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Huddersfield Central Cricket League

Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 24 November 2015
Flockton Green WMC

- Attendance:** A representative from Horbury Bridge CC failed to attend the meeting. All other clubs were in attendance.
- Minutes Silence:** A minute of silence was held in memory of Norman Mosley and Andy Bolt who have sadly passed away in recent months.
- Previous Minutes:** The minutes of last year's AGM held on Tuesday 25th November 2014 were accepted as true and accurate and there were no matters arising.
- President's Report:** A copy of the President's report is attached. The report was read to all of the representatives by Jack Carson, the President.
- Secretary's Report:** A copy of the Secretary's report is attached. The report was read to all of the representatives by Holly Buxton, the Honorary Secretary.
- Treasurer's Report:** A copy of the Treasurer's report is attached. The report was read to all of the representatives by Jim Bostwick, the Treasurer. Harry Marsden was thanked for auditing the accounts. There were no questions raised in relation to the accounts or financial statements other than in respect of future sponsorship of the League.
- Registration and Results Secretary's Report:** A copy of the Registration and Results Secretary's report is attached. The report was read to all of the representatives by Phil Senior, the Registration and Results Secretary.
- Umpires Appointment Secretary:** A copy of the Umpires Appointment Secretary's report is attached. The report was read to all of the representatives by Graham Foster, the Umpires Appointment Secretary.
- Other Officers of the League:** Ian Livesey is happy to continue in his role as the League Representative to the Area Council. This was agreed unanimously. Andrew Matthewman is happy to continue in his role as the League Team Manager. This was also agreed unanimously.
- Management Board:** The Management Board was formally re-elected without opposition.
- Alterations to League Rules:** Clubs voted on the proposed rule amendments (which were discussed at the last League meeting on 20 October 2015). The results of the vote are attached. Clubs are also reminded that the loan players procedures have been updated.
- Sponsorship:** As confirmed previously, the Management Board is actively seeking new sponsors for the League. An offer has been put forward by one of our existing sponsors and further details will follow when appropriate.
- Clubs were reminded to consider and promote the opportunity to insert an advert (for a small fee) in the League's annual handbook. The deadline for receipt of these adverts (including any images and/or logos) is 1 February 2015.
- Rearranged Fixtures:** The deadline for requesting "free dates" (also referred to as rearranged fixtures) passed at the closure of the AGM. Three "free dates" have been requested and these will be taken into account when the fixtures are arranged.

Structure For 2015:

All clubs have now confirmed that they will have both an 'A' and 'B' team next season, with the exception of Bradley and Colnebridge CC. The structure of the League has not yet been finalised but the Management Board are looking into the best way to deal with this.

It was noted that the Management Board has received an application to join the League from Augustinians CC. This is being considered at present.

DBS Checks:

Clubs were reminded that their umpires need to be ACO registered and DBS approved in order to umpire in the League. Key officials within each club (including team captains, welfare officers and adult scorers) must also be DBS checked. The Management Board will, where possible, be checking up on this so clubs are reminded to ensure that they are compliant.

The 102nd annual general meeting of the Huddersfield Central Cricket League was closed by the President.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2015

Ladies & Gentlemen

As usual I must thank all our sponsors for season 2015, namely Arrowselfdrive, Copymark, Solly Sports and Fisco. They have all been much appreciated but unfortunately Arrow have decided they can no longer sponsor the league in 2016 and the contract with Solly Sports has ended. Members of the Management Board are actively seeking and sorting new sponsors.

The year 2015 saw a radical change to cricket plans in Yorkshire with the formation of a pyramid system linking leagues, so in theory any ambitious club can rise to the top provided facilities and playing strength are appropriate. You decided unanimously to be linked with the CYCL which in turn has merged with the Bradford League. Further detailed negotiations with the CYCL are on going. Several clubs and persons expressed an interest and desire to be linked with the Drakes. Despite meetings with officials they decided it was not a viable proposition from their point of view. I thank Alan, Phil and Chris for the work they put into these meetings. We will continue to run the league as before.

I must also thank Holly for all the work she has done by settling into her role as Secretary very quickly and bringing a new young voice to the table. She also introduced social media to the league.

Graham Foster unfortunately was poorly in the early part of the season but thankfully he is now fit again and sorting out the umpire appointments. In his absence we must thank Brian Cooper for stepping back into the role until Graham had recovered.

Two members of the Management Board Alan Kaye and Neil Heppenstall have qualified to be Life Members of the League for their long and distinguished service over 20 years and it is my pleasure to present them with a memento to mark the occasion.

What was disappointing last season was the number of fixtures conceded. No-one says it is easy but please try to fulfil the fixtures. Use loan players, make sure all your registered players are asked to play. Let's try and get the game on. Also disappointing was the number of discipline breaches that Harry had to deal with. Clubs need to remind players of their conduct and take steps to ensure the game is played at all times in the spirit of cricket.

Congratulations to all the winners of prizes, in particular Mount for 2 cup wins and Heck/Carlinghow for their Premiership title along with the 20/20. Please make a concentrated effort to support the winners and the league by attending the Annual Dinner in March.

