

Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League

EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY 7th February 2018

In the Chair: Trevor Atkinson

Other Officers Present The President; General Secretary; Finance Secretary; Match & Registration Secretary; Administration & Disciplinary Secretary; Media Secretary.

Life Vice Presidents: Geoff Crompton; Ron Tindall.

Club Representatives: Craig McCreadie;

Apologies: Les Harrison; Child Welfare, Trophies & Facilities Secretary; Malcolm Westoby; Roger France.

The Minutes

The minutes of the Executive meeting on Wednesday 10th January 2018 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising

- Managed Migration:- The General Secretary had emailed to all clubs a statement from the Executive on managed migration. A couple of enquiries from clubs had been received.
- MCC v DHCL U21XI:- Honley had agreed in principle re hosting the game and would confirm after they had a committee meeting.

Monthly Finance Report

The Financial Secretary gave details of his monthly report. Nothing major was happening at the moment. He explained the query of the YCB Affiliation fees on the annual accounts. The 2018 YCB club fees would be the same as last year £75. All clubs loans were up to date.

Grounds and Facilities report

The Child Welfare, Trophies & Facilities Secretary was absent. The Administration & Disciplinary Secretary was waiting for the list of ground reports so he could email them out to the clubs and the Executive.

Disciplinary Report

The Administration & Disciplinary Secretary had nothing to report.

Report from the UA

Ron Tindall announced dates for the following courses / meetings. Umpires Level 1 course at Copley CC on the 6th March for 5 weeks. He had 8 names for this currently. Meetings re the new law changes :- for Club umpires choice of 2 venues 27th March at Denby Dale CC or 29th March at Broad Oak CC. The League umpires panel meeting 8th March at Broad Oak CC and a Captains meeting Monday 19th March at Almondbury CC 7pm.

Report from Match & Registration Secretary

The Match & Registration Secretary reported the Drakes HCL will adopt the Play-Cricket system for control of registrations, results and scorecards for the 2018 system. This will permit the use of electronic scoring which is highly recommended by the league but optional. The advantages of Play-Cricket over the previously used system are that:-

- a) Because results/scorecards are submitted directly to Play-Cricket via the internet they are instantly available for viewing on any phone/device which has internet access which eliminates the risk posed by an unexpected unavailability of the League Results Secretary on a Saturday evening.
- b) If electronic scoring has been used the scorecard can be uploaded automatically which eliminates the risk of error and delay inherent in the current system whereby a club official has to copy the contents of the scorebook and send them to the Results Secretary. It will also mean that more people can inspect the contents of the scorebook at the same time because it is effectively copied onto everybody's phone.

The recommended electronic scoring system is via the Play-Cricket scoring App (available on both Android and iOS but not Windows) because that has the best integration with the Play-Cricket system.

The home team will continue to be responsible for the submission of results and scorecards and so the home scorer is the recommended user of electronic scoring while the away team scorer acts as emergency back-up using a scorebook. However; by mutual agreement these roles could be reversed and providing paper and pencil is always made available to cover emergency situations the electronic scoring scenario of one master and one slave is also acceptable. Where neither scorer uses electronic scoring the home team is required to enter both Result and Scorecard via a club Play-Cricket website as soon as possible after the game and no later than noon on the day after the game.

The home team will continue to be responsible for the submission of the Team sheet within the existing time frame. For games in the First XI competition the Home team will continue to be responsible for telephoning the league's Press Agency as at present but this will be reviewed once all teams are using electronic scoring.

Registrations will continue to be done as at present using the RTDFs but clubs will be sent information shortly on the method of carrying out registrations in Play-Cricket which now becomes a mandatory requirement as registrations will not be confirmed until both the registration/transfer has been completed within Play-Cricket and a fully completed form has been received by the League Registration Secretary. All players will need to become BOTH members of their club Play-Cricket website AND via that website become League Registered Players with Drakes HCL.

Once players have been registered, Team Managers will use their club website to create Team squads and select teams. The selection of teams (which can easily be copied from a previous game and edited) will simplify the task of pre-match preparation for the scorers as that team will be pre-loaded when the fixture is selected in the Play-Cricket Scoring App.

The Results & Registration Secretary will shortly be contacting clubs to assess individual club training requirements on both Play-Cricket and the Play-Cricket Scoring App.

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Media Report

The Media Secretary gave out 3 proposal options for play-cricket integration. These were discussed and option 1 to integrate with our current website was the preferred option.

Sykes Cup & Paddock Shield Finals

The Chairman proposed the Sykes Cup and Paddock Shield finals be started at 12pm in future to hopefully give more playing time in the event of inclement weather about. This was agreed by the Executive.

T20 playing conditions

T20 playing conditions were discussed with the recommendation of using Pink or Orange cricket balls in all T20 Trophy games. This was agreed by the Executive. The General Secretary to look at best deal with Readers for clubs to purchase the coloured cricket balls. Free hits for all no balls was not agreed and as previously only front foot no balls would have a free hit.

Any Other Business

The General Secretary had attended the West Yorkshire CA AGM.

In the league handbook it still stated playing registrations to appear in the Examiner on Monday nights. This was to be taken out of the handbook.

DBS checks and renewals had now changed with it all done online. The Administration Secretary to email clubs with relevant information.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on Wednesday 7th March 2018 at Almondbury CC 7pm.