

NORTH WEST CRICKET LEAGUE

Minutes of the meeting held at Brinscall CC on May 22nd 2023

Apologies: Ray Taylor, Callum Clarke, Rebecca Slinger, Astley Bridge, Padiham, Stacksteads and Ribblesdale Wanderers

All other clubs were represented apart from Barrowford.

Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on April 12th at Tonge CC

1. Indoor cricket tournament . Only two clubs FSC and Tonge had come forward so far. Farnworth and Lostock added their names. Clubs had three weeks to let Tracey Brooks know if they wanted to take part otherwise the booking at Bolton School on each Sunday in January, would have to be cancelled.

2 Spare balls. The use of old stock balls was to be continued until the next meeting as some clubs had no new second balls due to being lost in the context of the game. Clubs were reminded the match ball plus a spare was to be given to the umpires at the toss along with the team sheet.

3 Walkden. Progress was on going

Finance: All clubs had paid their invoices that were due. Bank balance was £36698 which includes clubs £400 bond they had to pay. The affiliation fee to Lancashire was yet to be paid and clubs would be getting further invoices for the T20 balls and rest of the red balls. South clubs would be able to collect the balls from Phil Andrews works and the North clubs could collect them from Mike Bridges place when they arrive.

Umpires. Umpires were reporting some grounds didn't have the 17-inch lines and in some cases, they were so faint as couldn't be seen in the sunshine. Umpires should be paid at tea time or before the game not at the end of the match. Once there was a grounds committee set up then these matters could be reported to them. We were very short of umpires especially in the conference division where many matches only had one umpire and it was hoped clubs could provide an umpire to stand at square leg.

Registrations: In the absence of Callum Clarke, Tracey said there were no major issues apart from when clubs sent in their registrations forms they had to make sure the player was also registered on Play cricket . Deputy professionals had to be registered. It wasn't just a case of informing the opposition. If a professional was to return early then dispensation for a deputy had to be applied for from the league executive.

Safeguarding, Diversity and Inclusion: There were no concerns

Sub Committees.

Ground committee. Malcolm Venn, Nathan Philips, Tom Schofield, David Brandwood, Phil Andrews

Rules committee. Ray Taylor and Gerard Metcalf.

Juniors: competitions were well under way and the junior interleague teams were sorted. There was a girl's tournament on Sunday May 28th at Atherton. Any club wanting to enter a team please get in contact with Tracey Brooks. It was hoped to run an U13s indoor tournament as in previous years before covid. There had been a few issues with clubs not fulfilling fixtures and two clubs merged so that the youngsters could play a game. If there was no fixture then try and arrange a friendly to keep the players interested.

Discipline: 5 reports had been received of which 4 (3 level 1 and 1 level 2) had been dealt with and bans served. The 5th one was awaiting further investigation and would be dealt with shortly.

Appeals: Read appealed against their 2 slow overs penalty. Club Vote was 6 /9 against the appeal so points deduction stands.

Brinscall appealed against their 3 slow overs penalty. Club vote was 5 /8 against the appeal so points deduction stands

Umpires were to be reminded to keep captains informed after an hour, at drinks and with an hour left as the bare minimum notification of how they were progressing time wise and if reported to qualify if anything had happened to cause the slow over rate.

Whalley appealed against penalty for late captain's report and were successful, Vote was unanimous in favour

Sponsor boards: Two clubs had yet to receive theirs. Clubs were reminded to send a photo either to Tracy Brooks or Kay at Martin Axfords showing the board was up at their ground.

14 day rule: Clubs were reminded they needed to send in an application to the league at least 14 days prior to scheduled fixture should they wish it to be changed.

Teas. Barrowford had complained about there not being enough food especially for scorers who were often the last to arrive for tea. Clubs were reminded that a separate table should be set aside for the 4 officials

Settle. This club has resigned from the NWCL and would play in the Northern league next season

Hamer cup Draw.

FSC V Earby

Blackrod V Walkden

Kearsley V Little lever

Padiham V Farnworth

Settle V cherry Tree

Eagley V Read

Tonge V Astley Bridge

Salesbury V Oswaldtwistle Emmanuel.

Games to be played Sunday June 4th

A.O.B

1 Sight screens . Some were a disgrace and now that a grounds committee had been formed then that was a matter for them to consider. Some grounds had gone to a lot of expense to get double sightcreens.

2 There were a set of sponsored wickets available from TB . If clubs already had their own sponsored stumps then that was Ok as she had only been given 24 sets.

3 Problems had been created for scorers trying to download teams due to teams not being available on Friday night or early Saturday morning on Play cricket. There had been problems with Play cricket on match days so scorers were told to download the team while at home to overcome the problem but needed the cooperation of clubs to put teams on play cricket early.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.45pm

Clubs would be notified when the next meeting would be.