

97th AGM held on Tuesday, 23 November 2010 at Almondbury Wesleyan CC

WELCOME

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting including; Life Member, Trevor Heeley; Umpire's Association Chairman, Peter Firth; Umpire's Training Officer, Gary Rank.

ATTENDANCE

All clubs except Birchencliffe, Birkby Rose Hill, Denby Dale, Edgerton & Dalton, Gawthorpe St Mary's, and Nortonthorpe were represented together with all members of the Management Board except U Chishti, S Hawden and C Jones.

APOLOGIES

U Chishti, S Hawden, C Jones

MINUTES

The minutes of the 96th AGM held on 24 November 2009 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 all existing officials and members were re-elected.

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

The League Team Managers:- U17 - Lee Booth, White Rose - Andrew Matthewman.

CONSTITUTION

The constitution will be finalised later when Gawthorpe St Mary's confirm if they will be fielding 1 or 2 teams. If they have 2 teams, there will be 5 sections with 12 teams and 1 section with 11 teams. If they only have 1 team there will be 4 sections with 12 teams and 2 sections with 11 teams.

ALTERATIONS TO LEAGUE RULES

Rule 1 (K)	Carried	Unanimous
Rule 5 (I)	Defeated	1 – 29
Rule 5 (Z)	Carried	Unanimous
Rule 7 (to be inserted as a new sub-rule 7(B) and then following rules moved down one letter)	Carried	Unanimous
Rule 7 (C)	Carried	28 – 2
Rule 7 (J)	Carried	27 – 3
Rule 8 (C)	Carried	27 – 3
Rule 9 (B)	Defeated	13 – 16
Rule 12 (to be inserted as a new sub-rule 12(B) and then following rules moved down one letter)	Carried	Unanimous
Rule 12 (B)	Defeated	11 – 17
Rule 14 (C)	Defeated	5 – 25
Friend Allsop Cup Rule H	Carried	21 – 2
Tinker Cup Rule F	Carried	25 – 1
20/20 Rule L, M & N	Carried	19 – 10
20/20 Rule P	Carried	28 – 2
New Rule – Fixtures (for guidance only)	Defeated	11 – 19
New Rule - Engagements	Defeated	3 – 25

LEAGUE COMMITTEE DATES 2010/2011

1 February 2011, 5 April 2011, 14 June 2011, 18 October 2011, 22 November 2011 (AGM),
7 February 2012, 3 April 2012

HONORARIA

No change.

THE AGM CLOSED AT 8.30 pm

LIFE MEMBERS

Four new Life Members have been appointed from the Management Board:- Joyce Booth, Harry Marsden, Stuart Hawden and Jim Bostwick. The President, Jack Carson thanked them for their many years service and presented them with a small memento of the occasion.

UMPIRE'S COURSE

The Umpires Association will be holding a 6-week course for Umpires at Flockton Green WMC, commencing on Wednesday, 2 February 2011 at 7.30 pm. The course is ideal for new umpires and as a refresher for existing umpires.

ALL-ROUNDER CUP

Life Member and Management Board Member, Stuart Hawden has donated a new cup. The cup is for the best all-rounder over all the sections, excluding the individual winners of batting or bowling awards. The first winner of the cup is Nick Finnegan of Thornhill & Westborough CC.

SCOREBOOK PRIZE

The winner of the scorebook prize for this year was judged to be Sophie Lawford of Crossbank Methodists CC.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2010

Ladies & Gentlemen

Once again, it is my pleasure to report on the last 12 months of the **arrowselfdrive.com** HCCL. Firstly, I must on behalf of us all thank arrowselfdrive for their continued sponsorship of the league and CG Autos for their continued sponsorship of the 3 cups. We also thank our other sponsors for their support and details of these companies can be found in the handbook and on the web site

Fewer matches were rained off this last season, but for various reasons we had more matches cancelled by club 2nd X1's. The knock on affect of broken fixtures is less income for home sides, possibly players then losing interest and the integrity of section results being compromised. I sincerely hope that this trend can be reversed.

Congratulations to all prize winners, both individual and team and I look forward to them receiving good support at the Annual League Dinner, which will be on 4 March 2011 in Huddersfield at the Cedar Court Hotel.

Once again, I should like to thank all members of the Management Board for their tireless work during the last 12 months. There are always matters that need addressing throughout the year and they do so without favour to make the league run smoothly. That said we do need full co-operation from all clubs in relation to their administration so please help us to help you.

Talking of Management Board members, I am proposing that after long dedicated service, 4 members of the Board namely Joyce Booth, Jim Bostwick, Harry Marsden and Stuart Hawden should be appointed Life Members. (All in favour) To mark the occasion it is my pleasure to present a memento to each person.

All Umpires this year and for future years need to be members of the ECB ACO and we thank them for both joining and carrying out their duties. New umpires are always welcome and needed

Child Welfare has become an important issue for all individuals and clubs alike. Please ensure the relevant policies are complied with, to safeguard the young players.

Cawthorne CC has moved onto new pasture and we wish them well in the Drakes League. We also welcome tonight Mount CC who has joined us from the Dales CCL.

It will be our centenary in 2013 and Dr P Davies is to write a book on the league history. Anyone with suitable material please pass on to Alan Kaye as at the moment Peter is recovering from an operation. We wish him a speedy and successful recovery.

Finally may I wish you and all your families the very best for the coming festive season and a successful cricket season in 2011.

J Carson
President

Secretary's Report for 2010 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.

Thank you to Jim for taking care of the finances again and to all the Management Board for their hard work.

In addition, a huge thanks to clubs for your cooperation throughout the year. However, we did have several breakdowns in communication with a few clubs last season and it caused problems for both the league and the clubs concerned. The use of email is probably now the quickest and cheapest way for the league and clubs to contact one another for most things but we still need to use the telephone and post on some occasions. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to remind clubs that, it is important that we are kept up to date with any changes to club contact details so that the league can be administered efficiently.

