

ANTHONY AXFORD NORTH WEST CRICKET LEAGUE
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT TONGE C.C.

9th OCTOBER 2023

Apologies; Phil Andrews, Callum Clarke, Gerard Metcalf, Becky Slinger, Bill Slinger.

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

Matters Arising; All contained in the agenda.

Finance; There is £25,850 at the bank. Monies are overdue from Barrowford, Blackrod, Edenfield, Kearsley, Ribblesdale Wanderers and Westhoughton.

Umpires; Each club will be asked to provide the names of two people who can stand as a club appointed umpire when necessary. Eight teams are committed to the indoor KO in January and a reminder will be sent to the others.

Registrations; No new information.

Ground Report; The group are meeting again on 18th October. They will be considering minimum standards throughout the leagues. Captains reports will be given greater importance from next season.

Juniors; The presentation will be held at the Roundhouse in Bolton on Thursday 12th October. It was agreed that in future the junior section should set a budget and look for funding from the League to cover the whole season. The Secretary contacted Mike Buckley about outstanding funds from the former Bolton Cricket Development Group.

League Presentation; Already over 130 tickets have been requested. Mike and Simon will resume discussions about the Presentation when Mike returns.

Safeguarding, Diversity, Disparity and Inclusion; No updates.

Premier Status; It was agreed we should start moving towards this. The Secretary said the first step should be Clubmark for all clubs in the top two divisions. Currently only Baxenden, Eagley and Farnworth don't have Clubmark.

Relations With Other Leagues; The Secretary reported from a meeting with the Northern and Westmorland leagues and the Palace Shield. He said that proposed developments were already in place involving these leagues, and separately the Cumbria League. There were also strong rumours regarding the possible expansion of another league. It was agreed that without any commitment the situation should be actively monitored.

Stacksteads; Stacksteads C.C. had informed the League the club would be folding. The Secretary requested time to contact an organisation in Burnley with whom he had already been in touch to see if they were able to fill the vacancy before it was advertised. The Exec were also in favour of his suggestion that we may consider second teams from other leagues to boost the numbers in the Conference divisions.

Discipline; KB reported there had been 24 disciplinary offences, 23 had been dealt with internally and one by the LCF. Thirteen were Level 1 and ten Level 2. Three clubs had been contacted regarding poor spectator behaviour. There was one outstanding incident, and a Disciplinary Panel was set up to deal with this.

Press Releases; It was agreed we should ask Graham Hardcastle to continue with these on a monthly basis. At the appropriate time we should be looking to replace Settle in time for the 2025 season.

Any Other Business; FH said the work at Walkden should be complete by the end of November.

Date of the Next Meeting; Full Committee meeting at Tonge C.C. 7.30pm on 30th October.