

NORTH WEST CRICKET LEAGUE EXECUTIVE MEETING

Held at Brinscall CC on August 6th 2024

Present: Chairman B Slinger, P Andrews, G Metcalf, M Bridges, K Knott, T Brooks, M Seigne, J Hutchinson, A Scambler . R Slinger arrived later

Apologies: F Hinks, R Taylor, K Boyle, S Booth, C Clarke

Minutes of the meeting held on July 2nd and been circulated and approved.

Matters arising Work was still on going with Barrowford CC. The Match against the MCC at Read was all organised with B Slinger being the match manager.

Finance MB said 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 hadn't sent anything in since April. The league had no outstanding debts. SB was looking into the arrangement with the photographer.

Umpires 5 of 6 new umpires from the ECB courses were doing very well. The umpire's training officer was working with one to bring him up to speed. Captain's reports were mainly complaining of LBW decisions but that was usually from the losing side. All comments were noted and replied to. At the next umpires meeting the correct procedure to follow re the level of behaviour offences would be gone through as simple errors were being made which meant players were not being able to have the correct punishment. The umpire's secretary was to ask about a supply of the offence level cards from the ECB.

Disciplinary report. In the absence of Kevin Boyle, Phil Andrews read out Kevins report. There had been **21** cases so far: 8Level 1 offences ,11 Level 2 offences, 1Level 3 offence, no Level 4 offences and 1 Social media violation. He passed on his thanks to Tracey Brooks for up dating the web site with the players who had received bans etc.

The new disciplinary adjudicator was Tony Tipping.

Juniors: As Lancashire hadn't paid out the full amount asked for the junior games, the league gave the juniors a loan of £200 to tide them through. 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.

Registrations: There has been a complaint from a club re another playing an unregistered player which the league executive voted on to follow the league rules based on information that has been supplied so far by the club.

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Grounds. A Scambler was acting on captains and umpires reports over problems at grounds, especially comments on uneven bounce at two grounds. It was suggested that someone who is not playing or umpiring have a look at these grounds while a game was being played. Concern was expressed that no one from the county had mentioned coming to inspect the grounds even though the league had paid for the service. Tracey Brooks will chase it up.

Cup Matches Hamer Cup.M Bridges would be match manager and will take the trophy to be presented at Little Lever.

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

A suggestion for discussion was put forward regarding future venues for the cups which was the winning club hosts next year's final so it gives a club plenty of time to prepare.

EDI and safeguarding: There was a matter involving two junior teams which the disciplinary committee felt should be dealt with by the junior league and safe guarding officer which they are doing.

Cricket balls: clubs would be asked if they wanted a change. Two Dukes balls were produced, one new ball and another after the first innings. It would be up to the clubs to decide.

Administration: Tracey Brooks said she needed help with all the admin work and would provide the league with a list of things she does so that some help could be given.

A.O.B

Earby seconds had conceded a match. 12 points were awarded to Tonge as per league rule and Earby fined £25. The 12-point reduction to Earby was suspended until the end of 2025 as a precedent had been set last year.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.18pm the next meeting was a full league meeting at Brinscall CC on August 13th and the executive meeting at Tonge C C on September 3rd

Chairman _____ **Date** _____ -