

ANTHONY AXFORD NORTH WEST CRICKET LEAGUE

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING

HELD AT READ C.C.

20th March 2023

Apologies; Callum Barlow, Simon Booth and John Hutchinson.

Minutes of the Meeting at Kearsley C.C.; These had been circulated and were approved as a correct record.

Matters Arising; Bill Slinger and Ray Taylor will meet with journalist Graham Hardcastle to discuss Saturday match reporting for the local press.

Simon Booth is still in discussions with photographer Harry McGuire.

The Cup and T20 rules were finalised and will appear on the website and in the Handbook. It was agreed a sub-committee would be formed to look at the rules for the 2024 season. Clubs will be asked to put forward volunteers at the next meeting.

It was decided that approved used balls from last season can be used as 'seconds' for the first four weekends of the season. The situation will then be reviewed.

Other leagues have expressed interest in Under 21 Inter League matches.

Grounds; Clubs are asked to pay particular attention to the condition of changing rooms, umpires' rooms and score boxes. The NWCL are aspiring to become a Premier League and a sub-committee will be formed from the Executive, grounds persons, umpires and players to raise standards where necessary to a Premier level.

Finance; Clubs have now been invoiced for the joining fee and subscriptions. Some clubs have opted to pay monthly by standing order.

Umpires; At present there are 36 attending a Training Day at Astley Bridge C.C. on Saturday 25th March. There will be a Duckworth / Lewis training course for scorers on 4th April at a club in the North of the region.

Registrations; The Executive approved the registration of a player now resident in the UK, subject to clarification of one issue.

Juniors; Tracey will be contacting the former Ribblesdale League clubs regarding the process for registering junior players (under 18).

Discipline; Kevin Boyle, Malcolm Venn and Ray Taylor have all completed an ECB online training course. The Executive approved a draft social media Code of Conduct. This will be included in the Handbook and on the website and clubs will be sent copies to display in the home and visitors changing rooms.

Safeguarding and Diversity; Safehands course -

https://lancashirecricket.play-cricket.com/web_pages/venues_dates_times

ECB Get Set Weekend;

<https://www.ecb.co.uk/news/3041696>

Handbooks; It was agreed that clubs should take a minimum of 15, with clubs entering junior competitions only a minimum of three. These will be available for collection at the April General Committee meeting along with the balls.

Indoor Cricket; As Martin Axford has agreed to sponsor the competition this will take place in the close season.

Presentation Venue; Mike Bridges was asked to look into booking Accrington F.C. on 17th November.

Fixtures 2023; The Chair thanked Tracey for preparing these. Barnoldswick had raised concerns about the pattern of their fixtures, and these had been discussed previously by the Executive. It was generally felt that the representation should have been much sooner by Barnoldswick and to make changes ten weeks after the fixtures had first been issued would cause disruption to too many clubs. However, Walkden C.C. through League President Frank Hinks offered to play their first team game against Barnoldswick away instead of at home. Tracey would contact the other clubs affected by this change but hopefully it could take place.

Inter-League; The NWCL will be entering a T20 inter-league competition, to be played at Northern C.C.

Date and Venue of Next General Committee Meeting; 7.45pm Tonge C.C. Wednesday 12th April.