

ANTHONY AXFORD BOLTON CRICKET LEAGUE  
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT TONGE C.C.

25<sup>th</sup> JULY 2016

**Apologies:** Mike Buckley and Jon Howells the Adlington captain. Horwich were not represented.

**League Structure 2017:** Four proposals had been put to clubs. It was agreed to discount two proposals on the grounds that 27 league fixtures were too many and 18 too few. It was decided that clubs would vote next Monday on a proposal for a division of 12 clubs playing each other twice and a division of eight playing each other three times, or two divisions of ten with a previous proposal amended to take into account views expressed during the meeting. The Secretary will distribute two sets of sample fixtures.

At this juncture anyone attending the meeting specifically for this item was allowed to leave.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** These had been circulated and were approved as a correct record.

**Matters Arising:** Phil Knowles said there would not be any cricket played on Lostock this season. The Secretary offered to write to anyone who could hasten the project.

Tracey Brooks said registrations had been greatly improved. Clubs were reminded players moving around the Bolton League had to be transferred, not just registered. Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August is the last day for registrations or transfers.

**Finance:** The Treasurer will have updated accounts for the meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> August.

**Juniors:** Mike Buckley had previously emailed a report. The next meeting is 11<sup>th</sup> August. John Hutchinson said the Under 21 team had won both matches and need to beat the Liverpool Competition to qualify for the final, and the Under 18s can qualify for their final. They play the Ribblesdale League on 14<sup>th</sup> August.

Walkden had written to Farnworth S.C. about an incident in a junior match. FSC were given until Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July to respond.

**R&C:** Karen Knott had emailed a report.

Clubs were given the background to Husnain Abbass leaving Walshaw C.C. as professional. It was agreed by a vote of 7 to 6 with a number of clubs and officials abstaining that he could register for Walkden with immediate effect.

Most matches in the 40 over competition have been affected by the weather. If matches are not played this Sunday there should be a bowl out. Atherton and Blackrod are asked to play their match as soon as possible.

Some clubs were given 'Lords' balls to use in Sunday's match, but do have the option of using the Oxbridge balls supplied previously.

**Umpires:** A report had been emailed. Clubs must still submit Umpires' reports even if no play has taken place.

Umpires are the judges of fitness to play, and may seek advice, but cannot accept waivers from players if they feel the ground is not fit.

**Ground Reports:** Messers Sturch and Morris reported on the mid-season inspections. Generally grounds were in satisfactory condition and recommendations had been acted upon although the importance of run-up covers was stressed. Darcy Lever's sight screens require some attention; the boundaries at Atherton are to be re-inspected and Daisy Hill have given an assurance their Water Hog will be repaired.

There were more serious concerns at Little Hulton. The Ground Inspectors felt work was required on the square. This was supported by a letter from one club. The boundary markings were also unsatisfactory. There will be another inspection by the Ground Committee later in the week.

In 2017 cards will be issued to umpires. These will be passed to the Ground Committee at the monthly Umpires' meeting. Clubs will be fined if grounds and facilities are sub standard.

**Discipline:** Simon Rees said there had been three further reports since the last meeting making a total of nine this season. At the same stage last year there had been over 20.

**Junior and Senior Presentations:** Due to lack of time this will be put on the agenda for the meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> August. Mike Buckley has indicated he would be happy to be involved with both.

**Sponsorship:** Frank Hinks said he still has crates of Heineken awaiting collection from his office by Blackrod, Darcy Lever, Eagley, Westhoughton and Heaton.

**Date of Next Meetings:** 8.15pm Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August at Tonge C.C.

7.45pm Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August at Tonge C.C.