

ANTHONY AXFORD NORTH WEST CRICKET LEAGUE

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT BRINSCALL C.C.

18th SEPTEMBER 2023

Apologies; Rebecca Slinger, Andy Scambler, Gerard Metcalf, Callum Clarke (Padiham C.C.), Astley Bridge, Baxenden and Chatburn. Clubs missing more than three meetings will not be entitled to vote at the AGM.

Minutes of the Last Meeting; These were approved as a correct record.

Matters Arising; Contained in the agenda.

Registrations; Registrations are open for 2024 and it would assist Callum if these are added these as soon as they are confirmed rather than wait till the week before the season. Sub pros should be added to Play Cricket, the same as any other player. Changes have been made to the UKBA requirements regarding overseas sportspersons and clubs are asked to familiarise themselves with the amendments. Once a transfer form has been signed it should be sent to the Registration Secretary for acceptance then added to Play Cricket for final approval. The player cannot play until accepted on Play Cricket. Barrowford Seconds were the only team to concede two matches and will have twenty four points deducted and fined a total of £50.

Umpires; Clubs were thanked for supplying one umpire for second team matches when necessary. There were 63 adverse comments on umpires from captains, frequently from the losing captain. All had been responded to. There had been a problem with a lack of scorers at some matches, and courses for umpires and scorers will be run over the winter. The six a side indoor KO will be run over the first four weekends in January, with the winner representing Lancashire in the later stages of the competition. The semis and final are played at Lords.

Juniors; Tracey and Matt said it had generally been a good season despite the weather, with 16 NWCL players across the age groups playing for the County 'Best of the Best'. In 2024 we are looking to form an under 11 girls division. The presentation evening will be on 12th October, and later this week a list of prize winners will be issued. Clubs are asked to check these and inform Tracey if they think there has been an error.

Presentation; This will be held at Accrington Stanley F.C. on 17th November. Tickets are £25, and 105 places have already been confirmed out of 180. Clubs will be expected to take four tickets, but this could be adjusted if there is greater demand from other clubs. Certain categories of awards require votes from clubs and a voting form will be sent out this week.

Finance; Mike reported a bank balance of £18,500 with around £20,000 outstanding from clubs. Monies unpaid after next Monday will incur a financial penalty. Clubs were told who had not yet paid.

Safeguarding, Diversity, Disparity and Inclusion; There has been one incident which had been satisfactorily dealt with by the club.

Grounds; There is a meeting next Wednesday but the Grounds Committee are still looking for members from former Ribblesdale League clubs. The group are looking to assist clubs by recycling equipment. Information about the ECB County Grant Fund is contained in this newsletter <https://sway.office.com/GyQ9Grj4I2JI2ku0?ref=Link>

Northern Premier League; As Clubs may be aware the Northern League are looking to expand their Senior Leagues in 2025. At the recent Lancashire Cup final at Old Trafford the Northern League Chairman approached Ray our League Secretary to see if we would like to be part of this plan. Ray brought this to the attention of the League Executive and it was agreed that some members of our League should meet up with the Northern League to hear what they have to say. This meeting will take place this Saturday(23rd September) and the results of the meeting will be discussed by the League Executive and Clubs will be updated at the next meeting.

Rule Amendments; The Secretary took the meeting through some proposed amendments that would remove outdated rules, or rules that could no longer be enforced. To save time at the AGM these would be put together so they can be voted en-bloc. The Chairman reminded the meeting that the rule regarding the payment of players other than the contracted professional was still in force. The meeting discussed a proposal that would allow clubs to field a club coach who was Level 2 or above, with the permission of the Executive.

Meeting Dates; 5th October Rules Sub Committee at Brinscall, 9th October Executive at Tonge, 30th October General Committee at Tonge, 20th November AGM at Brinscall. All meetings to commence at 7.30pm.

2024 Season; This will begin on Saturday 20th April.