

12th AUGUST 2025

ANTHONY AXFORD NORTH WEST CRICKET LEAGUE

MINUTES OF THE FULL COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT BRINSCALL C.C.

Apologies; MB, TB, JH, GM, MS, RS, Cherry Tree, Earby, Kearsley, Oswaldtwistle Immanuel, Read, Whalley. Clubs not attending; Atherton, Blackrod, Chatburn, Farnworth S.C. Executive members attending, PA, FH, KK, KH, BS, RT.

Adele Williams - LCF Safeguarding Lead; Adele said she was the Safeguarding Lead for clubs, leagues and the County. She explained that some reports were handled by clubs and or leagues with their actions approved by herself. Others were dealt with by her at County level. The ECB are interested in the full picture of the reports. Adele is happy to visit individual clubs to explain what Safeguarding involves. There will be a day devoted to Safeguarding and EDI at Emirates Old Trafford on 6th October. A Safeguarding WhatsApp group has been set up and clubs interested in joining should let Bill or Ray have their name, their club's name and their phone number.

Minutes of the Last Meeting; These had been circulated and were approved as a correct record. It is likely the Presentation Evening will be at Accrington F.C.

Chair's Report; Bill congratulated Read on their Birtwistle Cup win and Little Lever on their Hamer Cup victory. Astley Bridge and Read were thanked for the professional way they staged the events. On 17th August the Ramsbottom Cup Final is Barnoldswick 2nd v Barrowford 1st and the Lawrenson Final Salesbury 2nd v Atherton 2nd.

Proposed Rule Changes; See form attached with the email.

Finance; Clubs have been invoiced for their balls. One club is in arrears with their payments. The Executive are aware of this.

Registrations; Nothing to report.

Grounds; Where necessary the Grounds Committee will be contacting clubs at the end of the season.

Discipline; The situation is similar to this stage of the season last year. There has been one level three offence but mainly ones and twos.

Umpires; Streaming services should not be used to question umpires' decisions. Clubs need the permission of the match officials to stream matches. Some clubs are not providing scorers when they are away, and several are not using scorebooks. Captains are thanked for providing reports, many of which are positive. Inconsistency in reporting poor player behaviour will be brought up at the next umpires' meeting. There were only six captains on the mid-season Zoom meeting.

Indoor KO 2026; To date only six clubs have expressed an interest in entering.

EDI and Safeguarding; There are numerous cases ongoing, mainly relating to junior cricket.

Juniors; The next junior meeting with club reps will be 16th September, 7.30pm at Tonge C.C.

MCC Matches; Bill thanked Blackrod for staging the match last week which we won by six wickets. Next year's game will be at Oswaldtwistle Immanuel, who are celebrating their centenary.

Promotion and Relegation; Bill said it will be two up and two down, but if Whalley are in the top two then only one team will be promoted. The set up of the Conference divisions will be discussed at the end of the season.

Dates of Next Meetings; Executive 9th September, full meeting 14th October.