

2nd April 2024

Minutes of the Executive Meeting

Held at Walkden C.C.

Apologies; Callum Clarke, Matt Seigne, Andy Scambler, Becki Slinger and Bill Slinger. Attendees -PA (Chair) SB, KB, MB, TB, FH, JH, KK, GM, RT. Malcolm Venn attended in his capacity as Grounds Committee Vice Chair.

Minutes of the Last Meeting; These had been circulated and were approved as a correct record.

Matters Arising; Farnworth confirmed they had made a net loss on the two Hamer Cup finals, which were both affected by the weather. A detailed breakdown will be given to the Treasurer. Arrangements are in hand for the payment of the £400 bond from Atherton C.C. SB said the return of the Warburton Cup from Westhoughton C.C. is in hand. Kearsley have indicated they wish to appeal the 20% surcharge. Appeal email to follow these minutes.

Grounds; The Executive approved a grounds and facilities survey based on research by Malcolm Venn. This will be brought to the attention of clubs at the meeting on 9th April. Clubs will be asked to complete the survey by end of April. Also at the meeting will be the presentation of an initiative from the ECB Grounds Management Association which was approved in principle by the Executive.

The Executive agreed that there was little prospect of the majority of grounds being fit by 20th April, and after considering many options it was decided to use the two 'washout' dates, so the Premiership and Championship matches will be played on 30th June (if a club is still in the Nation KO then their match will be played on an alternative date), and the Conference matches will be played on 1st September. Matches rained off during the season will not now be replayed.

The Executive will discuss the matches scheduled for 27th April on 15th April, with the possibility that these will be played on Saturday 21st September.

Finance; MB reported there is £30,000 in the bank. Payment for the junior balls is due.

Umpires; Play will not resume in the second innings if the umpires have not been paid at the interval. There had been a poor attendance at the sessions for Club Appointed Umpires. The future of the Indoor KO will be reviewed subject to the number of entries.

Juniors; All the inter league squads have been finalised.

EDI; Should the NWCL obtain Premiership status, clubs without 'Clubmark' would be excluded from the Premier Division. The Chair and Secretary are hoping to meet with LCF representatives in the near future to discuss our becoming a Premier League.

Females of all ages and in all cricket may wear dark coloured playing trousers (not leggings) or an adapted pair of half coloured / half white playing trousers.

Handbooks and Balls; Handbooks will not be available for the meeting on 9th April, but balls will be.

Press; We have volunteers to cover Conference matches, but more volunteers would be welcome.

Social Media; Simon Booth will be making a presentation at the meeting on 9th April, explaining how clubs can use social media to increase their presence for both cricket matches and social events.

Dates For Next Meetings; Full meeting Brinscall C.C. 7.30pm Tuesday 9th April. Captains meeting 7.30pm Tuesday 23rd April Brinscall C.C. Executive meeting Tonge C.C. 7.30pm Tuesday 7th May.