



## <u>Management Meeting Minutes – Monday 18th November 2019</u> <u>Kinder Lodge, Hayfield –7.30pm</u>

#### **Present & Apologies**

**Present-** Martin Cooper, Paul Smith, Tom Bellieu, Alan Johnson, Paul Eyre, Mike Stansfield, Stuart Elliott, Conor Keem, Den Lane, Mark Vernon, Steve Monks, Neil Shaw and Bill Higginbottom.

Apologies- John Richards and Mike Wild

Absent- Steve Croft and JJ Smith

Prior to the meeting a minutes silence was held for Terry Cartlidge who recently passed away. Our thoughts and Condolences to his family and Friends.

#### Correspondence

- Also at the start of the meeting Paul Smith was elected as Vice Chairman. Congratulations to Paul.
- Also, two new members were elected to the committee to give the committee fresh impetus and new views. These were Neil Shaw and Bill Higginbottom, who many of you will know. Thanks to both for coming onto the committee
- Waffle and the live streaming- As a new committee had now been formed it was decided to ask Ben Lester from Waffle to attend the next meeting and discuss this area before a decision could be made. Ben will be invited to the next meeting
- It is very apparent that the handbook, and particularly the rules need updating and changing. As a result of this Graham Parry, who arranges printing of the handbook has agreed to provide a PDF version of the handbook so it can be printed in a bigger format and easier to check.
- Since the last meeting, many clubs have returned their questionnaires and we have met with Dinting, Chapel and High Lane since the last meeting. All these meetings were discussed and found to be very positive. Please can all clubs get the questionnaires back ASAP. We would like to take into account ALL your views when trying to devise a 5 year plan for the league. Both Tintwistle and Hazel Grove have returned their questionnaires but don't expect meetings until the new year. Meetings have been arranged with both Hollingworth and Dove Holes.

#### Treasurer

- Tom was unable to provide an up to date account balance due to changes at our bank. However, he did point out that the balance was buoyant, even with monies outstanding from the dinner.
  Can you please get your payments in as soon as possible, including the clubs who did not wish to attend but need to purchase two (2) tickets. Thanks
- There is a need to update the signatures on the accounts so that cash can be accessed when Tom is not available. This is to be sorted out in the near future. Some cheques are available for emergency use.





## **Junior Cricket**

- There is obviously very little to report at this stage, but it was felt that we need to be proactive in this area to keep and engage juniors in cricket.
- Discussions were held regarding the older age groups including U19's and "Last man Standing". Also about clubs merging their junior set ups to provide teams at all levels. The Junior Secretary Den Lane and Bill Higginbottom are to liaise to review these area's

## Senior Cricket.

- Offerton have handed in their resignation to the league and, looking at the rules available, we have reluctantly allowed them to do this. Their reasoning for leaving is that they are not good enough to compete in the DCCL and they have moved back into the Cheshire set up.
- Compstall have approached the League with a proposition for next season. We are trying to arrange a meeting between all the respective parties to try and clarify what they are trying to do and whether the proposition is acceptable to the league. Martin Cooper is contacting Compstall in the near future to try and arrange this meeting.
- Martin is also going to a meeting with Birch Vale's players to discuss their proposition for next year.
- High Lane have asked that they play all away games until the end of May 2020 due to the weather, and delays to work on their ground. As no format has been finalised for next year this has been left in abeyance until the format is arranged and we can see what can be accomodated.
- Having listened to your feedback you will be pleased to know that the games will be 40 overs per side in Division 4. This means that Divisions 1 and 2 are 45 overs and Divisions 3 and 4 are now 40 overs.
- Bowlers in all four divisions are able to bowl 12 overs. HOWEVER, if the match is rain affected, and overs reduced each bowler will be limited to a MAXIMUM of 30% of the overs available.
- When a team is bowled out before the end of their allotted overs the remaining overs WILL NO LONGER be given to the opposition, UNLESS by way of declaration. Again this is something that was agreed after a lot of feedback from the clubs
- If a match has only one scorer, that scorer shall be paid the full amount by his own club AND the same amount by the other club. For example if a club pays their scorer £30.00, the opposition should also pay the only scorer a further £30.00
- If no scorers are available it is the responsibility of the Captains to Score- or allocate a scorer.
- Duckworth Lewis will be in operation as a trail in Division 1 next season. We are aware that this is causing some concern and therefore training for scorers/clubs will be given in March next year. The emphasis of the training will be on the actual scoring and using the app off line, to make your lives easier. Venues will be arranged at a later date

## **Finals Committee**

• Obviously nothing to report in this area. However, it was felt that, as many of the trophies are very old we should get them refurbished before being handed out next season. With this in mind, we would request all trophies be returned before the end of June next year.





• Massive thanks to Steve Monks for collecting all the trophies, cleaning them and getting them ready for the league dinner.

## Transfers

- Mike Stansfield will be dealing with the the standard transfers and Karl Williams has volunteered to do the oversea's transfers. However, please send ALL transfers to Mike at <u>dcclsecretary@gmail.com</u> so we have a record of all of them. I will them forward it to Karl for his attention.
- Transfers between clubs must be in before the end of the Tuesday prior to the weekend- which is as it stands now. New registrations (ie not played for a club before) have until Thursday 12 noon before the weekend to be registered. However, please not that you cannot play a player until their registration is confirmed.

### **Disciplinary Committee**

• Again nothing to report, although Paul Eyre has now resigned from this committee

### League Dinner

- Firstly, thanks to John Richards for arranging this function.
- There were some concerns with the food, which will be relayed back to the venue, Bredbury Hall
- The comedian was poor to say the least
- An email has been sent to Dove Holes expressing concern about the behaviour of some of their players present.
- On saying all the above it was felt that the venue was excellent and it should be considered for future dinners
- Both Paul Eyre and Steve Monks expressed a wish to arrange the dinner next year. John was not present at the meeting, but may be interested in assisting them. All three to liaise.

### Sponsorship Committee

• We are happy to confirm that both Glossop Glass and Glazing and Kudos Drinks are happy to sponsor the league next season. Big thanks to both of them for their support this year and their continued support next year.

### **Any Other Business**

- There was discussion around using an external marketing company to market the league and it's benefits, which was felt would be a good use of league funds
- Members expressed their disappointment that some clubs chose not to attend the AGM. The AGM is the ideal time for clubs to express their views and help the league strengthen and progress- something that is in all of our best interests.
- It was with pleasure that members of the Management Committee unanimously voted for Karl Williams to become a Life Member of the league. Karl has been on the Management Committee for several years, Chairman of the League for the last 10 years, and remains Secretary of the Disciplinary Committee (as well as continuing to deal with Overseas transfers), and it was in recognition of these achievements that he was made a life member. Congratulations Karl.





Next Meeting- Is on Monday 16th December 2019, beginning at 7.30pm. Currently this is at the Kinder Lodge, Hayfield, but may need changing if Waffle intend to give a presentation.