In February, we announced that Liaison Officers had been appointed to enable clubs with any small issue or problem to speak directly to them; they would then bring it to the attention of the Management Board if necessary.

The league was very proud this year to be well represented with winners at the Yorkshire Cricket Board Outstanding Services to Cricket Awards and congratulations again to them.

Finally thanks to Lee Booth for creating the new league website and to Phil Senior for his endless work in updating it.

E Poulter
Secretary

TREASURERS REPORT

The League had a surplus of £2290.29 for the year. Fines totalling £178.00 were outstanding at the year-end with only 2 of the clubs not having paid.

League funds now stand at £17,210.13 and I would like to remind the clubs of the facility for interest free loans for ground improvements.

The League continues to be grateful to Arrow Self Drive.com, Solly Sports, Fisco, and Ken Mallinson & Sons Ltd for the continued sponsorship and also all our advertisers in the handbook.

Congratulations go to Flockton, Penistone, Thurstonland and Woolley 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 2011 season

J A Bostwick
TREASURER

Huddersfield Central Cricket League Auditors Report.

In my opinion, the financial statement of accounts presented to yourselves gives a true and fair view of the 'arrowselfdrive.com' Huddersfield Central Cricket League affairs as at the 31st October 2010.

The League has kept a proper book of accounts, receipts and documentation with which the accounts for 2010 agree.

Signed Harry Marsden
Auditor.
19th November 2010

Arrow HCCL – Results Secretary Report 2010

748 scheduled league fixtures (+68 various cup games)

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

12 results were not phoned in – 17 in 2009

61 late result sheets – 64 in 2009

Your phone calls enabled me to send the results to the Yorkshire Post group of newspapers and to publish the line scores and league tables 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 local press now all take their information from the website.

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 reduction for teams who ignored warnings.

The number of forfeited games is a major concern for the league. The number of conceded Cup games remained about the same at 8 but there was a big increase to 14 for conceded league games.

There were 91,298 specific website visits in 2010, which resulted in 469,883 page views compared to 117,522 in 2009. This was the first year on year decline in viewing figures but still a very significant figure.

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.

Very many thanks to Lee Booth and Harry Marsden for their assistance but I should also like to thank the people who sent result sheets by email as the database for 2010 alone contains approximately half a million pieces of information.

Arrow Huddersfield Central Cricket League Registration Secretaries for Report 2010

Once again the League Database has grown with some 357 new registrations and transfers throughout the year and now contains a record 2567 registered players at the end of the 2010 Season

The first year of results being submitted electronically in 2009 proved to be a success and the team sheets submitted were of a good quality, and apart from a few clubs, were received on time. Team sheets are sent from clubs to back up the data on the result sheets and enable myself and Phil to answer and amend any queries that arise on the database. Unfortunately, in 2010 things changed with more and more team sheets being received late. The main problem was not that team sheets were being posted late, but clubs using second-class postage, in some cases team sheets posted on the Monday were not being received until Friday. Can I ask that clubs use first either first class postage or alternatively scan them and send them to me by email.

The second major problem though, was that a minority of clubs, failed to send in a team sheet at all until they were chased by emails and telephone calls and in some cases, towards the end of the season, certain clubs had points deducted under rule 8c. There are many problems with updating the Leagues website and tables when these are not received and also there are problems with checking player's eligibility, especially around cup matches when the time factor is critical

I am sure that you will all know that Rule 8c reads. Failure to forward fully completed Result or Team Sheets by the required time will incur the following fines: - first offence £5, second £10, third and fourth offences £20, thereafter £25 per offence. After the fifth, the club will be asked to appear before the Management Board. If a missing Result or Team Sheet is not forwarded to the league within 7 days of receiving a reminder from a League official then the Management Board shall have the power to add an extra £5 fine for every further week that the Result/Team Sheet remains outstanding unless a satisfactory explanation is received; **in addition to this, a 1 point deduction may be made from that team's overall points total.** Now that we have had to use this rule, and had to deduct points, next season it will have to be strictly enforced from the beginning of the season. It would be disappointing if in 2011 a team was either relegated or missed out on promotion for poor administration.

I don't intend to name the 'minority of clubs' involved, but the majority, were teams who are run efficiently and the league would not expect them to fall down in this area of administration

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 2010

UMPIRES APPOINTMENTS SECRETARY'S REPORT 2010

The 2010 season saw the introduction of a new rule whereby all regular umpires were required to be members of the ECB Association of Cricket Officials, ensuring all umpires had sufficient insurance cover, access to training and other benefits. I am pleased to report that the majority of umpires had joined by the start of the season and a few more joined after a little cajoling. Many thanks to clubs for their cooperation in this matter. Unfortunately, two umpires failed to join ACO and to renew their CRB clearance and were therefore suspended from officiating in our league.

We began the season with 60 club umpires, 6 regular league umpires and 7 occasional umpires. In total 80 different umpires stood during the season although 11 teams failed to provide an umpire on a regular basis, thereby incurring hefty fines. Our turnout compared favourably with other local leagues with normally two umpires provided in the top three sections and at least one in the lower sections.

The HCCL Umpires and Scorers Association continued to meet monthly throughout the season. Thanks are once again due to Chairman Peter Firth for his leadership and Training Officer Gary Rank for his guidance and expertise. The Association Secretary/Treasurer, Tim Sagar, has resigned due to business pressures and has been replaced by Michael Tock. We thank Mick for offering his services and wish him well in his new role.

May I conclude by personally thanking our loyal band of umpires for their cooperation and support, which helps to make my job so much easier.

Brian Cooper