

UKFast Cheshire Cricket League

Inaugural Management Committee Meeting

The Victoria Club, Holmes Chapel

Thursday 23rd February 2017.

Present - Committee Members - Graham Coull: Jim Rafferty : Graham Beckett : Nick Corless :Chris Moore : Tony Sayle :Richard White : Pat Hutchinson : Brian Birtles : Phil Smith : John Gledhill. & Representatives of 60 Member Clubs

The meeting commenced at 7:35pm

1) Welcome and election of Chairman

Jim Rafferty - outgoing Chairman of the Cheshire Cricket Alliance - welcomed all to the meeting and stated that the first business of the newly formed league was to elect a Chairman, who would then preside during the meeting. The proposed Executive Committee, to be elected later in the meeting, had proposed Graham Coull for this position. Jim requested nominations from the floor. There being none, Graham Coull was unanimously elected chairman .

Graham thanked the meeting for their unanimous support and accepted the position

2) Apologies. Brian Davenport : David Lawson : (joint presidents) Selwyn Stephenson (Vice Chairman)

Burton CC : Groves CC : Europa Exiles CC : Mossley CC: Rylands CC : Norbury CC:

Absent without apologies : Aston CC : Barrow CC : Bredbury St Marks CC : Bunbury CC : Hales Barnes CC : Heaton Mersey CC : Langley CC : Middlewich CC : Prestbury CC : Runcorn CC : Stretton CC : Timperley CC : Urmston CC

3) Roll Call - Chairman conducted the roll call - 60 Member Clubs in attendance : 6 Apologies : 13 absent

4) Adoption of League Constitution - as circulated

a) Before a vote could be taken there was a constitution irregularity between the voting systems used in the CCL and the CCA. CCL was 2 - 1 majority, CCA was simple majority.

After a vote the simply majority was victorious by 45 votes to 15.

The simple majority will now be the norm for all meetings

b) The Chairman put to the meeting that the newly merged league be known as ' The UKFast Cheshire Cricket League'. This was passed unanimously. Proposed Chelford CC Seconded Styall CC

c) A vote was then taken on adopting the League constitution as circulated and prior to amendments. This was carried unanimously

5) Rule change proposals - Executive Committee

Page ref Current wording Proposed wording Vote Won/lost

64 16 No alterations to this constitution and then only by a majority of not less than 2 - 1 No alterations to this constitution and then by a simple majority 45 -13 Carried

62 - 66 1 -25 The league constitution Revised Constitution changes to sections 1,2,8,11,16,18,21. 22
60 - 0 Carried

72 19a,b&c Member Clubs must submit ---- within 5 days and prior to any further appearances by the player Remove 1st paragraph and sections a.b.c and replace with ' All players must be bona-fide members of their club. The league can seek evidence of any players club membership at any time, (Player registration is no longer required) 60 - 0 Carried

73 c No new player may be registered-- No player can make their first appearance for any club in the last 2 games of the 2nd x1 league season if the result of these two matches affects promotion or relegation

73 c after discussion this amended to -- (Proposed Chelford. Seconded - Langley) No 1st X1 player can make his first appearance for the second X1 in the last 2 games of the season if this game affects promotion/relegation 53 - 7 Carried

67 6 In all 2nd X1 matches---- In all league matches bowlers are limited to 14 overs 56 - 4 Carried

67 6 All matches shall start at 1:30 pm prompt All matches shall start at 1:30 pm prompt- except for all matches in April and the last 4 matches of the season which shall start at 1pm prompt 60 - 0 Carried

New

rule 1st X1 plate competition A plate competition shall be organised for teams that lose their first T20 match of the season. The competition shall be drawn regionally and the final can be held alongside the usual finals day or separately. If a team concedes its first game it cannot be entered into the plate. 57 - 3 Carried

Various Points system Revert to the 2015 CCL points system. in summary, 25 for win batting 1st, 20 for win batting 2nd, Double batting points if you bat 1st and do not win. 2 each for a draw 56 - 4 Carried

New

rule points system Double batting points to the team that loses the toss, bats 2nd, and does not win 36 - 24 Carried

