

**99<sup>th</sup> AGM held on Tuesday, 27 November 2012 at Woolley MWCC**

**WELCOME**

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting including; Life Members and Umpire's Association Chairman, Michael Tock

The President thanked the previous Umpire's Association Chairman, Peter Firth, for his many years contribution to the HCCL

**ATTENDANCE**

All clubs except Birkby Rose Hill, Durkar, Edgerton & Dalton and Horbury Bridge were represented together with all members of the Management Board except N Heppenstall and S Hawden

**APOLOGIES**

Durkar, N Heppenstall and S Hawden

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the 98<sup>th</sup> AGM held on 22 November 2012 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..

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

The League Team Manager will remain as A Matthewman.

**LIFE MEMBER**

Phil Senior was elected as a Life Member unanimously.

**CONSTITUTION**

There will be 53 sides for the 2013 season – All clubs will be informed of numbers of teams per section when confirmed by the Management Board.

## **ALTERATIONS TO LEAGUE RULES**

Rule 1 (A) – Page 38	Defeated	9 – 15
Rule 5 (F) – Page 41	Defeated	11 – 13
Rule 5 (F) – Page 41	Defeated	5 – 17
Rule 5 (H) – Page 41	Defeated	1 – 23
Rule 5 (I) – Page 41	Defeated	1 – 23
Rule 5 (O) – Page 42	Defeated	10 – 15
Rule 5 (T/U) – Page 42	Defeated	11 – 13
Rule 6 (D) – Page 44	Carried	15 - 8
Rule 8 (D) – Page 48	Carried	Unanimous
Rule 17 (Bye-Laws)	Carried	21 – 3
Allsop Cup Rule K – Page 59	Carried	18 – 6
Allsop Cup Rule P – Page 60	Carried	19 – 3
Tinker Cup New Rule H – Page 62	Carried	12 – 9
Allsop & Tinker Cup Rule 1 – Page 63	Carried	23 – 1
Allsop & Tinker Cup New Rule – Page 63	Carried	17 – 6
Allsop & Tinker Cup New Rule – Page 63	Defeated	1 – 23
20/20 Competition Rule A – Page 67	Carried	14 – 7
20/20 Competition Rule T – Page 67	Carried	18 – 4
Competition (Bye-Laws) - Page 43 (Sykes Cup, White Rose and Area Council)	Carried	Unanimous
Annual Dinner Rule 16 – Page 55	Carried	22 – 1

## **LEAGUE COMMITTEE DATES 2013/2014**

5 February 2013, 2 April 2013, 18 June 2013, 22 October 2013, 26 November 2013 (AGM), 4 February 2014, 8 April 2014

## **HONORARIA**

No change.

THE AGM CLOSED AT 8.30PM

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2012 AGM

Ladies & Gentlemen,

Firstly I must report the sad news that a league stalwart and life member of many years Harry Earnshaw died earlier this month. We send our condolences to his family and friends.

Once again I wish to thank our sponsor [arrowselldrive.com](http://arrowselldrive.com) for their continued excellent sponsorship of the league. We are indebted to Chris Taylor Managing Director for this arrangement.

I also thank Mark Pidsley Managing Director of CopyMark for sponsoring the 4 cup competitions.

Both these sponsorships along with others named in the handbook and web site are invaluable to a local cricket league.

Season 2012 can be described as probably one of the most difficult of the league. We have had the uncertainty of which clubs were leaving to join other leagues or folding due to ground sales for building purposes coupled with the worst summer for over 100 years. The problems with getting grounds ready and the rain resulted in a stop start affair with far too many matches having to be cancelled. Both the Tinker Cup and 20/20 finals had to be re-scheduled due to the rain.

The vast reduction in games played has caused serious shortfalls in incomes of clubs. I wish to thank all clubs for the efforts made by numerous people in overcoming the problems encountered.

I also wish to thank all the Management Board for their work over the year and I am pleased to report that Bev & Andy Matthewman have settled well into their roles. It is also appropriate to mention Phil Senior who qualifies for Life Membership and I should like to present him with a small thank you present.

It would be remiss of me not to thank Peter Davies for the production of the Centenary Book which is now available. Despite not being well Peter has spent weeks and months putting together this excellent book on the league.

Hopefully the sun will shine next year and help us celebrate 100 yrs of grassroot amateur cricket. The Annual Dinner on Friday 1 March 2013 will be a celebration of clubs old and new together with the presentation of prize winners. Congratulations to all the prize winners and please support the event.

Finally may I take this opportunity to wish you and all your families the very best for Christmas and New Year and a successful cricket season

J Carson

## Secretary's Report 2012 AGM

I also would like to offer my thanks to [arrowselfdrive.com](http://arrowselfdrive.com) along with all other sponsors of the league for their invaluable support.

Unfortunately there have been a few issues regarding unsportsmanlike behaviour; these have been resolved by the Management Board and the relevant clubs.

There has been a positive drive by the Management Board ensuring that standards of all grounds continue to improve. My thanks go to all clubs who have made improvements where applicable.

Sadly a number of clubs will be leaving the league; I would like to offer them my best wishes for the future.

With so much rain during the cricket season, special thanks should go to Brian Cooper, Phil Senior and Harry Marsden, their jobs have been so much more difficult this year.

