

5th November 2024

Anthony Axford North West Cricket League

Abridged Minutes of the Executive Meeting  
Held at Tonge C.C.

**Apologies;** Simon Booth, Callum Clarke, John Hutchinson and Gerard Metcalf.

**Present;** TB, MB, FH, KK, AS, MS, RS, BS (Chair), RT.

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

**Matters Arising;** JH will become trophy curator from 2025. A replacement for the Birtwistle Cup will be found from our existing trophies. The draw for the Axford Indoor KO has been circulated to participating clubs.

**League Presentation;** Clubs should let Tracey have their ticket requirements as quickly as possible. Each club must take four tickets, but will only be invoiced for three, £75. Mark Butler will MC the event, special guest is Josh Bohannon.

**Registrations;** RT explained why players taking part in more than one league had become an issue. It was agreed further discussion be left until CC was available, but it is likely the matter will be discussed by the LCF in December.

**Finance;** It was agreed that social media could be used to seek sponsors for the Hamer, Ramsbottom and Lawrenson cups. RT suggested we could follow the example of other leagues and engage with financial partners.

**Umpires;** There will be an Introduction to Umpiring course at Bolton Indians on 18th January. The money paid to scorers by clubs was discussed. It was agreed this was a matter for individual clubs, but would be addressed in a development plan for clubs before the 2025 season.

**Juniors;** The presentation evening at The Roundhouse, Bolton had been a success with around 170 attending. The venue has been booked for next year. There will be at least one new club joining the junior section in 2025.

**Rule Amendments;** There have been no changes so far to the original proposals.

**Press Reporting;** Graham Hardcastle is to be re-engaged for the 2025 season, and provide monthly reports during the close season. A meeting is to be arranged between photographer Harry Maguire and members of the Executive.

**EDI and Safeguarding;** We will be represented at a forthcoming LCF meeting, but neither of our Safeguarding officers will be able to attend.

**Grounds;** The benefits of the 2024 ECB ground inspections were discussed.

**Feniscowles C.C.;** Representatives from Feniscowles had spoken to the Chair and Secretary previously and followed it up with a formal communication. The Exec agreed to their request that they be allowed to play in the Conference divisions for the foreseeable future. Their first team will be placed in the top division. They will be asked if they wish to be considered for the T20 competition.

The championship will comprise ten teams for the 2025 season, and the competing clubs will be given two options to vote on, to bring the number of fixtures up to 22.

In the New Year the Executive will make a concerted effort to boost the number of clubs in the NWCL, affecting both first and second team cricket.

**AGM;** Mike Bridges agreed to remain as Treasurer for another year, and Kevin Holt was proposed and seconded as a replacement for Kevin Boyle as Discipline Officer.

**Any Other Business;** It was agreed the 2025 Handbook would comprise just contact details and rules

The Executive agreed to a request from Ribblesdale Wanderers to play all matches away for the last four weekend of the season due to work on the ground.

**Dates of Next Meetings;** AGM 25th November 7.30pm Brinscall C.C.

Executive 2nd December 7.30pm Brinscall C.C.