

Council Meeting Minutes

# Wednesday 1st December 2021 at Elland CC

**In the Chair:** Trevor Atkinson

**Other Officers Present:** General Secretary – N Clee; Match & Registration Secretary – P Senior; Safeguarding, Trophies & Facilities Secretary – R Peaker; Administration Secretary – M Binns; Media Secretary – J Harrison

**Life Vice Presidents**: G Crompton; R Tindall

**Club Representatives:** L Harrison; C McCreadie; M Westoby

**The meeting was attended by all 41 Clubs of HCL**

**Apologies**

Treasurer - A Hill

**Minutes of previous Council Meeting held on Wednesday 1st September 2021**

Approved, and there were no matters arising

**Finance Report**

The finances of the League are in a satisfactory state.

Some £16,000 is currently tied up in interest free and unsecured loans to a variety of Clubs, who are in the process of re-paying those loans by regular monthly instalments.

Including the value of the above loans, the funds of the League stand at just below £52,000.

Major recent transactions include:

£5,129.50 - End of 2021 season Trophies

£688.75 - Baines Hall Elland CC costs of Presentation Night Thurs 25th Nov

Sponsorship monies received from Readers.

7 Clubs still owe for additional registrations (Birkby Rose Hill, Cumberworth U, Edgerton & Dalton, Kirkheaton, Lepton H, Meltham, Shelley)

**Ground & Facilities - RP**

Nothing to report.

**Disciplinary Report**

Nothing to report

**Media Secretary Report - JH**

The Media Secretary requested that all Clubs review and bring up to date their Club Directory information on the League website.

The League are also seeking new sponsors for 2022 for the Huddersfield Cricket League and the Sykes Cup Competition. Anyone who is interested, or knows of any organisation who may be interested in sponsoring these things should contact either our Media Secretary or the League Chairman.

**Match & Registration Secretary Report - PS**

As a result of the re-structuring plans for 2023 which cause 2022 to be a transition season the bottom division Conference 3 made up of 8 teams will, for one season only, play eachother three times so as to provide 21 Saturday fixtures for each team.

In season 2022 only one team will be promoted, whilst three teams will be relegated. The League will then return to the normal two up two down system in 2023.

Adjustments to Championship 2 and Conference 2 that create 12 team divisions from 2022 have already been announced. This has been achieved by relegating only one Championship 2 team at the end of 2021 (Denby Dale CC 2nd XI), and retaining MPCC 2nd XI, as well as relegating only one Conference 2 team (Rastrick 2nd XI) with Upperthong CC 2nd XI being retained in Conference 2 for 2022.

Arrangements for the 1st XI T20 Trophy competition were confirmed as follows:

Same groups as last year with Skelmanthorpe 1st XI replacing Shelley 1st XI

First fixture - 7th June 2022

Group1

Mirfield Parish Cavaliers CC v Thongsbridge CC

Moorlands CC v Almondbury Wesleyan CC

Group 2

Delph & Dobcross CC v Slaithwaite CC

Honley CC v Broad Oak CC

Group 3

Kirkburton CC v Skelmanthorpe CC

Hoylandswaine CC v Shepley CC

Group 4

Barkisland CC v Scholes CC

Golcar CC v Armitage Bridge CC

T20 Shield competition drawn as follows:

Preliminary Round - 9th June

Clayton West CC v Cartworth Moor CC

Marsden CC v Thurstonland CC

Holmbridge CC c Denby Dale CC

Holmfirth CC v Lepton Highlanders CC

Linthwaite CC v Denby CC

Emley Clarence CC v Flockton CC

Lascelles Hall CC v Kirkheaton CC

Edgerton & Dalton CC v Upperthong CC

Cumberworth United CC v Mirfield CC

Byes are granted to Rastrick CC, Shelley CC, Meltham CC, Birkby Rose Hill CC, Hall Bower CC, Almondbury CC, and Elland CC.

T20 Shield 1st Round ties will be played on 16th June 2022

**Any Other Business**

The special 2021 End of Season Awards event had been recently held last Thursday 25th November and attended by some 80 award winning players and officials, and their guests. The evening had been generally well received and may be a more attractive alternative format to the previous more formal and traditional end of season dinner at Cedar Court. This will be discussed again.

The Chairman confirmed to the Council that, in any event, the creation of a Players Forum, hopefully led by Robert Moore of Honley, is still intended to be put in place before the start of the 2022 season. However a private matter has caused a delay in Robert’s appointment which it is hoped can be confirmed in January. The Forum’s first task will be to provide a players view of how best the T20 competitions could be re-structured for 2023 when some Sunday’s in the fixture schedule will be freed up by the removal of double headers from the Premiership programme.

The Chairman ended the meeting by thanking all Clubs, players and officials for their flexibility and hard work during the 2021 season that was again disrupted by a variety of ever changing covid rules, restrictions and adaptions to matchplay. Nevertheless a full season of competitive cricket, that included both promotion and relegation, had been able to take place.

**The next HCL Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 6th April 2022 at Elland CC, commencing at 19.00pm.**