



## Huddersfield Junior Cricket League

**CHAIRMAN** – Mr. P. Senior

Sellers Junior Cricket league – Annual General Meeting – 2009

Held at Bradley and Colnebridge WMC – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2009

The meeting opened at 19.30 with Mr P Senior in the Chair.

### 1) **Attendance and Apologies**

A roll call of clubs being represented was taken.

Clubs not represented were, Barkisland, Crigglestone, Emley, Micklehurst, Scholes (apologies received) and Skelmanthorpe.

### 2) **Minutes of 2008 AGM**

The minutes for the 2008 AGM were passed as a true record with I Heaton (Upper Hopton) proposing and R Peaker (Meltham) seconding.

### 3) **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising

### 4) **Chairmans Report**

Mr Senior started by welcoming all club representatives to the 2009 AGM. He then explained that as The Secretary, Chris Hinks, was currently out of the country he would read The Secretary's report first and then cover any outstanding issues. After reading Mr Hinks' report the meeting expressed their appreciation of the work done by Mr Hinks during the last 2 years.

Mr Senior then went on to thank all sponsors, EC members, representative team managers, YCB award winners and all league prize-winners. He also mentioned that the number of Huddersfield players who had represented YCC second eleven during 2009 should serve as an incentive to all current HJCL players and act as a tribute to the hard work carried out by all HJCL and club officials.

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He then emphasised 2 major problems which had faced the league in 2009 in that 13 teams had withdrawn after the fixtures had been published and the woeful lack of response to the need to return annual trophies.

Mr Senior concluded by wishing everybody the best for the 2010 season.

## **5) Secretary's Report**

See Appendix A

## **6) Treasurers Report**

Mr Rothery as treasurer for the HJCL presented the AGM with the HJCL final accounts for 2009. This reported on receipts and payments for the five sections.

Mr Rothery reported a balance in hand of £7,982.70 a loss of £184.45 for 2009. However; he stated that the league was holding a large stock of U17 track suit tops. Mr Rothery explained the entries in the accounts in detail and told the meeting that whilst it was good the HJCL bank balance was so favourable it was not well in excess of what an organisation such as the HJCL needed to function.

Mr Rothery proposed to the meeting that as the accounts were so healthy the subscriptions should remain the same for 2010 as for 2009

U9 - £10 per team

U11 – U17 - £20 per team

The proposal was seconded by I Livesey and accepted unanimously by the meeting.

Mr Rothery asked the meeting to accept the balance as presented, this was proposed by R Peaker and seconded by N Daniel, with the meeting voting unanimously in favour.

A vote of thanks was given to Mr Rothery from the floor and this was reiterated by the Chair

## **7) Child Welfare Report**

Mr Peaker reminded the meeting that clubs must have a nominated Child Welfare officer who has attended a Time To Listen course and that all coaches and team managers must have current CRB clearance which requires renewal every 3 years. He asked any club with any deficiencies in either of these areas to contact him for advice but remember that it is the responsibility of the club and not the league that all their officials are relevantly qualified. However; the league would be forced to take action if they became aware that any club did not fulfil its obligations in this area.

Mr Peaker was thanked by the chair for his conscientious work on Child Welfare on behalf of the HJCL.

## **8) Fixture Secretary's Report**

Mr Senior gave a short report on the 2009 season and went on to reiterate that clubs must be absolutely certain that they can maintain teams for the whole season as teams dropping out causes many problems.

The format of the fixtures would remain the same as 2009 – a 14 game season.

## **9) Election of Officers**

Mr Senior told the meeting that David Thorpe had agreed to become Secretary and Chris Hinks had agreed to remain on the Executive Committee, otherwise all HJCL officials, including the four representative team managers, had offered themselves for re-election. The Chair proposed to re-elect on this basis and this was seconded by C Payne. The meeting voted unanimously in favour.

Mr Senior went on to explain that there was a current vacancy for an U11 secretary and should anybody be interested in taking up this important position they should speak to I Livesey, Chairman of the U11 section.

## **10) Rule Changes**

The proposed rule changes which were sent to all clubs and had been posted on the HJCL website were voted on.

All proposals were passed (either wholly or almost) unanimously.

See Appendix B

## **11) Date of next meeting**

The 2010 HJCL AGM will be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2010 at 19.30 hrs

The Chairman thanked everybody for their attendance and the meeting was closed at 21.00 hrs.

Chairman Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Appendix A

### HJCL Secretary's Report 2009

Mr Chairman, members of the committee, ladies and gentlemen

It gives me great pleasure tinged with a touch of sadness to present the secretaries report of 2009

Firstly the pleasure

2009 was another successful season for the HJCL with a total of 41 Clubs entering 142 teams and an amazing 1,346 games scheduled.

From a league secretary's point of view it was pleasing to note this year a sharp decline in disciplinary proceedings against clubs for behavioral problems or breach of the laws and I congratulate all clubs for this fact.

On this matter I would like to make special mention to Paddock CC and all club officials who worked tirelessly during the close season and then during the 2009 season to turn the fortunes of this club around. Personally having managed teams visiting Paddock for the previous 2 seasons it was with some trepidation that I took a team there one sunny Sunday afternoon in the Romida Examiner Salver Cup competition. The memories of that day will live long for me and I hope all who attended. A great game played between two teams, on that day at the top of their form, was only matched by the exemplarily way in which Paddock CC, and in Particular Kevin & Mary Hudson and their whole team made our team, club officials and supporters, welcome. The sportsmanship from Paddock club officials and players was a true breath of fresh air, and I congratulate all involved.

