



## Huddersfield Junior Cricket League

**CHAIRMAN** – Mr. P. Senior

### **Sellers Junior Cricket league – Annual General Meeting – 2010**

Held at Bradley and Colnebridge WMC – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2011

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

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

A roll call of clubs was taken. Clubs not represented were: Barkisland, Broad Oak, Clayton West, Crigglestone, Denby Dale, Elland, Emley, Flockton, Green Moor, Hall Bower, and Holmfirth.

#### **2) Minutes of 2009 AGM**

The minutes of the 2009 AGM were passed as a true record (proposed Shepley; seconded Golcar).

#### **3) Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising

#### **4) Chairmans Report**

Mr Senior apologised for any inconvenience caused by the postponement due to adverse weather conditions of the AGM on its original date of 2nd December 2010 and welcomed everyone to the re-arranged meeting. He thanked all sponsors, executive committee members, representative team managers, YCB award winners and all league prize winners. The number of players (both male and female) from the HJCL who had represented Yorkshire at various age groups was a tribute to the hard work and dedication shown by club and HJCL officials.

Mr Senior thanked all the clubs who had offered their facilities for meetings and had hosted representative fixtures to a high standard.

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Chris Hinks had agreed to continue to produce the 2011 handbook and the meeting expressed their appreciation for his time and effort.

Mr Senior concluded by wishing everybody the best for the 2011 season.

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

Mr Thorpe stated that the HJCL had 43 clubs and 144 teams in 2010. This was a credit to all the volunteers who help to make the HJCL such a vibrant and exciting competition. However, such a large organisation does lead to problems of administration and he appealed to all clubs to meet the league deadlines in order to ensure the HJCL is run efficiently. He asked that clubs should inform him immediately of any changes that might arise during the season to the details for club contacts.

Richard Dodson was thanked for his ten years at the helm of the Joe Lumb team. Stuart Fletcher will replace him. The HJCL under 11 team and their manager, Dave Cocking, were congratulated by the meeting for winning the Lords Taverner's competition.

## **6) Treasurers Report**

Mr Rothery presented the final accounts for the period from 1st November 2009 to 31st October 2010. These included a summary of income and expenditure and sub-sections for each age group. He thanked Sellers, Romida, the Drakes Huddersfield League and the Huddersfield and Halifax area of the YCA for their generous sponsorship.

Fines had increased and the meeting was informed that 50 results were submitted late, 37 fixtures did not take place and 9 teams withdrew from the HJCL. These instances caused major problems for the section committees. The balance in hand of £8,431 compared with £7,983 at the start of the period. The surplus of £448 compared with a deficit of £184 in the previous year. The balance at 31st October 2010 was the equivalent of 13 months expenditure and this was considered satisfactory. In view of the healthy financial position, the Treasurer recommended that subscriptions for 2011 should remain at £10 per team at under 9 and £20 per team at all other age groups. This was passed unanimously (proposed Scholes, seconded Thurstonland).

Mr Rothery proposed the adoption of the accounts (seconded Skelmanthorpe) and this was passed unanimously. The meeting thanked the Treasurer for his work during 2010.

## **7) Child Welfare Report**

The Chairman informed the meeting that Roger Peaker was unable to attend due to illness. He reminded clubs that coaches and all volunteers involved with children had to be CRB checked and it was each club's responsibility to ensure this happened. New forms can be obtained from Mr Peaker or downloaded/requested from the CRB website. Clubs must inform their senior league of the name of their CWO.

Clubs are asked to organise, in the closed season, CRB checks for all relevant personnel.

Only the new purple forms should be used and application packs should now be obtained by contacting TMG CRB direct by email at [ecb@tmgcrb.co.uk](mailto:ecb@tmgcrb.co.uk) or telephone 0845 251 3000.

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

Mr Senior reminded clubs that they must be absolutely certain that they can maintain teams for the whole season as teams dropping out caused major problems. During 2010 one league of 8 teams lost 3 clubs. Fixtures were changed 3 times in order to try and give the remaining clubs as many fixtures as possible. Smaller leagues result in bigger problems if teams drop out. The ideal number of fixtures is 14 and the aim is to have a greater number of teams per league but this is not always possible because of the complications caused by two age groups playing on the same evening and some clubs having 'B' teams.

## **9) Election of Officers**

All officials with the exception of G Seddon and R Dodson were willing to stand again. The Chair proposed to re-elect on this basis (seconded by Golcar). The meeting voted unanimously in favour and thanked Mr Seddon and Mr Dodson for their long and dedicated commitment to the HJCL. There is a vacancy for an under 11 Results Secretary and anyone interested in taking on this position should contact the Chairman or Secretary.

The Chairman asked the meeting to approve the appointment of Donald Wood as a Hon. Life Member of the HJCL. This was approved unanimously. Mr Wood has given long service to junior cricket, in particular with the Linthwaite club. Mr Wood stated that he was pleased and honoured to accept the position.

## **10) Rule Changes**

The proposed rule changes which had been posted on the HJCL website were voted on. The proposed rules and decisions made by the meeting are shown on Appendix A.

## **11) Any Other Business**

All clubs must inform the opposition manager if a game is to be played on an artificial pitch. Please note that artificial pitches must not be used for u15 and u17 games.

R Oakley asked clubs to nominate promising under 9 players for consideration for representative fixtures.

A discussion took place on the possibility of including school year notation in the rules relating to player eligibility at each age group. It was decided to retain the current wording.

