpires to check that their CRB clearance is up to date together with their ACO membership.

Brian Cooper