

Sellers Huddersfield Junior Cricket League

Draft Minutes of u13 section End of Season Meeting

Held Thursday 7th October @ 7.30pm – Bradley & Colnebridge WMC

Apologies for absence: - Birkby Rose Hill, Elland.

Roll Call :- all clubs were present except the following – Augustinians, Birkby rose Hill, Crigglestone, Clayton West, Delph & Dobcross, Denby Dale, Elland, Emley Clarence, Flockton, Holmbridge, Hall Bower, Micklehurst, Rastrick, Scholes and Thongsbridge. Absent clubs subject to a £10 fine in accordance with section specific rule 7b.

Chairman's opening remarks: - Richard Pearce welcomed all clubs present to the meeting, and praised all clubs competing in the section during 2010 season for an excellent summer of cricket in all competitions.

Minutes of 2010 pre-season meeting: - these were read and accepted. No matters arising.

Result Secretary's report: - each of the divisional leagues had been very competitive with champions not being decided until the last round of fixtures. Area A had gone to Slaithwaite. Area B to Holmfirth. Area C to Micklehurst. Unfortunately Broad Oak and Shepley had withdrawn from their sections disrupting the regular flow of fixtures in areas B and C.

Romida/Examiner Salver competition report: - this competition had run very smoothly given the reasonable weather during the season. The finals day at Upper Hopton was held in sunny but breezy conditions. Upperthong won the completion after defeating Slaithwaite in the final. Kirkburton and Denby Dale had been the respective defeated semi-finalists. The section had been very fortunate to have Richard Horner presenting the prizes and it was hoped that he would be available again for the duty. Thanks went to Upper Hopton for their staging of an excellent final day for the second year. In line with section policy a new venue would be sought for the next two years staging of the finals day.

Representative team manager's report: - Geoff Barnard reported that his team had performed well but had failed to qualify through to the finals losing to the Leeds area in the last qualifying match. He said that the Huddersfield players must be prepared to battle things out more in future when they come up against the extra talented players such as are being produced in the Leeds area.

Matters of concern to club representatives: - the Upperthong rep (David Clowes) had raised a number of issues by way of correspondence with the league secretary;-

Firstly that u13 cricket should be played on 21 yard wicket. The meeting considered that this was technically correct under ECB rules, but was difficult to enforce in practice due to the attitudes of club grounds men.

Secondly :- u13 cup final day (held the first Sunday in July) now clashed with the National ECB u13 Regional Finals day-could the Huddersfield League competition be moved ? The meeting considered that it was difficult to reschedule as the u15 final took place the following Sunday and then the school summer holidays commenced on the third Sunday in July. This was a problem that would have to be dealt with should the circumstances arise.

Thirdly: - Could the section enforce general league rule 7f requiring umpires to stand throughout a match. The meeting endorsed this.

Fourthly:-The league handbook regarding winning points for 2010 had been incorrect. It was noted that the award of 4 points for a win rather than 3 as published had been approved at the 2009 AGM.

Fifthly:-Could clubs with an artificial wicket surface be specifically noted in the handbook in future so that opponents are aware. Meeting endorsed this point.

Further discussion:-

Problems relating to some clubs that were not providing toilet and catering facilities at u13 Sunday morning matches. All clubs were urged to make sure that such facilities were available in future as travelling to away fixtures involved early set off times.

The match procedures with regard to LBW decisions were discussed and the meeting decided that in future normal laws of cricket should apply but that a common sense approach should be applied to LBW decisions.

With regard to the procedure regarding wide balls the meeting again decided that normal rules of cricket applied and that there is no limit to the number of wide ball decision in any one over.

Any other business:-

Huddersfield Coaches Junior Association winter nets were being held at Shelley High School from Saturday 8th January. 10.00am to 11.30am for u15's and 11.30 am to 1.00pm for u13's.

Huddersfield Coaches Association AGM to be held on Wednesday 24th November, 7.30pm at Kirkburton Cricket Club. All ECB qualified coaches requested to attend the meeting and join up with the ECB coach's scheme.

The Coaches Association Level 1 Course which had been cancelled in September was being rescheduled for April 2011.

Forthcoming meetings:-

HJCL AGM – Thursday 2nd December 2010 7.30 pm at Bradley & Colnebridge WMC; u13 2011 Pre-season meeting Thursday 7th April 7.30 pm at Bradley & Colnebridge WMC