

14th October 2025

Anthony Axford North West Cricket League

Minutes of the Full Committee Meeting

Held at Tonge C.C.

Apologies; Bill Slinger, Andy Scambler / Brinscall C.C., Foulridge.

Present; PA, SB, TB, FH, KH, JH, KK, GM, MS, RS, RT, Astley Bridge, Baxenden, Blackrod, Burnley Beldevere, Cherry Tree, Eagley, Earby, Farnworth, Foulridge, Little Lever, Lostock, Oswaldtwistle Immanuel, Padiham, Read, Salesbury, Tonge, and Walkden.

Conference Premier Champions; Phil Andrews presented the trophy to Burnley Belvedere.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting; These had been circulated and were accepted as a correct record.

League Presentation; This will be at Accrington Stanley F.C. on 14th November. The trophies have been organised. Mark Butler will again be the MC. Chief Guest to be confirmed. Tracey will contact clubs for ticket requirements.

Live Streaming; It was agreed this would be revisited in the New Year when more information from ECB is available.

Finance; As of the last Executive meeting there was over £21k in the bank. There are no outstanding debts. Brinscall, Cherry Tree, Feniscowles and Ribblesdale Wanderers still owe for their balls.

Registrations; Callum Clarke had announced he is standing down at the AGM. He role mainly covered the registrations of professionals and overseas players. SB said he had spoken to CC and felt much of the process could be automated.

Grounds; PA said self assessment forms would be distributed and collated in time for the pre season ground inspections, where the Ground Committee would be lending their support to clubs.

Indoor KO; Due to the lack of numbers, this will not take place in 2026.

Umpires; Following the temporary withdrawal of support for live streaming there had been an improvement in communications between clubs and umpires. We are taking to other leagues about their experience with live streaming. We may ask umpires to state pre season if they have any objection to being live streamed. It was noted that on the last day of the season when the entire programme was washed out that some clubs did not follow the rainy day procedures. There is an umpires' course on 29th March at Blackpool.

Discipline; There had been 37 cases with two ongoing, one more than last season. A lot of the offences occurred in the second half of the season. Tony Tipping is standing down, and both he and Kev were thanked by PA.

Juniors; There were 219 attending the Junior Presentation last Friday, with a significant number of girls present. We have a number of boys and girls on the Lancs player pathways, PA said hopefully many of the juniors will progress to senior cricket. Next season the Reader ball will be used. There are indoor competitions for the Under 11s and Under 13s over the winter and Inter League trials in the New Year.

EDI&S; RS reported Mike Haydock will be stepping down at Christmas, and reports will go directly to the Cricket Regulator. The NWCL still have two ongoing cases. Many of the problems and delays this season have been due to ignorance or confusion with the reporting process and communication trails. It was felt that many of the less serious incidents could be resolved at club level. For confidentiality reasons Club Welfare Officers should not use a club's generic email , either using their personal one or a separate email.

Rule Changes; GM outlined the proposed changes, which will be reviewed next week by the Rules Group before being forwarded to clubs. Clubs then have until 14th November to propose and second amendments to the proposals. TB explained the reasoning behind the changes to the batting bonus points as Play Cricket cannot cope with the present system, and these have to be updated manually.

Dates of Next Meetings; 4th November Executive at Tonge C.C., 24th November AGM at Brinscall C.C.