Finally a big thank you all the Management Board for their work and I wish you all and your families a happy christmas and prosperous new year. Good luck next season.

Thank you to all clubs, league representatives and members of the Management Board for their hard work and co-operation throughout the year. It really is a pleasure to be involved in the management of the League.

On behalf of the League and Management Board, I would like to thank ArrowSelfdrive, CopyMark, Solly Sports and Fisco (along with our other sponsors) for their support. It is unfortunate that ArrowSelfdrive have now decided to withdraw their sponsorship of the League but their dedication over a number of years is greatly appreciated. The Management Board is actively seeking new sponsorship and we will keep you up to date.

The League has become active on social media this year. I believe that this has been successful as the League now has nearly 500 "followers" on Twitter and several "likes" on Facebook. We will continue to promote the League using social media and try to encourage the use of the loan players procedures via these sites. We will be looking into developing and upgrading the website in the new year too so that it is as up to date, appealing and accessible as possible.

Congratulations to this year's prize winners and also to Alan Kaye and Neil Heppenstall on qualifying for life membership. I hope that many of you will be able to join us at the annual dinner to celebrate this year's successes.

I would like to wish everyone the best for Christmas and the new year!

If I can be of any assistance whatsoever then please feel free to contact me on hollybuxton23@gmail.com and/or 07530 304669.

TREASURERS REPORT – 2015 SEASON

The League had a surplus of £1351.40 for the year despite having fewer clubs than ever.

League funds now stand at £23,292.94.

£4,350.00 was received in sponsorship which is a remarkable amount for a League of our size and our thanks go to Arrow Self Drive, Solly Sports, Copymark and Fisco for their continued support. The sponsorship with Arrow has now ended and although the Management Board are in negotiation with other sponsors for next season the reduced number of clubs will inevitably mean that this will be for a reduced amount

I would like to thank Phil Senior for his help in ensuring that the end of season accounts were issued on time and also Harry Marsden for carrying out the audit of the accounts.

I would like to congratulate Holly on her first full season as League Secretary. She is bringing your League President and Treasurer into the 21st century and her use of modern methods of communication have led to a large reduction in the cost to the League of printing and postage.

League officials and Management Board members have provided assistance throughout the year and I would like to thank them for this.

Finally I would like to wish all clubs the very best for the 2016 season.

J A Bostwick

TREASURER

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE 2015 SEASON

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
League Dinner	£4,440.00	League Dinner	£4,148.35
Dinner Raffle Profit	£291.60	League Prizes	£875.00
League Fees	£480.00	Trophies	£743.45
Charity Contribution	£80.00	Handbooks	£510.00
Y.C.A	£1,200.00	League XI	£402.50
Cup Receipts	£238.11	Insurance	£648.75
Handbooks & Adverts	£115.00	Printing/Stationery	£13.79
Fines	£1,689.50	Y C A	£1,200.00
Donations	£450.00	Postage/Telephone	£93.53
Sponsorships	£4,350.00	Umpires Payments	£60.00
Interest	£73.89	Club Payments	£289.50
		YCCC Membership	£125.00
		Honorarium - Secretary	£350.00
		Results Sec	£350.00
		Umpires Sec	£350.00
		Registration Sec	£350.00
		Treasurer	£350.00
		Deposit 2014 Dinner	£500.00
	£13,408.10	Chairty Donation	£130.00
		Web Site	£300.00
		Groundsman Assoc	£128.00
		Cup Expenses	£21.00
		Bank Charges	£117.83
			£12,056.70

FINANCIAL POSITION			
b/f 2014 Season	£21,941.54	Yorkshire Bank C/A	£14,146.83
Plus Surplus2015	£1,351.40	Yorkshire Bank D/A	£7,503.41
		Nationwide BS	£577.50
		Cash in Hand	£65.21
		Loan to Club	£1,000.00
	£23,292.94		£23,292.94

Auditors report - In my opinion the financial statement of accounts gives a true and fair view of the HCCL affairs as at 31st October 2015.

The league have kept a proper book of accounts with which the above mentioned statement agreed.

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19/11/2015

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Results Secretary Report 2015

305 scheduled league fixtures +29 various cup games (380+39 in 2014, 558+65 in 2013)

33 were decided by the weather – (111 in 2014, 72 in 2013, 238 in 2012, 33 in 2011, 72 in 2010, 63 in 2009 and 136 in 2008)

26 games were conceded (26 in 2014, 31 in 2013) plus 131 missing players (116 in 2014, 170 in 2013)

1111 players are registered at 16 clubs – 67 per club (1400 at 21 in 2014, 1900 at 26 in 2013)

651 players used – 41 per club (38 per club in 2014, 41 per club in 2013)

193 new registration/transfers during 2014 – 30% of those who played (201 in 2014, 301 in 2013)

7 results were not phoned in – (8 in 2014, 15 in 2013, 7 in 2012, 12 in 2010, 17 in 2009) 22 result sheets were late – (13 in 2014, 12 in 2013, 33 in 2012, 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 texting of the linescore worked very well (apart from the odd person who sent it to my landline – resulting in a very amusing voice text). The emailing of team and registration sheets seemed to work smoothly.

