

SELLERS HUDDERSFIELD JUNIOR CRICKET LEAGUE

Minutes of the 2011 AGM held on 1 December 2011

At Bradley and Colnebridge WMC

1. Attendance and apologies

A roll call of clubs was taken. Clubs not represented were: Armitage Bridge, Barkisland, Clayton West, Crigglestone; Emley; Homfirth, and Honley.

2. Minutes of the 2010 AGM

The minutes of the 2010 AGM were passed as a correct record (proposed Almonbury Wes, seconded I Livesey).

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's report

Mr Senior welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked all sponsors, executive committee members and representative team managers for their efforts on behalf of the League.

Mr Senior expressed his appreciation to all clubs who 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 county and the success of our representative teams was a tribute to the hard work and support shown by coaches and managers at both club and league level.

Chris Hinks had agreed to continue to produce the 2012 handbook and the meeting expressed their appreciation for his time and commitment.

5. Secretary's report

Mr Thorpe stated that the HJCL had 140 teams complete the 2011 season with 13 clubs winning at least one league or cup trophy. We do not operate a formal registration system but there must be approximately 1,500 players competing in the HJCL, a credit to all the coaches, managers, parents and helpers at the member clubs.

The 2011 season was the best ever for the HJCL. The under 15 team won the Yorkshire Junior Cricket Festival, the under 11 team were runners-up and the under 13 team semi-finalists. The under 17 team won section 'B' and the Jack Lee Trophy. The meeting congratulated all the representatives, in particular Mike Jagger and his under 15 team, winners of the competition for the first time.

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.

A large organisation of 140 teams does lead to problems of administration and Mr Thorpe appealed to all clubs to meet the league deadlines in order to ensure the HJCL is run efficiently. The HJCL receives good publicity from the 'Huddersfield Examiner' and results need to be submitted on time to ensure current league tables.

6. Treasurer's report

Mr Rothery presented the final accounts for the period from 1 November 2010 to 31 October 2011. These included a summary of income and expenditure and an analysis for each age group. He thanked Sellers, Romida, Drakes Huddersfield League, Umpires Association and the Huddersfield and Halifax area of the YCA for their generous sponsorship.

The balance in hand of £8,623 compared with £8,431 at the start of the year. The surplus of £192 compared with a surplus of £448 in the previous year. The balance at 31 October 2011 was the equivalent of 14 months expenditure and this was considered satisfactory, although the meeting was informed that the donation from the YCA would not continue (due to re-organisation) and costs including hire of cricket nets were expected to increase.

The Treasurer recommended that membership fees remain at £10 for under 9 teams and £20 for all other teams and that the accounts be adopted. This was proposed by Geoff Barnard, seconded by Ian Livesey and passed unanimously. The meeting thanked the Treasurer for his work during 2011.

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. Forms are available from Roger Peaker or the CRB website and Geoff Barnard, Ian Livesey, Phil Senior and Alan Kaye are all able to validate the form.

Clubs must have a Child Welfare Officer registered with their senior league. Jack Carson is administering Safe Hands Workshops for Child welfare Officers and these will be arranged through senior leagues.

8. Fixture Secretary's report.

Mr Senior reminded clubs that they must be absolutely certain that they can maintain teams for the whole season as teams dropping out cause major problems in attempting to change fixtures so that remaining clubs play as many games as possible. However, he was pleased to report that the situation had been much improved in 2011 compared to 2010 when one league of 8 teams lost 3 clubs.

The intention is to produce fixtures for the 2012 season by the end of January.

9. Entries for the 2012 season.

The total entry for 2012 is currently 150 teams from 41 clubs with 26 teams at under 9, 32 at under 11, 38 at under 13, 30 at under 15 and 24 at under 17. Hoylandswaine have resigned to join the Barnsley League, Almondbury are a new entry (at under 15).

10. Election of officers.

All officers were willing to stand again. Almondbury Wesleyans proposed, seconded by Scholes to re-elect on this basis. The meeting voted unanimously in favour.

The Chairman reported a serious situation for the under 11 section due to the absence of a results secretary. It would be impossible to maintain this age group without further assistance. (Following the meeting Richard Gledhill agreed to take on this role).

11. Proposed rule changes for 2012.

The proposed rule changes which had been posted on the HJCL website were voted on and agreed unanimously.

12. Any other business.

Clubs were asked to nominate players at all age groups to representative team managers.

Nets were available at Shelley High School from February half term to Easter on Tuesday evenings from 8pm until 9.30pm for any club requiring such facilities.

13. Date of 2012 AGM.

This will take place at Kirkheaton Cricket Club on Thursday 6 December 2012 at 19.30 hours.

David Thorpe