

2015 AGM Minutes of Meeting held on 3 December 2015

Sellers Huddersfield Junior Cricket League

At Kirkheaton Cricket Club

1. Attendance and apologies

A roll call of clubs was taken. Clubs not represented were: Birkby Rose Hill, Delph, Holmbridge and Lepton.

2. Minutes of the 2014 AGM.

The minutes of the 2014 AGM were agreed as a correct record.

3. Matters arising.

There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere in the meeting.

4. Chairman's report.

Mr Senior welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chairman thanked all sponsors, executive committee members, representative team managers and the Huddersfield Examiner for their efforts on behalf of the League. He asked all clubs to support our sponsors who provide vital financial assistance to the League and he was pleased that Sellers had agreed to continue their sponsorship for the 2016 season.

Mr Senior expressed his appreciation to all clubs that had offered their facilities for meetings and had hosted representative fixtures to a high standard. The number of players (both male and female) who had represented their district and county, and the success of our representative teams was a tribute to the hard work and support shown by coaches, managers and parents at both club and league level.

Mr Senior reported that the League had no disciplinary meetings for the last four years. He hoped this excellent record would continue and asked all clubs to ensure the highest standard of behaviour amongst players and spectators.

The Chairman notified the meeting that David Cocking and Neil Daniel were stepping down as managers of the League's representative teams at under 11 and under 15 age groups. The Chairman was pleased to announce that David Cocking would continue his involvement with coaching and manage the League under 10 team. The meeting was unanimous in thanking Mr Cocking and Mr Daniel for their commitment to the League and for their time spent on developing young cricketers. The Chairman informed the meeting that there was an urgent need to find replacement managers for the two representative teams and that he would be the Huddersfield Coaching Group to discuss the possibility of finding new managers from their members.

The vast majority of results had been submitted on time but there were still significant problems at under 11 level. Mr Senior urged all clubs to ensure results were submitted on time as this enabled current league tables to be produced and reduced the time spent by officials chasing up missing information.

5. Secretary's report

Mr Thorpe reported that the HJCL finished the 2015 season with 152 teams, a reduction of 9 from 2014. There were 750 league games (under 11 to 17) plus 30 under 9 tournaments and cup fixtures. Of the 750 league games, 161 (21%) were not played due to the weather (27% in 2014) with the under 15 age group badly hit, 66 (31%) of their games abandoned.

52 games were conceded, slightly down on the 60 in 2014. One of the priorities for 2016 should be to reduce the number of conceded games. 10 different clubs won trophies in 2015, the same number as 2014.

There are 161 entries for 2016, an increase of 9 from the end of 2015. However, we also had 161 entries at the 2014 AGM and 9 teams dropped out between the AGM and the end of the 2015 season. Therefore, it is likely that the numbers finishing the 2016 season will be below the 161 now entered. Mr Thorpe asked clubs to let him and the Chairman know as soon as possible if teams were likely to drop out before the start of the 2016 season as amending fixtures, once scheduled, was difficult. New clubs for 2016 were Elland and Moorend Phoenix but Almondbury and possibly Edgerton and Dalton would not be competing in the League in 2016.

The League won the under 13 Yorkshire Junior Cricket Festival beating Scarborough in the final. Josh Megson was man of the match in the final and won the all rounder award for the competition. The under 11 team reached the final of the YJCF losing by 6 wickets to Heavy Woollen. Ben Morris won the bowling prize for the competition. The under 15 team failed to progress beyond the group stage but had a dual individual winner in Joe Clough who took the bowling and all rounder awards. The Joe Lumb team finished second in division 2 but are promoted to the top division for 2016. The under 9 and 10 teams played mainly friendly fixtures. Mr Thorpe congratulated all the players who took part in the representative games and thanked the managers and coaches for their time and commitment. Any clubs that haven't nominated players on their entry forms for the 2016 representative teams can still do so by providing nominations to Mr Thorpe or the appropriate team manager.

