

NORTH WEST CRICKET OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at Read CC on July 16th 2024

Present Chairman K Holt and 17 other members

Apologies had been received from Messrs Venn, Hodgkiss, Dixon, Ali, A Patel, S Patel, Andrews, Hardman, Holton, Lambert, Till, Merry, O'Donnell, Wiseman, Sharples, Pendlebury, Atcha, Dunn, Fernside, Tracey Brooks and Pauline Ashton,

The Chairman welcomed two new members to our association. Myles Hayhurst and Maqbul Khansia, both who had attended the ECB umpiring course and were eager to join us and start umpiring.

Minutes of the meeting on June 18th had been circulated and were signed as a correct record.

Matters arising. Badges and coats: The badges would cost the following:- £15 set up fee and £4.65 each plus VAT (£5.58) It was suggested we order 50 of these while we wait to see if there would be a sponsor for the coats which cost £50 each from Icon sports. These were reversible coats and would have our logo on the coats. These would be purchased for the start of the next season. Numbers and sizes would be asked for at the August meeting. If we could a sponsor and MB seems to think we might then the cost of the coats would be reduced for individual members.

Third team umpires. Anyone who wished to be added to a list that could be circulated to the clubs running third teams were to let the secretary know. Myles Hayhurst, Maqbul Khansia, Bill Slinger put their names forward.

Correspondence : Minutes of the league executive meeting on July 2nd.

Treasurers report: Mr Boyle had received £40 in subscriptions and bank balance stood at £3965.46

Fixture appointments: The T20 final umpires would be Gordon Tattersall, John Hutchinson, John Pearson, S Wiseman

Hamer cup final umpires B Slinger, F Hodgkiss,

Ramsbottom cup K Boyle Plus 1

Lawrenson cup K Till, D Monks

Junior league finals R Taylor T Mahmood

Phil Keating was taking a more active roll in appointing umpires with a view to taking the role over from Mike Bridges next season who help out when required.

Appointments had been made to mid August

Discipline 15 players were named on the Website .7 level 1, 7 level 2 and 1 level 3.

One Case was still outstanding as the club had until Thursday to respond to letter sent out.

Commented [kk1]:

Kevan Boyle thanked Malcolm Venn for his efforts within the Disciplinary committee and Malcolms role would be undertaken by Tony Tipping.

He was becoming aware of umpires telling captains “anymore of that and it will be 5 penalty runs”. The reason for saying 5 penalty runs should be reported. By all means issue a friendly warning to the captain but say it’s a friendly warning, because anything else becomes reportable before 5 penalty runs are awarded

Commented [kk2]:

Some umpires were not reporting matters just because the player had apologised. Still report the incident but say he had apologised on the report. Umpires need to be consistent in order to help each other along. The disciplinary committee will support the umpires.

Reports . All umpires comments about the ground were sent to Andrew Scambler to deal with. ML said he had spoken to the AB chairman in regards to a lock on the umpires room. This last weekend there had been a lot of comments re state of pitches and bounce.

Not all umpires were sending in reports which was a little disturbing . When asked about what percentage were being sent in , the secretary said about 60%. If you don’t know how to send in a report ask your colleague to do it and put both names on the report or ring the secretary and she will help you.

She had received 55 comments relating to poor umpire reports and had replied to them all, either asking for further clarification or just acknowledgement of comments. The main bone of contention was LBW decisions, umpires not coping under pressure and being late. As the handbooks were now here if you found yourself being late , please phone the club to let them know

Matters arising from season so far

1 Use of saliva on the ball. This was a permanent MCC law and not allowed under the law changing the condition of the ball. 5 penalty runs can be issued and the batters change the ball if they want. Most present felt that it was best to leave the ball on the floor as in covid days.

2 When overs are lost in the second innings then the time lost is deducted from 7.10pm. This is then divided by 3.75 to give the number of overs left. There were a few instances where no time was lost as the first innings had finished early.

3 Par score . This should be shown on the scoreboard in the second innings at every game regardless of the weather. Players would get use to seeing it there even if it was sunny

4. A ball can be changed if too wet . A couple of captains had complained about the umpires changing the ball as thought it could only be changed if lost, damaged or out of shape.

5 The procedure for dealing with a bowler with a suspect action was discussed. Unless it was a deliberate throw then do not call NO ball but report your suspicions to the club . They should get him videoed , either by the county or do it themselves and send to the county.

Scorers . As there were no scorers present there was nothing to discuss, other than some clubs didn’t seem to have a scorer . These had been passed on to Tracey and would be

fined. If there is only one scorer please check to see if he was paid by the club who didn't have a scorer and mention it on your report

AOB The bowling night had been changed from the 20th August due to our meeting in August being booked at Tonge CC . MB would liaise with Read Bowling club and we would hold the evening without having a meeting after it , just some refreshments.

As we had several new members joining us , it would be useful for them to be able to contact a member for help and guidance if needed and as act as a mentor. K Knott, D Heap, S Wiseman and M Venn already had this role and Kevin Holt, Mark Liddell and Mike Bridges offered their help and would be assigned a new member .

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm the next meeting to be on 20th August at Tonge CC

Chairman_____ date _____