69 f When a match is reduced to less than 70 overs ----- When a match is reduced to 70 overs or less 60 - 0 Carried

69 13a In an interrupted game or game were start is delayed by weather. Batting bonus points will be earned --- in this case batting points for only half the original overs Remove this section and re-letter section b,c,d (Total bonus points throughout innings) 60 - 0 Carried

69 Batting bonus points at team totals 100, 120, 150 and 160 Batting bonus points at team totals 100, 120, 150 and 180 60 - 0 Carried

69 Batting bonus points at team totals 100, 120, 150 and 160 Batting bonus points at team totals 90, 120, 150 and 180 Failed

74 22 the Captain (or vice Captain) of the home shall represent his club on the question of "fitness of ground for play"--- both teams must assemble at the venue In the event of having informed the opposing club that play is not possible, but the away team insist on travelling and no play takes place, then the away club shall be responsible for paying BOTH appointed umpires. in these circumstances, if the game is subsequently played,then the home side shall pay BOTH appointed umpires 54 - 6 Carried

addition to above Once league appointed umpires arrive at ground they are responsible for fitness of ground 60 - 0 Carried

6) Rule change proposals - Clubs

Proposed Second Proposed wording Vote Won/lost

Stockport

Georgians

New Rule Hale Barnes All 1st teams are required to provide a scorer for all division 1 league matches. Failure to do so will result in a fine of £25. On the 3rd transgression, and on each subsequent transgression, the team will additionally incur a 5pt deduction. The scorer should not be a player and should be in place for a majority of the match. Failure to provide a scorer shall be reported on the result sheet by the umpire 22 - 15 23 abs Carried

Stockport

Georgians

Rule 13f Port Sunlight When a match is reduced to 70 overs, or less, then both sides are guaranteed to receive at least the equivalent points as awarded for an abandoned match as an underpin except in the case where a team has won the toss and elected to bowl, In this case only the team batting first will be eligible for the underpin 2- 58 Failed

Stockport

Georgians

Rule 13c Port Sunlight For a draw where both sides have scores an equal number of runs, the side batting 2nd will be awarded the tie points and the team batting 1st shall earn draw points plus bonus points as normal 5 - 55 Failed

Couple of other changes proposed by Stockport Georgians and dealing with points system and bonus points are covered under executive Committee changes above

Discussions around the above changes

Plate competition - Graham explained the rationale behind the plate competition. In essence there is a big difference in standards between the top and lower end of the divisions so this could end up in one-sided games. The plate gives the lower teams a chance to play on in the competition and so play more cricket

Old Parkonians - is it mandatory to enter the T20 competitions? Maybe for 1st X1 but not 2nd x1

Draw has been made but teams can withdraw without penalty

Balls - There was a lot of discussion around the proposal for all 2nd teams to purchase 10 dukes balls from the league. this purchase comes about because the Alliance still has 400+ balls in stock and as there are 40 teams playing in division C then 10 balls each would use up that stock. The Dukes balls retailed at £12:60 but the clubs will only be charged the Reader ball price of £9:15 with the league standing the shortfall in monies. Some clubs were adamant that they didn't want the dukes balls as their club provided the Reader Sovereign for the 2nd teams as well as the 1st team.

Start times - As there is a wide variation in preferred start times for some clubs it was agreed that the 1:30 (1:00) start times could be moved forward by up to 1 hour with the agreement of BOTH teams. Any change in start times must be

notified to the Results and Fixture Secretary and the Umpires appointment secretary at least 7 days prior to the match

7) Structure of League Executive

At the previous meetings between the two Executive Committees existing members indicated their willingness, or otherwise, to carry on in their current roles. There were a number of people who did not wish to continue and so the Exec proposed the following list of officers for the 2017 season.

