

24th February 2025

Anthony Axford Bolton Cricket League

Minutes of the Full Meeting With Clubs

Held at Tonge C.C.

Apologies; Mike Bridges, Kev Holt, John Hutchinson, Andy Scambler, Bill Slinger, Barrowford, Earby, Oswaldtwistle Immanuel, Salesbury.

Absent; Atherton, Barnoldswick, Chatburn, Kearsley, Ribblesdale Wanderers, Whalley, SB, CC.

Minutes of the Last Meeting; These had been circulated and were agreed to be a correct record. There were no matters arising. Little Lever were congratulated on winning the area T20 final. They now progress to the North of England semis and final on 16th March at Derbyshire C.C.C.

League Presentation; It was agreed this should remain at Accrington F.C.

Grounds Seminar; 10am-12 Milnrow C.C. 2nd March booking link <https://booking.ecb.co.uk/Kgk10z> again the Secretary stressed the importance of clubs attending.

Finance; A bank balance of £28,345 was reported. Junior balls have been paid. Details of the LCF affiliation fees had been sent to clubs previously. The meeting was reminded Mike bridges will be standing down as Treasurer at the AGM. Cricket balls have been ordered. Unless clubs requested a variation, their order will be the same as 2024.

Umpires; As most other leagues locally are increasing umpires' expenses, it was agreed ours should become £70 and £105 for an umpire standing on their own and £35 or £50 for an umpire standing on their own for T20 matches. Clubs share the cost for T20 matches. There will be a Zoom meeting for captains and umpires on 10th April, covering rules changes and captain's reports. It was agreed the NWCL would contribute £500 towards the cost of umpires coats. There will be a book & ipad scorers course at Tonge C.C. on 16th March, cost £30. Clubs wishing to enter the 2026 Indoor KO should contact Karen.

Registrations; Paperwork pertaining to professionals and overseas amateurs should be sent to Callum, information relating to UK based amateurs including release emails from previous clubs, to Tracey.

NWCL Expansion; This is being handled in the development stages by Callum Clarke and Simon Booth.

Match v MCC; Clubs wishing to stage this match on 6th August should contact Tracey by 6th March. Matchday expenses are covered by The League. These include Lunches, Teas and hot / cold drinks during the match.

EDI & Safeguarding; Rebecca reminded clubs they must appoint an EDI Officer from the club's committee before the start of the season, giving Rebecca their name and contact details to

safeguarding@nwcl.co.uk. The EDI Officer can also be the Safeguarding Officer. EDI and Safeguarding policies are being updated, and will be sent to clubs and put on the website.

Live Streaming of Matches; This is still under discussion and clubs have recently been sent the ECB guidelines. Particular reference was made to the complexities of parental permission. Junior matches should not be live streamed.

Juniors; The finalised junior fixtures will be available next week. Inter League managers are being sought for the girls cricket teams.

LCF Smartsheets; It was accepted that more than one person at a club may have to be involved in the compilation of these. Areas that clubs do not feel are relevant to them or they are unable to complete should be left blank.

Dates of Next Meetings; Executive 8pm 10th March at Brinscall C.C. Full meeting with clubs 7th April 7.30pm at Brinscall C.C.