

4th March 2024

Minutes of the Executive Meeting

Held at Tonge C.C.

Apologies; Phil Andrews, Karen Knott, Gerard Metcalf and Rebecca Slinger. Attending - MB, TB, FH, JH, AS, MS, BS, RT. Malcolm Venn attended in his capacity as Grounds Committee Vice Chair.

Minutes of the Last Meeting; These had been circulated and were agreed to be a correct record.

Matters Arising; A breakdown of the Hamer Cup final finances are still outstanding. These are impacting on other financial issues. Westhoughton have not responded to enquiries about the return of the Warburton Cup. The match against the MCC will be staged at Read C.C.

Finance; The Income and Expenditure Account was approved. Atherton still owe their £400 bond. Clubs will be given the opportunity to appeal the 20% surcharge on their 2023 invoices at the next full meeting, but must submit their case to the League Treasurer in time for it to be circulated to clubs in advance of the meeting. The Executive were reminded a new treasurer will be required for next season.

Umpires; We are looking at running courses for club umpires at Tonge C.C. on 18th Match and Cherry Tree 7-9pm on 20th March.

Juniors; Inter League trials are still ongoing. Discussions had taken place regarding the proportion of inter league players from the North and the South of the League bearing in mind a number of players in the North are eligible for other inter league teams. We are looking at running an Under 14 girls inter league team.

SEDD&I; The ECB will be issuing directives for scorers before the season.

Grounds; Malcolm Venn will be sending out a survey to clubs based on the criterion in other Premier Leagues around the country. Clubs should return these before the 31st May. He and the League Secretary would be meeting with the LCF and Andrew Welsby from the Grounds Management Association tomorrow, and reporting back at the next Executive meeting. In the coming months the Ground Committee will be pro actively assisting clubs where necessary. It is accepted not all clubs in the NWCL will aspire to the same standards.

Premier League Status; It was noted that all Premier League clubs in the country must have Clubmark.

Sub-Committees; The following were appointed:

Grounds - Phil Andrews, David Brandwood, Gary Hayes, Nathan Philips, Tom Schofield and Malcolm Venn. It is hoped we can recruit at least one more member from the Northern clubs.

Rules - Gerard Metcalf, Simon Booth, Andrew Green and Andy Scambler.

Registrations - Callum Clarke, Tracey Brooks and the Chair or his deputy.

Discipline - Kevin Boyle, Malcolm Venn and the Chair or his deputy.

Handbooks; These are almost complete and it is hoped these can be distributed at the meeting at Brinscall on 9th April along with the balls.

Press; Graham Hardcastle will continue with the first team reports and Harry McGuire as photographer. Unfortunately due to his scoring schedule Mitch Cregan will be unable to write his second team report. The Secretary said he would cover one division, almost certainly below Mitch's quality and quantity, and it is hoped there will be two volunteers to cover the other divisions.

Dates of Forthcoming Meetings; 6th March Rules meeting via Zoom, 2nd April Executive meeting 7pm at Walkden, 9th April full meeting at Brinscall.