

SELLERS HUDDERSFIELD JUNIOR CRICKET LEAGUE

Minutes of the 2012 AGM held on 6 December 2012

At Kirkheaton Cricket Club

1. Attendance and apologies

A roll call of clubs was taken. Clubs not represented were: Birkby Rose Hill; Clayton West; Crigglestone; Denby Dale; Edgerton and Dalton; Holmbridge; Holmfirth; Lascelles Hall and Skelmanthorpe.

2. Minutes of the 2011 AGM

The minutes of the 2011 AGM were passed as a correct record (proposed Almondbury Wes, seconded Meltham)

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.

Geoff Barnard and Mike Jagger were retiring from their positions as team manager of the League's under 13 and under 15 teams. They were presented with tankards in recognition of their long and loyal service to 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 district and 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.

The major disappointment in 2012 had been the number of conceded games (80 in total). The poor weather may have been a contributory factor (nearly 25% of league games were abandoned) but Mr Senior stressed the importance of fulfilling fixtures and the negative impact on clubs and players who were disappointed when a game was called off. Clubs were also urged to ensure they had sufficient numbers of players when entering teams as withdrawals after the fixtures had been arranged caused frustration for the remaining teams in a section who lose fixtures.

5. Secretary's report

Mr Thorpe stated that the HJCL had 144 (140 in 2011) teams complete the season with 12 clubs (13 in 2011) winning at least one league or cup trophy. Bradley and

Colnebridge, Denby, Hoylandswaine and Barkisland were welcomed into the League for 2013 and members wished them a long and happy association with the HJCL.

The League under 17 team won the Joe Lumb Trophy, the under 11 team were runners-up in the Yorkshire Junior Cricket Festival, the under 13 team lost in the semi-final and the under 15 team were knocked out in the group stage. A 7 league competition was held at under 10 level and the HJCL team were runners-up. The meeting congratulated all the representatives, in particular Stuart Fletcher and the under 17 team.

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 League has an increasing number of girls playing at the lower age groups. There are lots of opportunities to play at West Yorkshire and County level and it was a credit to the League that the Yorkshire captains at both under 15 and under 13 age groups learnt and played their cricket in the HJCL.

A large organisation of 144 teams with approximately 1,500 players in total does lead to problems of administration and Mr Thorpe appealed to all clubs to meet 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 accounts for the period from 1 November 2011 to 31 October 2012. 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 £7,276 compared with £8,623 at the start of the year. The deficit of £1,347 compared with a surplus of £192 in the previous year. There were outstanding fines of £320 at 31 October 2012 and most of these had been received by the date of the AGM. The balance of £7,276 represented approximately 10 months of expenditure which could be considered a good ratio, however the League could not afford to continue to make losses each year.

Mr Rothery proposed, with the support of the Executive Committee, that membership fees increase from £10 to £15 for under 9 teams and from £20 to £25 for all other teams. The previous increase in membership fees was in 2007. It was expected that the proposed increase would raise an additional £700. Shepley proposed and Upperthong seconded the increase in membership fees and the meeting unanimously accepted the proposal.

The Treasurer recommended that the accounts be adopted. This was proposed by Shepley, seconded by Barkisland and passed unanimously. The meeting thanked the Treasurer for his work during 2012.

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. Clubs must have a Child welfare Officer registered with their senior league.

It was reported that the CRB form was changing and although moves had been made to consolidate the need for an individual to submit individual forms for different activities nothing had yet been agreed.

8. Fixture Secretary's report

Mr Senior reminded clubs that 1 January 2013 was the deadline for withdrawing teams without penalty. The intention for the 2013 season is to try and make bigger groups of teams in each section and play first round cup games at under 15 and under 17 age groups on the normal league day.

9. Entries for 2013.

The total entry for 2013 is currently 157 teams from 41 clubs with 31 teams at under 9, 37 at under 11, 35 at under 13, 34 at under 15 and 20 at under 17.

10. Election of officers

All officers were willing to stand again. Almondbury Wesleyans proposed, seconded by Thurstonland to re-elect on that basis.

The chairman reported that managers for the League's under 13 and under 15 teams were required for the 2013 season. Paul Wharton and Lee Booth at under 13 and Neil Daniel at under 15 were appointed at a later date.

11. Any other business

It was reported that scorer courses were available. Names should be given to Ian Livesey and a minimum of 6 people was needed for the course to run.

12. Date of the 2013 AGM

This will take place at Kirkheaton Cricket Club on Thursday 5 December 2013 with a 7.30pm start.

David Thorpe