

NORTH WEST CRICKET LEAGUE

Minutes of the league meeting held at Brinscall CC on August 13th 2024

Apologies: F Hinks, R Taylor, T Brooks, C Clarke, M Bridges, A Scambler, G Metcalf, Little Lever, Cherry Tree, Ribblesdale Wanderers, Padiham

Astley Bridge, Kearsley, Brinscall, FSC, Earby and Walkden did not attend

The minutes of the league meeting on June 11th had been circulated and were approved as a true record.

Matters arising: Chairmans remarks Lostock were congratulated on hosting and winning the leagues T20 competition as well as going on to win the ECB Plate Regional with a comprehensive victory over the Palace Shield side Carnforth. They now play in the Northern Area final on August 25th and send the leagues best wishes for success in this game. He congratulated Read on winning the Hamer cup and thanked Little Lever for successfully hosting the game.

Finance: In the absence of Mike Bridges, the financial report from the executive meeting was read as follows: Finances stood at £27086 with 8 clubs with outstanding invoices. The two clubs paying a monthly amount were on course for completing the required payment, however Barrowford having agreed a monthly payment plan had not sent anything in since April. The league had no outstanding debts. SB was looking into the arrangement with the photographer.

Umpires: The Ramsbottom cup will be played at Read and the Lawrenson cup final at Salesbury on August 25th. The T20 Birchall cup final would be put back until September 8th due to the fact other rounds still had to be played as had been delayed by the weather. The quarter finals had to be played by August 18th asked that thanks be passed onto captains for their comments on the umpires reports as constructive comments could only improve the umpiring. It was nice to see some very positive comments coming through, especially about our new umpires. All adverse comments had been replied to, a total of 50 so far. Clubs were reminded away scorers should be scoring in a book as the umpires had to sign the book to agree the result. It was suggested if there was only one scorer then the scorer should do the book.

Barnoldswick only had 10 players on Saturday August 19th and therefore would be fined £10 as per league rule.

Registrations: There had been an allegation of a club (Walkden CC) of playing an ineligible player(s). The club has been informed of the allegation and the matter was discussed at League Executive meeting and it was found by a majority that they felt there was a case and Walkden have been informed of this and the relevant sanctions. Walkden have registered they will appeal this decision and this will be subject to a meeting and heard by the Clubs a.s.a.p.

Discipline: Kevin Boyle said there had been **22** cases so far: 9 Level 1 offences, 11 Level 2 offences, 1 Level 3 offence, no Level 4 offences and 1 Social media violation. All had been dealt with and he passed on his thanks to Tracey Brooks for updating the web site with the players who had received bans etc. A club had received a warning letter as to their behaviour which seemed to have worked as behaviour had improved, He thanked Phil Andrews and Karen Knott for their help on the appeals panel.

A new disciplinary adjudicator, Tony Tipping has been appointed due to the resignation of Malcom Venn. The league passed on their thanks to Malcom for the work he had previously done.

Juniors: In the absence of T Brooks and M Seigne **the** acting secretary read out the junior report form the executive meeting. The league gave the juniors a loan of £200 to tide them through until Lancashire had paid interleague games expenses. This was now in the process of being repaid as money had been received from Lancashire It was also agreed that the league give the juniors £1600 to cover costs of training during the winter especially fielding which had been identified by Lancashire scouts as a weakness. There had been a problem with registering a young player and due to information given he would not be playing for the NWCL in future. The season was going reasonably well in spite of the delay due to weather which had affected cup matches. Some had still to be played and a cutoff date was issued. The junior committee would look at the set up for games during the school holidays as hopefully this would stop the various cancellations. Perhaps play league games during term time and cup during the holidays.

EDI and safe guarding: R Slinger said there was one case involving two junior sides being dealt with by the junior committee and safe guarding team

Cricket balls for 2025: The decision to change the brand of ball to be used in 2025 would be made by the clubs. There was enough historical evidence on various balls performance in different conditions so it was felt it unnecessary to trial various balls and it would come down to cost. Dukes' balls were mentioned and Phil Andrews said they would cost £8-£9 more than the current Readers one. He would contact gthe Dukes rep when back in the country. Clubs playing in the Lancashire KO and National KO had been impressed with the duke's ball. Mike Bridges said David Lees would come and talk to the league about the Oxbridge balls should we want him to. He could provide a ball for £19. Members of the executive would look into costing and report back for the clubs to make the final decision.

AOB: The Ramsbottom cup will be played at Read (match manager Phil Andrews) and the Lawrenson cup final at Salesbury (match manager Mike Bridges) on August25th. The T20 Birchall cup final would be put back until September 8th due to the fact other rounds still had to be played as had been delayed by the weather. The quarter finals had to be played by August 18th

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.03pm, the next full league meeting was scheduled for Tonge CC on October 8th although a meeting will be arranged to discuss Walkden's appeal before that.

Chairman _____ Date _____