

Minutes

Full League Meeting
Tuesday 3 February 2015
Flockton Green WMC

- Attendance:** All clubs were in attendance except Nortonthorpe CC and Mount CC. Apologies were received from Chris Jones, Stuart Hawden and Neil Heppenstall.
- Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The minutes of the meeting on 21 October 2014 were agreed.
- Returned Trophies:** The majority of the League trophies have now been returned. Trophies from Woolley CC, Edgerton and Dalton CC and Holmbridge CC are outstanding. All outstanding trophies must be returned urgently.
- Annual Dinner Tickets and Order Forms:** Thank you to all the clubs that have returned their annual dinner ticket order forms. Edgerton and Dalton CC are the only club that have not yet confirmed their ticket order. Any outstanding or additional ticket order forms must be returned as soon as possible. Payment for all tickets is due by 20th February 2015.
- Club Directories and Handbook Details:** Thank you to all the clubs that have returned their club directory forms. There are still a number of details missing though. Edgerton and Dalton CC, Higham CC, Holmbridge CC, Heckmondwike and Carlinghow CC and Nortonthorpe CC have not returned their club directory forms. The deadline passed on 1 February 2014. All completed forms must be returned to Holly Buxton, preferably by email, as soon as possible.
- Declaration Sheets:** The usual club declaration forms must be returned to Holly Buxton by 31st March 2015. Hard copies of the forms were provided to all of the league representatives that were in attendance but a PDF copy of the form will be circulated to all club secretaries by email too.
- Loan Players:** Clubs were asked for their ideas and comments in relation to the introduction of a system for loan players. The Management Board will be deciding on the structure of this system shortly. There were discussions in relation to when the deadline for registering loan players would be as well as how willing clubs would be to loan their players out. The Management Board will finalise the arrangements and procedures that need to be implemented.
- Update on Position with Other Leagues:** There are currently no ongoing discussions with any other leagues, following the Drakes' League refusing to meet with the Management Board. It was reiterated that the Management Board is committed to maintaining the stability of the League and clubs will be notified if any new discussions are commenced.
- Club Name Change:** Old Almondburians CC will now be known as Almondburians CC.
- Correspondence:** Clubs were reminded of the availability of the YCB Small Grants Scheme.
- Child Welfare:** All club welfare officers must have attended a Safe Hands Course in the last three years. Anyone who needs to attend either their first course, or a refresher, must notify Holly Buxton as soon as possible so that a session can be arranged.

Registrations and Results Update:

Fixtures were sent out to all clubs and are now available on the League's website.

The Allsop Cup draw took place at the meeting in the presence of all league representatives. The results of the draw are as follows:

Birchencliffe CC (Home) v Horbury Bridge CC (Away)
Higham CC (Home) v Mount CC (Away)
Holmbridge CC (Home) v Leymoor CC (Away)
Netherton CC (Home) v Calder Grove CC (Away)
Nortonthorpe CC (Home) v Denby Grange CC (Away)
Almondburians CC (Home) v Flockton CC (Away)
Heckmondwike and Carlinghow (Home) v Bradley and Colne CC (Away)
Edgerton and Dalton CC (Home) v Green Moor CC (Away)

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Leymoor CC (Home) v Nortonthorpe CC (Away)
Flockton CC (Home) v Birchencliffe CC (Away)
Bradley and Colne CC (Home) v Higham CC (Away)
Horbury Bridge CC (Home) v Almondburians CC (Away)
Mount CC (Home) v Heckmondwike and Carlinghow CC (Away)
Calder Grove CC (Home) v Netherton CC (Away)

This season, the 20/20 will be played in four mini leagues. Only the winner of each group will progress to the semi-finals. The dates for the games are fixed. They will be on four consecutive Tuesdays from 16th June 2015. The final will be held on 16th August 2015.

Umpires Appointments Secretary Update:

The League has lost seven umpires and only gained one new umpire so far this year. Full details of each club's umpires will be available shortly and will be printed in the handbook as usual.

There is a training course for umpires on Wednesday 11th February 2015. Details of this training course have been circulated to all clubs by email.

Treasurer's Update:

Payment for all annual dinner tickets is due by 20th February 2015.

Any Other Business:

Feedback from a recent Area Council meeting was given. The results of the ECB's national players survey were released late last year and all of the results are available for perusal online. Three key areas for clubs to focus on following this survey are 1) finding and retaining new umpires in local cricket 2) increased membership of The Groundsmen's Association (including attendance at the courses which are regularly hosted for all groundsmen) and 3) player retention (which is vital because it dictates the amount of funding available).

The League's new social media accounts and/or pages will be launched in March ahead of the new season.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday 7th April 2015