

MINUTES OF THE AXFORDS BOLTON CRICKET LEAGUE MEETING

HELD AT TONGE CC ON 22nd MAY 2017 at 8.15 p.m.

Present: Mr F Hinks (President); Mr J Hutchinson (Chairman); Mr P Andrews (Vice Chairman)
and Mr R Taylor (Secretary)

The following clubs were represented: Adlington; Atherton; Astley Bridge; Blackrod; Bradshaw; Eagley; Farnworth; Farnworth Social Circle; Golbourne; Heaton; Horwich; Kearsley; Little Hulton; Little Lever; Lostock; Tonge; Walkden and Westhoughton

Daisy Hill was not represented

There was a minutes silence for Mr Stan Wilson (Bradshaw) and Mr Bobby Woods (Westhoughton and Egerton)

The minutes of the April meeting were approved and signed

Matters arising:

- Public liability insurance – all clubs had either paid or were in the process of completing this.
- Question does it cover guest umpires? All umpires in the BCL must be members of ACU&S. Guest umpires therefore become a guest member of the club they are officiating at for the day. This needs to be mentioned, when appropriate, to club concerned.
- Player insurance – this is left up to each club to organise.
- Hamer cup cricket balls – these were available for distribution at the end of the meeting.
- Kearsley still needed their box of senior cricket balls. They have a box of junior cricket balls which is for another club. All clubs please check.
- The Birtwistle Cup – a Tifflex ball or a Readers ball from last year may be used.

Views on cricket balls:

Tifflex ball – the seam seemed to go quite quickly. It doesn't last the match. Wears quickly.

Readers ball better. Dukes ball very good but expensive. WILL CAPTAINS PLEASE GIVE FEED BACK ON THEIR REPORT FORMS.

Peter Stafford Trophy draw:

June 25th

FSCCC 1st v Daisy Hill

Adlington v FSCCC (2nd teams)

Little Lever 1st v Adlington

HAMER CUP RULES WILL APPLY TO PETER STAFFORD TROPHY

Hamer Cup and Birtwistle Cup draws on Wednesday 31st May at Tonge CC at 7.00 p. m.

Handbooks

More had now arrived. These would be distributed at the end of the meeting.

Cric HQ

Started well. Lots of information available. All first teams were “live” which is excellent.

2nd teams – some were using CricHQ as were some junior teams.

Please make sure the captain’s report is easily accessible.

Tracey Brooks is writing a “hints and tips for scorers”.

Please make sure the result goes in whether it is win, lose or abandoned!

From 27th May, there will be an automatic fine for clubs who fail to send a report in.

The ‘away’ scorer **MUST** score in the score book which must be signed by **BOTH** umpires. If electronic system fails, use the scorebook.

BCL website

Very responsive. More information to add. News items to go on. If it is ‘googled’, the more who do this will see the BCL site move to the top of the pile!

Fantasy cricket

105 teams had entered. First list of results collated on May 22nd.

The Secretary will do a write up. Fantasy league will be in the Bolton News each Thursday. There will also be an update on the BCL website.

Junior report

Lots of matches played due to good weather.

Tonge Under 9 had dropped out.

All competitions going well.

Reminder Sunday May 28th 9.30 a.m. start please!

Clubs playing unregistered players will be reported and the match awarded to the opposition. Some games played so far have been conceded.

The Chairman thanked all involved with the Junior Section for putting all the fixtures together and trying to give everyone as much cricket as possible.

Finance

All clubs had received a letter re monies owing.

Some were still required to pay Eagley (balance from last year); Farnworth (cricket balls); Kearsley (balance from last year); Lostock (cricket balls)

Cric HQ was £70 and was split £50 for CricHQ and £20 of the training

LCB fee was £20 and the Hamer Cup cricket ball £40.

IT WAS AGREED BY ALL PRESENT IT WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE NOT TO HAVE PAID OUTSTANDING BALANCES FROM 2016 OR FOR THIS YEAR'S CRICKET BALLS. Please do so now – **deadline June 15th**.

Our sponsors owed £8500. All clubs were handed a sheet with financial details on them.

Registrations

It had come to light that some players from the BCL had transferred to other clubs outside the BCL. For players to complete the process and forms to be signed, there should be no outstanding monies owed by the player(s) in question.

Donald Heyes had gone back to Little Lever from Kearsley but needed the approval of those present he could do this with immediate effect and therefore play straightaway rather than have to wait (as per rule in the handbook). All present agreed he could play with immediate effect.

Ground report

It was suggested that some on going issues appeared to be ignored. It was reiterated that the Grounds Committee were empowered to take action as and when appropriate. The information would also be taken off the umpires and captains reports.

Examples of recent issues – bowlers run up covers not being used or if they were they did not cover the required area. Please report any issues.

Umpires

The fielding circle should be 30 yards.

2 hours 58 minutes to complete the 50 overs.

In the Hamer Cup – 3 hours 15 minutes was allowed.

Wicket keepers holding onto the ball – the decision as to what happened was left at the umpires' discretion. Keepers could not hold onto the ball indefinitely hoping the batsman would over balance! It was asked that Club coaches be made aware of this. Be careful – it could be seen as time wasting!

Peter Stafford trophy – one bowler may bowl 25 overs (not 18 as originally agreed).

Peter Stafford Trophy – coloured clothing in this competition. Please note – AS OF 23rd MAY 2017 teams will play in WHITE.

T20 competition – regarding pads and sight screens – please see Rule 10 in the handbook.

Shortage of umpires – there is (sadly) an ageing panel. Younger umpires needed. Some will not do two games over a weekend. Holidays etc mean numbers vary week by week. Sometimes between 13 and 14 are unavailable each week from a panel of about 50. Approaches will be made to 6th form colleges and the University to advertise need for umpires for the BCL.

Bolton Cricket Development Group meeting now on June 14th.

The Umpires' Secretary had dealt with the comments from the captains.

Competitions

T20 – please speak to Karen.

Indoor competition for 2018 – Bolton School had been booked. 16 teams were in the draw with 3 waiting.

R&C – one junior matter in discussion.

2 clubs were fined for having no scorer.

LCB:

The Secretary had been to the latest meeting. Overseas players playing with the wrong Visa – the ECB were beginning to check clubs. Be careful! The next sweep will be the first two weeks in June.

Four BCL clubs had been given small grants.

Liverpool Competition – no more clubs being admitted.

Lancashire League – two more clubs needed so as two leagues of 12 were in operation.

Pennine League – clubs joining the GMCL. Some did not like having to do this.

Lancashire Knock Out – if it rains and calculation has to be made – use the play cricket calculation.

June 11th – four BCL clubs in action – Westhoughton; FSCCC; Lostock and Horwich.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.05 p.m.

Chairman: Date: