

NORTH WEST CRICKET LEAGUE  
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT CHERRY TREE C.C.  
20th FEBRUARY 2023

**Apologies;** Kevin Boyle, John Hutchinson, Becki Slinger, Bill Slinger.

**Roll Call;** All Clubs were present.

**President's Welcome;** Frank Hinks said he hoped for a good summer, with enjoyable competitive cricket played in a good spirit.

**Presentation;** Simon Booth and Callum Clarke presented a slide show detailing how the NWCL came into being, and looking to the future. All officials will be up for re-election and volunteers are always welcome. The balls left over from last season can be used in second team matches at the start of the season, and at the next Executive meeting a decision will be made on for how long balls carried forward can be used as 'second' balls in first team cricket.

**Information;** If there is sufficient interest from other leagues, the NWCL will look at forming an Under 21 team.

Clubs will be expected to provide teas.

**Finance;** Mike Bridges reported we have £14,857 in the bank. One club has set up a direct debit with the League. The former Ribblesdale League clubs have shared the surplus funds from the Ribblesdale accounts. Clubs will be invoiced for the £400 bond, £200 subscriptions (£100 for clubs without senior teams), cricket balls, handbooks and LCF affiliation fees.

**Handbook;** This coming Saturday is the final date for submissions from clubs. Contacts for junior team managers are particularly important, as are emails for club officials and team captains. Clubs should also check details on their websites are correct.

**Umpires;** There will be online General Conduct Regulation training for umpires on 13th March, details will be made available by ECB. Karen and Tracey are willing to run a Duckworth / Lewis training course for scorers in the North of the area. Umpires will be shown how D/L works at their meeting in April.

**Registrations;** When clubs register overseas players, details of their passport and visa should also be lodged, along with a copy of the sponsor's licence and contract as appropriate, before the season starts.

Players have now been transferred over to Play Cricket from their previous leagues.

Overseas players are subject to Border and Immigration rules, and these links may assist clubs;

<https://resources.ecb.co.uk/ecb/document/2022/01/13/ff7cc112-7282-4abe-b95e-7063bcb6c6d3/Visa-Overview-from-January-2022.pdf>

<https://resources.ecb.co.uk/ecb/document/2022/11/29/46a9c0b7-fece-4282-ba49-6abffe69691a/Overseas-Players-Amateur-v-Professional-February-2022.pdf>

Clubs may engage a deputy professional for the first four matches.

**Juniors;** For the coming season the old Bolton League rules have been adopted, It is anticipated there will be two or three meetings this year for clubs. Inter-League teams are being run at U11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 18 age groups. There will be trials in April, with matches beginning in May.

**Rules;** Clubs had previously asked to read the updated rules on the Website. Gerard Metcalf explained most of the changes are cosmetic, with duplicated or contrary rules removed and the names of some competitions changed.

Duckworth / Lewis will be used for reduced over matches, and at the request of the umpires clubs should display the par score. This might be shown separately on the scoreboard or may displace some other of information such as Last Man.

Clubs are asked to note the procedures for the early cancellation of matches.

**Safeguarding, Diversity and Inclusion;** The ECB will be running online induction courses before the season. In the meantime clubs are asked to check their websites or Play-Cricket to make sure the information displayed is reasonably up to date.

**Any Other Business;** A NWCL Under 21 team will play the MCC at Settle C.C. on 9th August.

A proposal to replay the matches scheduled for 6th May (Charles' Coronation) was comfortably defeated.

**Date of Next Meetings;** Executive 20th March and General Committee pre-season when the balls and handbooks are available for collection.