I would ask that clubs and team managers in particular follow this example and on the arrival of the visiting team ensure that the team manager is sought out and greeted, the players are shown to the changing rooms and a drink is provided between innings – to be honest it's just common courtesy

Continuing in this vein. This year the League circulated a Code of Conduct to all clubs following a particularly unsavory incident not related to a cricket match but impacting upon a player, a club and therefore this League.

The Code of Conduct has been reproduced within the 2010 handbook and I would ask that clubs make team managers, players and even supporters aware of this and post this up within the club and the changing rooms.

As it says in the preamble to the Laws of cricket

“Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it should be played not only within its Laws, but also within the Spirit of the Game. Any action that is seen to abuse this spirit causes injury to the game itself”

Not only does the HJCL abide by the Laws of Cricket but it has a number of unique rules, these are your rules, voted for by you - the clubs, at the AGM's, please abide by them, there is no place in this Junior League for cheating or sharp practice to win a game or a cup final, cheating causes injury to the game itself and brings clubs and individual managers into disrepute.

Once again I would like to thank wholeheartedly the section officials who take on the majority of the responsibility for administering the HJCL on behalf of you - the clubs

Rob Oakley who once again organised and oversaw the most successful U9 league within the whole of Yorkshire

George Seddon, who whilst carrying out the duties of the U11 age group secretary, also took on the unenviable responsibility of results secretary this year. I would ask that someone comes forward to help George and relieve him of some of this burden

Chris Haigh and Geoff Barnard for once again coordinating the U13 section in their own no-nonsense manner

A big thanks to Roger Peaker the U15/U17 secretary & League Child Welfare Officer, always available with his experience and knowledge to give a bit of advice and guidance to me, and you if you need it.

And finally

Mr Cricket himself, U15 & U17 Chairman, U15 & U17 results secretary, League Fixture Secretary and the League Chairman, a really big thanks to Phil Senior.

I started this report by saying that it was tinged with a touch of sadness, and indeed it is. Due to my work commitments which now take me out of the country for long periods I am unable to continue in the role of league secretary.

The 2 seasons I have filled this role have been, hard, enjoyable and interesting in equal measures. The disappointing thing is that I feel 2 years is the time needed to develop into the role and get an understanding of the culture of the league and I was looking forward to helping shape the future of this great organisation.

I hope I will be remembered as a secretary who, whilst short in tenure, tried to connect the management of the league with the clubs and it was always at the forefront of my mind that I was working for the best interest of the clubs and the players therein whilst maintaining the integrity of the league.

I wish you all the best for the 2010 season and hope for a warm summer and to see some of you at a few games

Chris Hinks

Damascus, Syria

## Appendix B

Rule 3c page 17 – All sections Membership

Existing version

Each Member Club shall on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> October each year, inform the League Secretary in writing of its intention to continue or withdraw from the League (or any of its Sections) for the forthcoming season. Any Club failing to do so shall be fined £10. A Club withdrawing any team(s) from the League after this date shall be charged the current Membership Fee.

Proposed version

Append to existing rule -

A Club withdrawing any team from the League after 1<sup>st</sup> January shall be liable to a further fine of £20 per team if fixture construction has commenced.

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Rule 5g page 18 – All sections Fixtures and Points

Existing version

Any Club failing to fulfill a fixture without first notifying their Opponents and Section Results Secretary, shall be fined £15 for the first offence and be asked to appear before the Section Committee for any subsequent offence.

Proposed version

Any Club failing to fulfill a fixture will be fined £10. To do so without first notifying their Opponents and Section Results Secretary, they shall be fined an additional £15 for the first offence and be asked to appear before the Section Committee for any subsequent offence.

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New Rule 7j page 19 – All sections Match Procedures

Prior to the start of all games both team managers should give each others scorer a copy of their team sheet for that match. Players' names to be recorded in a consistent and unambiguous manner with wicketkeeper clearly identified.

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Rule 4g page 53 – U11 section Match Procedures

Existing version

Every player (except wicketkeeper) must bowl at least 1 over; however, no player is allowed to bowl more than 3 overs in an innings.

Proposed version

Every player should bowl at least 2 overs (except the wicketkeeper) unless at the discretion of both managers it is agreed a bowlers spell should end after one over. No player is allowed to bowl more than 3 overs in an innings.

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**A SINGLE VOTE TO BE TAKEN ON THE FOLLOWING FOUR PROPOSALS**

Rule 2 page 24 – U17 section Fixtures and Points

Existing version

Draw through inclement weather scores 1 point each.

Proposed version

Draw through inclement weather scores 2 points each.

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Rule 2 page 34 – U15 section Fixtures and Points

Existing version

Points will be awarded as follows:

3 points – Side scoring most Runs

2 points – Equal number of runs irrespective of any wickets lost

1 point – Incomplete or Abandoned match

Proposed version

4 points winning side

2 points each side in a tie irrespective of wickets lost

2 points incomplete or abandoned match

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Rule 2 page 44 – U13 section Fixtures and Points

Existing version

Points will be awarded as follows:

3 points – Winning Side

2 points – Each side in a tie

1 point – Incomplete or Abandoned match

Proposed version

4 points winning side

2 points each side in a tie irrespective of wickets lost

2 points incomplete or abandoned match

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Rule 2 page 53 – U11 section Fixtures and Points

Existing version

Points will be awarded as follows:

3 points – Winning Side

2 points – Each side in a tie

1 point – Incomplete or Abandoned match

Proposed version

4 points winning side

2 points each side in a tie

2 points incomplete or abandoned match