

## **ANTHONY AXFORD BOLTON CRICKET LEAGUE**

### **MINUTES OF THE AUGUST MEETING (21/8/17) HELD AT TONGE CC at 7.45 p.m.**

**Present:** Mr F Hinks (President); Mr J Hutchinson (Chairman); Mr R Taylor (Secretary);

Mr P Andrews (Vice Chairman)

There were 15 clubs represented.

There were no apologies received.

The following clubs were not present: Atherton; Daisy Hill; Darcy Lever; Kearsley and Lostock.

**The minutes** of the July meeting had been circulated and were signed as a true record of that meeting.

#### **Matters arising:**

1. Cricket balls – feed back had been received. DUKES ball was best and lasted longer. The Chairman will speak direct to Dukes – all present agreed this was the best way forward.
2. Peter Stafford trophy final – Westhoughton cannot now host the final. Three clubs can host – in order of priority – Heaton; FSCCC then Kearsley. The Secretary will notify the two clubs in the final where this will be played at the appropriate time.
3. CricHQ – this will continue for the 2018 season. Meeting planned with the personnel involved with CricHQ. It was noted that if ALL details required were completed correctly, the system works very well.
4. Sponsorship Committee – the Chairman will ask for names and after the season has finished will co-ordinate a meeting of those who wish to be a part of this committee.

#### **Umpires:**

There was no business the umpires wished to present.

#### **Registration:**

This was now closed. Nothing to be discussed.

#### **Competitions:**

One outstanding appeal. Until £40 is received from the club involved, this will not take place.

There had been one appeal regarding a club playing a player who may/may not have been a professional. The panel came up with two options which were put to Darcy Lever. These were declined. If no decision was reached within 48 hours, 3 points would go to each club. Rule 7 (b) was clearly printed in the League handbook for reference over matters such as this one. The R&C had discussed the matter and ruled at the time on the information they had been given. Further evidence came to light at the appeal and the Appeal Panel made their decision which was sent to both the clubs concerned. The matter is now closed.

### **Discipline:**

The Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee had been away and there was no proposal to present to the meeting. The MCC were considering new disciplinary measures and these will be discussed as and when appropriate. The Secretary said there was no reason the new measures should be opposed.

There had been two appeals – both from Darcy Lever players. The Appeal Panel upheld the 4 match ban (S. Burns) and the two match ban (N. Fawcett) was suspended for the rest of the season.

### **Grounds:**

A letter had been received from Darcy Lever regarding the state of the pitch at Daisy Hill. Concern was expressed at the state of the pitch for both present and future. The umpires had commented as had various captains about the pitch. There was concern and this had to be addressed. The Chairman of the Grounds Committee would liaise with Daisy Hill and report back with what recommendations had been put in place. The Grounds Committee will visit Daisy Hill on Thursday August 24<sup>th</sup> at 6.00 p.m.

### **Finance:**

The current state of BCL finances were distributed on a sheet. There was £78 – 99.

Clubs still owed money. Three more had paid since the sheet had been prepared. Those clubs still to pay were asked to get their Treasurer's to make payment immediately.

Heineken will pay in the near future.

The Chairman had spoken to Martin Axford and it had been agreed that payments would be made as follows – starting August 2017 £1000 a month for 6 months. From February 2018, £750 a month through to September 2018.

The LCB had been paid and the largest creditor was Tifflex – this will be paid as appropriate.

Following a discussion regarding the current financial situation of the BCL, it was **AGREED** all clubs pay £100 to the BCL on or by October 1<sup>st</sup>. (The vote was 13 to 3 in favour of accepting this proposal)

The insurance had to be paid to Marshall Woolridge by 31<sup>st</sup> December and the insurance covering the BCL was valid until March 2018.

**Juniors:**

Under 11 – three fixtures still outstanding

Under 13 – some results outstanding

Under 13 cup final – Farnworth against FSCCC on 3<sup>rd</sup> September (reserve date September 10<sup>th</sup>)

Under 15 cup final – Bradshaw against Horwich – also on September 3<sup>rd</sup> with reserve date of 10<sup>th</sup>

Under 18 cup – Eagley beat Heaton

Under 15 league – Heaton are champions

There was a discussion on the outstanding matches left to play and deadlines to be met. ALL LEAGUE MATCHES AND RESULTS MUST BE IN BY AUGUST 31<sup>st</sup>. If not, the games left will be taken as drawn games. BOTH clubs are asked to get the results in – home or away club it doesn't matter.

There will be a rule change in 2018 regarding the sending in of results. Some clubs have been fined but the rule regarding this will also be changed for 2018 season.

31 clubs still had to send results in. The committee will email all clubs regarding matches left to be played.

UNDER 11 SEMI FINAL HORWICH v LITTLE HULTON - this has to be replayed and will have league umpires to officiate. Date and time to be decided by clubs concerned. Little Lever offered their ground for August 28<sup>th</sup> for the final. The R&C have met regarding the situation and their decision stands.

**Prize Claims/Trophies for Presentation:**

Two divisions means more cups/trophies required. Mike Buckley to cost this up and come back to the committee with figures.

A.O.B.

1. Proposal from Farnworth about increasing number of league matches to 27. There would be 10 teams in the division. This would generate crowds and therefore much needed income. Other thought – one division of 12 teams and the other of 8. A discussion followed and further thoughts on this proposal are needed.

2. Results for some senior matches still not in. ALL RESULTS – win, lose and ABANDONED matches MUST be sent in. Please encourage whoever sends the results in for your club to **make sure the result goes in** whether the match is played or not.

3. Golborne v Atherton – Atherton forgot to bring a new ball. Please refer to Rule 26 (b) in the handbook. This has been sent to the R&C for discussion.

4. Suggestion for 2018 re- Hamer Cup final – play the final on a Saturday with the following day as the reserve date for the whole game or to finish the game if needed. The Chairman asked clubs to think about this idea. The date that might be considered is the Bank holiday Sunday at the end of August with the Bank Holiday Monday as reserve.

5. The Chairman thanked Atherton for staging the Hamer Cup final. It was a good day and all involved contributed to a good day. The Birtwistle Cup likewise – there were good reviews from the sponsors and again, all involved made it a good day.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.23 p.m.

The next meeting is on September 25<sup>th</sup> at Tonge CC at 7.30 p.m.

Chairman: .....

Date: .....