There being no counter nominations from the floor the following were unanimously elected by the meeting :-

President(s) : `` David Lawson (CCL) and Brian Davenport (CCA)

Chairman : Graham Coull (CCL)

Vice Chairman : Selwyn Stephenson (CCA)

Secretary : Phil Smith (CCA))

) To meet to discuss allocation of duties

Assistant Secretary : Brian Birtles (CCL))

Treasurer : Position vacant Not required to attend meeting but send report. Volunteer required

Fixtures/Results Secretary :Graham Beckett (CCL))

Nick Corless (CCA)) To meet to discuss allocation of duties

Umpires Reps : Chris Moore (CCL)

Tony Sayle (CCA)

Grounds inspection: Patrick Hutchinson (CCL) Kevin Jobbins (CCA) plus co-opted members as required

Executive committee: ; Richard White (CCL)

Vacancy

Discipline. Chaired by Derek Barnett plus Selwyn Stephenson : Richard White : Mike Boffey + 1 from clubs

Honorary Accounts Checker John Pope

Jim Rafferty and Bob Hutton will assist on Ad hoc matters as and when required

8) Any Other Business

a) Over-seas players - League cannot advise/instruct on individual cases

Clubs pay for flights, accommodation etc is ok

If played at district level in youth cricket then is deemed professional

Cannot play cricket on a youth holiday visa

Unsure? - contact Home Office for advice

Youth Mobility scheme is ok. They can come over and legitimately get work and play cricket

Any paid, or unpaid work for the club (coaching etc) and player will be considered a professional

Brian Birtles has issued a number of email attachments on the subject in an attempt to clarify the situation

Anyone requiring a registration form to contact brian

b) New Pitchero website

All inputs to Play-cricket will automatically download into the new website

<http://ukfastccl.pitchero.com>

There will no longer be a requirement to phone in the results on a Saturday evening, however in all 1st X1 matches it will be required to enter the basic information into Play-Cricket. Result of Toss: Team totals : points awarded etc by 10pm on Saturday evening . This to be followed up by FULL scoresheets including batting and bowling figures within 24 hours (10pm Sunday).

In 2nd X1 games you have til 10pm Sunday evening to input basic information with FULL scoresheet within 48 hours (10pm Tuesday)

Umpires will input Fairplay and Ground marks and cross-reference that scores are correct.

c) Finance

Brian Birtles read out list of outstanding debts from 2016 season and requested that they be paid as a matter of urgency.

Current funds in hand are circa £14k in three accounts

The CCA are to finalise their accounts and transfer the surplus to the CCL account as directed by the Treasurer

Sponsorship is _ £5k per annum from UKFast and £1.2k from ball manufacturer - Readers

d) Dinner

The 2016 dinner made a small loss of £280

The 2017 dinner has again been booked at the Cresta Court hotel. Runcorn.

Guest speaker will be Matthew Hoggard MBE

e) Umpires

Umpires fees agreed at the following rates for 2017 season

League - 2 umpires standing £38 per umpire

League - 1 Umpire standing alone - £56

T20 2 umpires standing £27 per umpire

T20 1 umpire standing alone £40

The CCL and CCA Umpires Associations have now merged and agreed on their committee etc.

f) Child Welfare

Andy Margeson, County Welfare Officer, is to produce a note to insert into the CCL handbook. This is in line with the Cheshire County League.

Welfare is the big topic of the moment with the revelations coming out of the football fraternity. Be warned that failure to have a fully trained and DBS certified Welfare Officer will be considered a serious breach of rules and could lead to the suspension or Expulsion of a club.

Clubs with Clubmark are also at risk of losing their accreditation if no CWO

The League is duty bound to inform other member clubs of any non-compliant club within the league. If you play against a non-compliant club and an incident of injury or such occurs it could be that your insurance is deemed to be invalid if you are proved to have known about it.

Currently discussing bill in parliament to make it a legal offence not to have a CWO. Chairman would be at risk of prosecution and fine/jail if proven.

Coaching assistants may coach at nets unvetted for only two sessions. After that they require DBS certification.

g) Start times

With the flexible start times agreed it was suggested that Club issue a list of their preferred start times to assist other clubs

Meeting closed at 9:40pm

Next meeting - Management meeting - all clubs - Captains and Umpires evening plus Ball and handbook collection

The Victoria Club, Holmes Chapel. Commencing 8pm