

13th February 2024

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT TONGE C.C.

Apologies; P. Andrews, F. Hinks, G. Metcalf, Atherton, Barnoldswick, Blackrod, Cherry Tree and Lostock. Clubs not attending - Barrowford, Chatburn and Walkden. Exec members attending - KB, TB, MB, KK, AS, MS, BS, RS, RT.

Minutes of the Last Meeting; These had been circulated and were approved as a correct record. There were no matters arising.

Treasurer's Report; The year end profit and loss account has been audited and will be emailed to clubs. There is a bank balance of £29k. Six clubs still have outstanding invoices for the League Dinner and two clubs still have the 20% levy outstanding. The levy is there purely as a deterrent to ensure clubs pay their invoices on time. The cricket balls are being purchased from Readers and the price is the same as last year. Reference to the 2023 balls is in the Executive minutes. Unless clubs indicate otherwise the same quantities as last year will be ordered.

Umpires; There will be basic course on 9th March. The NWCOA are prepared to run courses in Bolton and Lancashire for Club Nominated Umpires if there is sufficient demand.

Juniors; The semi finals of the indoor KOs will begin this weekend. Inter League trials are progressing. A venue is still being sought for the Under 21 Inter League match v MCC on 7th August. The match will be funded by NWCL with the club keeping any profits made on the day. Junior fixtures will be issued shortly.

Registrations; The forms for professionals, new registrations and transfers can be found on the Website under 'Registrations and Transfers'. Copies of the professionals contracts should be sent to Callum the registration Secretary.

Fixtures; All have been sent to clubs and are on the Website, apart from T20 and Development which will be available in the next few days. Barrowford will be taking part in the first team T20 competition, playing their matches away. The home club will be responsible for paying the umpires. Barrowford will be allowed to field a registered professional from another league.

Cup Draws; There are 23 teams in the Hamer Cup, nine clubs received byes including the four in the Lancashire KO. This will leave 16 teams in the second round;

Whalley v Brinscall

Farnworth v Walkden

Earby v Kearsley

Feniscowles v Eagley

Atherton v Read

Baxenden v Barnoldswick

Oswaldtwistle I v Astley Bridge

There are 30 teams in the Ramsbottom Cup with two clubs from Conference One receiving byes. These clubs would not be eligible for the Lawrenson Cup;

Whalley v Blackrod

Baxenden v Barnoldswick

Kearsley v Feniscowles

Lostock v Chatburn

Atherton v Farnworth

Walkden v Earby

Oswaldtwistle I v Brinscall

Foulridge 1st v Cherry Tree

Farnworth S.C. v Burnley Beldevere 2nd

Burnley Beldevere 1st v Barrowford 2nd

Padiham v Eagley

Read v Salesbury

Barrowford 1st v Tonge

Astley Bridge v Foulridge 2nd

SED&I; There is a Safehands Course at BAE Preston on 13th March and one at Earby in April. There will not be DBS checks for scorers in future.

League Dinner; Accrington F.C. has been booked for 15th November.

Dates of Meetings; 6th March via Zoom (rule amendments only, to be released this week), 9th April at Brinscall C.C. Executive meeting Monday 4th March at Tonge C.C.