Finally, my sincere thanks go to all clubs for their patience and support given during my first year in post. My appreciation is also given to the President and all members of the Management Board for their generous time and assistance.

I hope you all have a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

B Matthewman

## TREASURERS REPORT

The League had a surplus of £3,367.39 for the year which is considerably more than in previous years. This is due to increased sponsorship from Arrow and the new Cup sponsorship from Copymark together with an increase in fines due mainly to unfulfilled fixtures and a reduction in the cost of the League XI with fewer fixtures due to the weather.

League funds now stand at £20,801.58 with fines of £310.50 outstanding.

An amount of £625.00 has been received from Patrons of the Centenary book and this is held in the League funds pending publication of the book.

The League continues to be grateful to Arrow SelfDrive.com, Solly Sports, Fisco and Ken Mallinson whose sponsorships have continued, together with Copymark the new sponsors of the Cup competitions.

Congratulations go to Denby and Heckmondwike & Carlinghow 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 2013 season

J A Bostwick

TREASURER

## **ARROW HUDDERSFIELD CENTRAL CRICKET LEAGUE REGISTRATION SECRETARIES FOR REPORT 2012**

At the end of the 2012 season the League Database contained 2312 registrations with 342 new registrations and transfers being added throughout the year.

In Season 2013 the League will lose some 12 teams (A and B sides) which will reduce the number of players registered considerably

This year, the introduction of emailing team sheets and registrations saved time and money for a lot of clubs and with the introduction of new iphones team sheets can now be sent directly after a game

Registrations this season have gone quite well but with the reduction in teams in the League in 2013, this may be the opportunity to change the registration system. Teams in the CYCL, Strathmore and Perthshire Cricket Union, Bradford League, Western District Cricket Union and the Cricket Scotland League now use a registration/transfer system called playreg. which allows clubs to register players onto the system themselves, which are downloaded onto the database and then validated by the Leagues Registration Secretary on the Friday. A possible down side may be our players registered on the day rule, but I am sure that this could be overcome. The new registrations, needs a registration/transfer form and include a photograph, again easily accessible from a mobile phone and with the names and photographs of players on the on line registration system for clubs to check before a game this also stops the problem of any club playing 'ringers' although I am sure that no one does. Perhaps a demonstration of the system could be given at a League Meeting and clubs, if in favour, could trial the forms with a possible introduction in 2014, food for thought. (Young player's photographs are not exhibited on the system, although their registrations are

With regards to team sheets, the vast majority of clubs are excellent, but there are the same few, who don't meet the deadlines and however hard we try to help them, the help fails miserably.

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.

Finally my good wishes go to the team moving onto pastures new, and I hope that they enjoy their cricket.

Harry Marsden

Registration Secretary

November 2012



## Arrow HCCL – Results Secretary Report 2012

706 scheduled league fixtures (+65 various cup games)

238 were decided by the weather – 33 in 2011, 72 in 2010, 63 in 2009 and 136 in 2008

33 games were conceded

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 24hrs 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 new option of texting the linescore worked very well (apart from the odd person who sent it to my landline – resulting in a very amusing voice text) and as such the answer-machine has already been retired.**

The number of missing 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 large increase in the number of forfeited games. The number of conceded Cup games rose from 6 to 11 whilst the number of concede league games increased from 5 to 22.

Viewing figures for the website were similar to last years with specific visits in the region of 100,000.

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**

### **2012**

The season began with 60 regular and 5 part time umpires available, understandably slightly down on the previous year due largely to there being fewer teams in the League. We lost two umpires during the season due to illness and work commitments with one returning from the Central Yorks League.

The wet weather played havoc with the fixture lists, 6 sets being almost completely washed out and 4 partly washed out, resulting in me spending entire Saturday mornings (and some Sundays) on the telephone receiving news of postponed matches and relaying the information to my fellow umpires. Almost all matches played on these occasions had two official umpires whilst when the weather was kind on average 8 matches had just one official, roughly 25% of the fixtures.

14 teams failed to provide an umpire in contravention of League Rule 6A, resulting in substantial fines, and whilst I appreciate it is not an easy task I hope the clubs concerned will make every effort to comply with the rule next season by encouraging former players to don the white coat. With more clubs leaving next season to join other leagues we will be losing some, but by no means all, of their umpires. In addition, one or two of our club umpires have intimated they are moving to Senior leagues to further their umpiring careers. Our Training Officer, Garry Rank, will be running his usual 6 week pre season informal training course, starting in February, for existing and potential new umpires.

The HCCL Umpires and Scorers Association has continued to meet monthly during the season and thanks go to Chairman Peter Firth, Secretary/Treasurer Michael Tock and Training Officer Garry Rank for their leadership.

I must end my report by paying tribute to two long serving and well respected umpires who have announced their retirements. Stuart Hawden is hanging up his jacket after being involved in all aspects of the game for over 60 years whilst Peter Firth has umpired for 32 years, 26 of them in the HCCL. Peter has also felt that now is the time to step down as Chairman of the Umpires and Scorers Association and has been replaced by Michael Tock. In recognition of his services to the Association Peter was presented with a glass tankard at their October meeting.

Brian Cooper