

ANTHONY AXFORD NORTH WEST CRICKET LEAGUE

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT TONGE C.C.

12th APRIL 2023

Apologies; Kevin Boyle, Callum Clarke, John Hutchinson and Barrowford C.C. All other clubs and officials attended.

Playing Rules; Bill Slinger and Ray Taylor highlighted changes to the playing rules that are different to those played by some clubs in previous seasons. Club officials and club captains should also familiarise themselves with the rules, which are on the website and in the Handbook. Home clubs, and specifically team captains, should contact the match umpires and the opposition if there is a possibility the pitch will not be fit. There have been changes to the ECB disciplinary rules which the League has adopted. These are on the website and in the Handbook.

Finance; Mike Bridges gave the meeting an update of the current financial position.

Umpires; New Laws had been discussed at a recent training session. Axforwards have again agreed to sponsor the Indoor KO which will be played on the first four Sundays in 2024 at Bolton School. The duration of the games is around one and a quarter hours. Teams are six a side. The optimum number of teams for the competition is sixteen. The closing date for entries is the next General Committee meeting.

Registrations; Clubs were reminded that even if they have played before, professionals and overseas amateurs need to be re-registered.

Juniors; The season begins with the Under 13s on 24th April. There will be further inter league trials in May and the League are looking for girls and girls' teams to take part in the Festivals which begin in May.

Safeguarding, Diversity and Inclusion; Clubs are referred to the information on the website and articles from ECB on Facebook relating to Sikhs in cricket, trans cricket players and autism.

Scorebooks; In future clubs will have to arrange the purchase of scorebooks themselves. Where there is only one scorer, a scorebook must be used but this can be in addition to electronic scoring. The scorebook must be signed by captains at the end of the match.

Sub Committees; The Executive are looking for volunteers to join Ground and Rules sub-committees. There will be a standard form for clubs and officials to put forward proposed rule changes.

'Second' Balls; With the first round of matches being put back to later in the season, it was agreed balls from previous seasons could be used for the four weekends from 22nd April

Clubmark; Tracey will forward clubs an email recently received from the LCF. Clubmark will be essential for both clubs and the League in the future.

The Executive; The existing Executive was unanimously ratified by the meeting.

Live Streaming Consent; It was agreed that in future seasons consent will become part of the registration process. In the interim, clubs should consult their players and junior parents to see if there is any problem with live streaming of matches and photographs of players. Clubs must make it clear at the entrances to grounds that live streaming is taking place.

Walkden C.C.; The ground at Walkden is currently undergoing a major upgrade and for a few weeks there will be no changing facilities. Players are asked to arrive ready to play, but there will be toilets available in the clubhouse for the arrangement of the more personal items of cricketwear.