

NORTH WEST CRICKET LEAGUE
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTICE MEETING
HELD AT KEARSLEY C.C.
23rd JANUARY 2023

Apologies; Kevin Boyle, Karen Knott, John Hutchinson, Becky Slinger, Bill Slinger and John Murphy (LCF).

Present; Phil Andrews (Vice Chair), Simon Booth, Mike Bridges, Tracey Brooks, Callum Clarke, Frank Hinks, Gerard Metcalf, Andy Scambler, Matt Seigne, Ray Taylor and Rory Kellett (LCF).

Rory Kellett; Rory said there will be the imminent publication of an important document from the ECB concerning equality and diversity relating to recent and historical issues. The document will impact on county cricket down to the leagues. He gave an update on Safeguarding Young Children, with the Safehands portal up and running. Safehands is currently under review but presently runs for three years. Pre registration for All stars will be available from 15th February. Clubs requiring information on funding should contact their local Cricket Development Officer.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting; These had been circulated and were agreed to be a correct record. Any matters arising were contained in the agenda.

Registrations; Callum said the registration documents were now in place, and the Registration group were looking at digitalising these. Some issues brought to his attention were in the domain of the UK Border Agency, not the NWCL. An application by a club to register an overseas player who did not comply with NWCL rule 17a was turned down on the grounds that other clubs may have or be considering players in similar circumstances, and the player could affect vital league positions in 2023.

Finance; Bill and Phil reported that neither league had any major outstanding debts. The Bolton League had around £8650 to transfer to the NWCL and the Ribblesdale League would transfer the same amount, the surplus to be distributed between the Ribblesdale League clubs. A £200 affiliation fee was agreed with clubs entering teams under 18 only to pay £100.

T20; A club had expressed concern about the distances they would have to travel on a Friday evening. The Executive agreed matches could be played on Thursday or Friday evenings or Sunday afternoons by mutual agreement.

Match Reporting; Ray had been approached by a professional cricket journalist who had previously had articles in the Bolton News. It was agreed he should be approached to write the Saturday match reports, with Ray and Bill covering the Sunday and T20 games. Ray was to speak to Mitch Cregan who reported on second team cricket for the Bolton News. Simon would speak to Harry Maguire who took photographs on behalf of the Bolton League for the Bolton News.

Rules Update; Gerard said most of the work since the last meeting had involved removing rules that were repeated and amending league and trophy names. There were still three matters concerning cup matches that required clarification.

Sub Committees; It was agreed to set up a Ground Inspection Committee, with all other matters being dealt with by the Executive.

Umpires; Instruction on how to register are on Play-Cricket.

Juniors; The NWCL will have junior inter league teams at U11, U12, U13, U14, U15 and U18 levels. Sponsors for inter league kit are being sought. Former inter league players have been invited to indoor training, and there will be outdoor training and trials for other potential inter league players. There are 18 clubs in the junior leagues structure and work will begin on the fixtures this week. There will be training for girls four or five weeks in the season with a number of competitive matches.

Welfare and Diversity; It was agreed Becky Slinger be appointed EDI Officer with John Hutchison deputy.

Date of Next Meeting; 20th February full meeting with club representatives and officials at Cherry Tree C.C. 7pm.