Mr Thorpe reported that the League had received excellent support from umpires of both the Drakes and Central Leagues who had supported junior cricket by officiating at representative games and cup semi finals and finals.

The number of girls playing cricket is increasing and the Secretary asked clubs to give them more opportunities to play by actively encouraging them to join clubs and take part in matches. Barkisland have an all girls team that play in the HJCL and girls can play one year above at all age groups. The League currently has a good number of girls playing at West Yorkshire or County level where Yorkshire are very strong, but we could have more and clubs should ensure that suitable players are put forward for consideration at these levels. The League had a current player, Maddie Walsh, who

had played in all Yorkshire's senior games, winning the County championship and finishing runner up in the T20 competition.

Mr Thorpe concluded by thanking, on behalf of the League, all clubs for their support and promoting of junior cricket. He also thanked the Chairman and Executive Committee who do a vast amount of work 'behind the scenes' to ensure the smooth running of the League.

6. Treasurer's report

Mr Rothery presented the accounts for the period from 1 November 2014 to 31 October 2015. These included a summary of income and expenditure and further analysis for each age group. He thanked Sellers, Drakes Huddersfield League and the Huddersfield Umpires association for their generous sponsorship.

The balance in hand of £10,132 compared with £9,861 at the start of the year. The surplus of £271 compared with a surplus of £1,202 in 2014 and £1,283 in 2013. The balance of £10,132 represented approximately 15 months expenditure that was considered a reasonable ratio. The prize money for winning teams remained at £100.

Mr Rothery proposed that subscriptions remained at £25 per team to include cricket balls for under 9, 11 and 13 teams. The meeting unanimously agreed the subscriptions for 2016 and that the accounts are adopted. The Treasurer was thanked for his work during 2015.

7. Child welfare report

The meeting was reminded that all coaches, managers and volunteers involved with children had to be CRB checked and it was each club's responsibility to ensure this happened. Captains of senior 1st and 2nd teams should also be CRB checked and this was becoming even more important as increasing numbers of junior cricketers appeared in senior teams. Forms must be 'signed off' and it is anticipated that Mr Peaker and Mr Senior will be available on specific dates before the 2016 season to do this. Clubs were reminded that they must have a Child Welfare Officer registered with their senior league.

8. Proposed rule changes for 2016.

No proposed changes had been submitted for consideration.

9. Entries for 2016.

The 161 current entries for 2016 are split (32 at u9; 36 at u11; 38 at u13; 32 at u15 and 23 at u17 – comparable figures for the end of 2015 were 152 in total with 31 at u9; 36 at u11; 35 at u13; 28 at u15 and 22 at u17). Completed entry forms were still required from some clubs and these should be sent to the Secretary and Chris Hinks as soon as possible. Any changes or updates to manager details must be received by 1 February to meet the deadline for the 2016 handbook. Mr Hinks was thanked for his continuing work in producing the League's handbook.

10. Election of officers

All officers, with the exception of Neil Daniel who was unable to continue due to work commitments, were willing to stand again. The meeting unanimously re-elected the committee on that basis. Mr Daniel was thanked for his long-standing commitment to junior cricket. The Chairman stated that the current executive committee are always looking for additional help with the organisation of cup finals, acting as results secretary and coaching, managing and helping with representative teams. Anyone interested in helping in the running of the HJCL should contact Mr Senior or Mr Thorpe.

11 Any other business.

A Representative from Yorkshire Cancer Research, the official charity partner of Yorkshire Cricket would be invited to the pre season meeting to talk about how they can help cricket club members and players become cancer aware. The week from 7th to 15th May 2016 would be Yorkshire v Cancer week to coincide with national Sun Awareness week.

Mr Senior stated that the League would be willing to purchase cricket balls on behalf of clubs as part of a bulk order. These could be windballs or cricket balls and they would be distributed at the pre season meeting. Clubs requiring cricket balls should send an order as soon as possible to Mr Senior or Mr Thorpe. The Treasurer would then invoice clubs.

David Thorpe