## **12) Date of next meeting**

The 2011 HJCL AGM will be held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011 at 19.30 hrs

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

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Rule Changes for 2011 Season

**The following were agreed unanimously, or with a vast majority, at the 2010 AGM held on 6 January 2011.**

### Under 11

1. **Rule 4g, page 53** Insert the narrative in bold. The rule to read --- Every player should bowl at least two overs (except the wicketkeeper, **however where more than one wicketkeeper is used all players will bowl 2 overs each**) 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 three overs in an innings.
2. **New rule (would become rule 7, page 54) – Champion of Champions Competition**  
The winners of each area will play in a competition that reflects the number of areas in the section, to establish the overall Section champion.  
All matches will be played on a finals day (i.e semi-finals and final).  
All matches will be played in the usual league format (i.e pairs)  
Venue, draw, dates and umpires shall be arranged by the Section Committee
3. **Meetings.** If the new rule above is agreed meetings would become rule 8.

### Under 17

4. **Change rule 6c Cup Competition from** The Huddersfield Umpires Association may provide neutral umpires **to** 'In the semi-final and final ties, the Section Committee shall appoint Neutral Umpires.'

### General Rules

5. Change rule 3c, page 20 Membership by adding the narrative in bold. The fine to be reduced from £20 to £10. The rule to read ` Each Member Club shall on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> October each year, inform the League Secretary in writing **or by e-mail** of it's intention to continue or withdraw from the League (or any of its Sections) for the forthcoming season. **This shall be done by completing the form available on the website [www.hjcl.org.uk](http://www.hjcl.org.uk). Failure to do so will result in a fine of £10.**
6. **New rule 3g, page 20 Membership.** 'It is the responsibility of clubs and team contacts to be aware of all the rules of the League, which are listed in the league handbook and on the website [www.hjcl.org.uk](http://www.hjcl.org.uk)
7. After meeting note – this proposed change (number 7) was rejected and is now shown at the end of this document.
8. **Rule 5e, page 21, Fixtures and Points.** Insert the narrative in bold. The rule to read 'In the event of bad weather at least 2 games must be played to a finish in any area on the set fixture date, if not then all games in that Area, in the same fixture set, shall be regarded as

abandoned. Conceded matches shall not count as played to a finish. **A club conceding a match shall receive no points.'**

9. **New rule 6a, page 21, Players.** 'Girls are allowed to play in the league one year above their actual age group' This has a knock on effect on rules for each age group which require changing - 3a, page 27; 3a, page 36; 3a, page 45; 3a, page 53; 3a, page 61. Current rules 6a to 6d would become 6b to 6e.
10. **New rule 7k, page 22, Match Procedures.** A scoreboard **visible to the umpires must** be used at all games from under 11 upwards. 'The scoreboard must be updated and agreed by both umpires prior to the commencement of the final over. The result will be derived from the scoreboard. If scorebooks do not agree at the end of the game they should be adjusted (through extras if possible) to match the final scoreboard.
11. **Rule 10c, page 23, Cup Competition.** Insert the narrative in bold. The rule to read '**In matches with neutral umpires appointed by the section Committee** the fielding side will be allowed a non-playing Captain who will stand by the square leg umpire.'
12. **Rule 10h, page 23, Cup Competition.** Insert the narrative in bold and the second method of deciding a result to be by a bowl out rather than the score after 10 overs. The rule to read 'If a match finishes with the scores level, then the side which has lost the least wickets (**a batsman who has retired due to reaching the maximum score available shall not be considered as a wicket lost; injured or absent players are wickets lost only in the circumstance that their team is all out**) will be deemed the winner. Should the number of wickets lost be equal, **the teams will take part in a bowl off\*\*.**

## **Under 13,15 and 17**

### **13. New Rule under Match Procedures --- to apply at these age groups.**

After the commencement of innings in the under 13, under 15 and under 17 sections, the wicketkeeper can only be changed due to injury or illness with the approval of the opposition umpire. Under no circumstances will the original wicketkeeper be allowed to bowl.

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#### **\*\* Rules for bowl-outs**

Five players from each side will bowl one delivery over-arm. The first bowler from team A will bowl, then the first bowler from team B, then the second from Team A and so on. The side which bowls down the wicket most shall be the winner. If the scores are still level after all 5 players have bowled, the bowl-off will continue until a result is achieved on a sudden death basis using the same 5 bowlers in the same order.

The following shall also apply:

The team batting first will bowl first

Teams will use their own ball

The player who has kept wicket for the final delivery of the game shall act as wicketkeeper for both sides in the bowl-off and shall stand fully attired well back from the stumps.

The final wicketkeeper of each team shall not be allowed to bowl in a bowl-off.

If a bowler bowls a 'wide' or a 'no ball' it would count as a miss with no re-bowl. A ball bouncing more than twice or rolling on the ground before it reaches the popping crease is a 'no ball'.

The umpires must take up positions as in a normal game with the bowling team's umpire at the bowling end. The umpire at square leg will be responsible for ruling on the bounce of the ball. All players except the bowler must take up a position by the square leg umpire. Spectators must not encroach on the field of play during the 'bowl-off'

**The following proposed rule change was rejected by a vote of 17 to 12**

Change rule 3c, page 20, Membership by increasing the fine from £20 to £50. The rule to read ' A club withdrawing any team from the League after 1<sup>st</sup> of January shall be liable to a further fine of £50 per team, if fixture consideration has commenced.

DT 11 January 2011