There was a marked increase in late result sheets and the Management Board had to impose a one point deduction to each of Netherton's teams.

The results database and website 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 registrations and/or result sheets and in particular I should like to thank Lee Booth for his assistance.

UMPIRES APPOINTMENTS SECRETARY'S REPORT

**Graham Foster
2015**

With being ill at the start of the season, Brian Cooper started off with the umpires appointments until 30th May.

We started out the season with 33 regular umpires but 3 dropped out early in the season. This along with 2 teams dropping out and various clubs canceling matches meant that a surplus of umpires was predicted. However, with umpires having holidays (etc) this did not happen. Some matches still had only one umpire.

Some umpires are to be commended for going to matches and being swapped around without question. Some of them were even on the bus. Meanwhile, others did not seem to want to leave their own little areas.

A few problems this season were:

1. Clubs not informing me when games had been cancelled. This resulted in (on at least 3 occasions) umpires turning up at the home teams venues unnecessarily.
2. Umpires not informing me of their non-availability (resulting in one match not having any umpires at all).

A reminder to all clubs that their umpires have to be ACO and DBS registered or they cannot umpire in this league next season. It seems at least 11 umpires were not ACO registered last season (we do not know whether they were DBS registered).

Many thanks.

1. Rule 5(f) on Page 30 of the Handbook

Replace the words "No fixtures, except for those classed as re-arranged fixtures, are to be played on a Sunday" with the words:

"All matches in September shall be played on a Sunday and shall commence at 1pm."

This proposed rule change was withdrawn before the commencement of the AGM.

2. Rule 5(f) on Page 30 of the Handbook

Replace the words "No fixtures, except for those classed as re-arranged fixtures, are to be played on a Sunday" with the words:

"All matches in April and September shall be played on a Sunday."

The majority of clubs voted in **favour** of this proposed rule change.

3. Rule 9(a) on Page 37 of the Handbook

At the end of the existing rule, add the words:

"If the team batting first is all out (which for the purposes of this rule includes a team declaring) for less than 225 runs and the team batting second subsequently scores more runs than the team batting first will be awarded the following additional batting points (subject to an overall maximum of 5 points): Up to five points for losing less than two wickets; Up to four points for losing less than four wickets; Up to three points for losing less than six wickets; Up to two points for losing less than eight wickets; Up to one point for losing less than ten wickets."

The majority of clubs voted in **favour** of this proposed rule change.

4. Rule 17 on Page 47 of the Handbook

Add a new rule numbered AA which states:

"No player shall take a mobile phone onto the field of play".

The majority of clubs voted in **favour** of this proposed rule change.

5. Rule 6(d) on Page 33 of the Handbook

Replace the words "Where only one official umpire is in attendance then he shall receive expenses of £35 and the substitute umpire shall receive expenses of £10" with the words:

"Where only one official umpire is in attendance then he shall receive expenses of £40 and the substitute umpire shall receive expenses of £10".

The majority of clubs voted in **favour** of this proposed rule change.

6. New Rule After Page 52 of the Handbook

Add a new rule titled Rules for YCB Area Six-a-Side Competition which states:

"The winners of the Huddersfield Central Cricket League premier section will represent the League in the YCB six-a-side competition. Failure to fulfil this obligation will result in a penalty of £30.00".

The majority of clubs voted in **favour** of this proposed rule change.

7. Rule 5(a) on Page 30 of the Handbook

Replace the words "Each Club may apply prior to the AGM for a fixture on a particular date, e.g. gala days, to be re-arranged. Both teams of an applying club will be given the option to have a rearranged fixture on such a date. Only in exceptional circumstances will shorter notice be accepted.

Rearrangements will only be considered in cases of ground unavailability,. Clubs are not allowed to rearrange a fixture at another ground without prior Management Board approval. Any club requesting a game be re-arranged because of the use of their ground for an alternative purpose must produce written evidence of this alternative use. If this evidence is not produced, the League will send a representative to the clubs ground on the original date of the re-arranged game to ensure that the alternative use is taking place as stated. A re-arranged fixture may also be applied for when a club has more than one player taking part in an approved representative match for the League (i.e. White Rose) or in the Joe Lumb competition. In extenuating circumstances the Management Board can re-arrange fixtures in a section(s) or part of a section(s)" with the words:

"Each Club may apply prior to the AGM for a fixture on a particular date to be re-arranged. The merits of such applications will be decided upon by the Management Board. Only in exceptional, unforeseen circumstances, where the ground becomes unavailable will any other games be considered for re-arrangement. Clubs are not allowed to re-arrange a fixture at another ground without the prior approval of the Management Board. A re-arranged fixture may also be applied for when a club has more than 1 player in an approved representative team. In extenuating circumstances, the Management Board can re-arrange fixtures in a section(s) or part of a section(s)".

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