

NORTH WEST CRICKET LEAGUE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT TONGE C C ON JULY 19TH 2023

Apologies: R Taylor, A Scambler Burnley Belvedere, Read, Settle, Ribblesdale Wanderers, Kearsley Little Lever

Minutes of the May meeting had been circulated and approved.

Matters Arising:

1 Spare balls. Clubs could carry on using old stock as spares. Second teams were allowed to use new Dukes balls

2 Indoor cricket. So far Tonge, Atherton, Little lever, FSC, Farnworth, Lostock and Eagley had said they would play. S Booth said he would try to get a few more clubs interested. Deadline was end of August

3 Walkden's fixtures. F Hinks said he needed grounds for August 12th and September 16th. It was hoped to play fixtures on 19th at Lostock, 26th at Astley Bridge, 2nd September at Blackrod and 9th at Eagley. Some still had to be confirmed.

Sightscreens. Some were in a poor state and it was hoped to encourage clubs to have two sight screens at each end at a later date.

Rescheduled fixtures: Due to all Premiership and Conference South fixtures being washed out on the 15th July, they will be replayed. Premiership matches on the 20th August except for a couple of fixtures. e.g., 27th August Cherry tree v Atherton, 10th September Blackrod V Kearsley.

Conference South will be played on 10th September

Finance: Bank Balance is £32294.52. Invoices have been issued to all clubs for cricket balls and Affiliation fees for the Lancashire Cricket Foundation. The final date for payment of balls is 24th September or else clubs will pay a 20% Surcharge. The Presentation evening will be on November 17th at the Venue at Wham Stadium, Accrington so arrangements including tickets will be sorted by M Bridges, S Booth, M Graham, C Clarke, and anyone else who might like to volunteer. £3682.20 has been paid out for the junior cricket balls and £1000 for the photographer Harry McGuire.

Umpires: We have lost another two panel umpires citing player and crowd behaviour. Umpires do make mistakes and the better umpires make less. We have had problems with the rain calculations which unfortunately is both umpires and captains' fault for not reading the playing conditions. We held training sessions before the season started and problems ironed out at meetings but unfortunately all members do not attend. The lightning/thunder issue is entirely in the umpires' hands who have been asked to follow the ECB guidelines of coming off when thunder is nearby and covers with metal not to be used but sheets can. Umpires have a duty of care to all players and been asked to err on the side of caution. We are short of umpires so if you know of anyone who can help us out, please let us know. We are thankful for the Lancashire league for their umpires who have agreed to help us. Some umpires are not being paid at tea and as from this weekend they will not start the second innings until paid. They should not have to wait at the end of the game, sometimes 45 minutes, nor ask for it and some have not been paid at all.

Registrations: When registering players clubs must also complete a profile for play cricket. Loan players were allowed subject to conditions within our rules which are on the website but for further information then contact Andy Scambler Brinscall C C

Discipline. 15 reports had been received **and** 13 dealt with results published on our website and play cricket. 8 had been a level 1 and 5 level 2, with 2 still requiring further investigation. As we had adopted the Ribblesdale league rules where a washed-out game did not count as a match ban served, M Perry of FSC still had 2 matches to serve.

Safeguarding, Diversity: no issues to discuss

Juniors: The season was going well despite having to change some cup finals days due to the weather. It was hoped teams from the North area might like to join in next year. An attempt was being made to start a girls U9, u10s league. Clubs could join to raise a team. The U18s interleague had a problem getting grounds to play on. Next year it was going to U17s and games should be played during the school holidays. The next U18s game was against the GMCL on 30th July and John Hutchinson was looking for a club to host it. Blackrod said they would have a look to see if they could stage it. The u13s cup final would be at FSC on Saturday 22nd and as 4 clubs were affected by this due to team managers playing later in the afternoon, permission was given for their games to start at 1.30pm.

MCC MATCH This is being held at Settle CC on 9th August for U21s. Nominations were being sort but please make sure they were available before nominating them Overseas amateurs can be nominated but the team would not be an all-OA team. Nominations were to be in a.s.a.p.

Arrangements for next season. If Settle finish in the top 12 then the club who finishes 13th will go into the PREMIERSHIP. The Championship would have 11 teams. The conference would be arranged into three sections

Section 1 11 teams 7 from Conference N and 4 from Conference S

Section 2 10 teams, 6 from Conference N and 4 from Conference S

Section 3 10 teams 7 from conference N and 3 From Conference S

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1 Fennisowles were wished all the best for the T20 finals on 6th August

2 Blackrod expressed concern over not being allowed to stage a disabled cricket match. There was a cup match already allocated for the date they wanted.

3 Hamer cup final. The executive gave two alternatives, clubs could put in a tender for the final or it be decided by toss of coin between the two finalists. It was agreed for this year clubs could apply to host the final and the four semi-finalists could choose a venue. Three applications had been received and clubs had 48 hours to get an application in. Clubs in the semis couldn't apply .

4 Draw for Ramsbottom cup Astley Bridge V Farnworth

Padium v Lostock

Draw for Lawrenson cup Little Lever or Cherry Tree v Foulridge or Stacksteads

Burnley Belvedere v Barrowford or Eagley

5 Balls for next season. Clubs expressed concern over this year's balls where stitches came apart after very few overs. It was suggested we try Dukes but these would be more expensive than the £18 currently paid now. Reader ball price would increase next year. M Bridges had spoken to Readers about the stitching always coming apart. A lord's ball was to be tried out at the Lawrenson semis and finals.

Birchall cup. Final date had to be decided along with a venue. Quarter final was being played on 4th August

The next full club meeting would be announced at a later date.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.14pm.

Chairman _____ date _____