

ARROW HUDDERSFIELD CENTRAL CRICKET LEAGUE
95TH AGM HELD TUESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 08 AT ALMONDBURY WES

WELCOME

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting including Trevor Heeley; Life Member, Gary Rank Umpire's Training Officer, & Peter Firth Umpire's Association Chairman.

PROCEDURE

A query had been received regarding the granting of a proxy vote for a club unable to attend the meeting. As this was not covered in the Rules of the league, this was put to the meeting. No proxy vote was to be granted.

ATTENDANCE

All clubs except Hoylandswaine and Nortonthorpe were represented as were all members of the Management Board except Mrs J Booth and Mrs J Dolley.

APOLOGIES

H Earnshaw, A H Whittaker, Nortonthorpe C.C, Mrs J Dolley & Mrs J Booth

MINUTES

The minutes of the AGM held 27 November 07 had been circulated and there were no matters arising.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

The President, Secretary, Result/Registration Secretary and the Umpire's Appointment Secretary all read their reports. Copies are circulated to clubs. The Treasurer handed out his report and statement of accounts on the night.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Mr H Marsden announced he had certified the accounts of the league.

OFFICER'S OF THE LEAGUE

Mr J Carson was elected as President of the league.

Mrs L Poulter was elected as Hon Sec of the league

Mr S Reid and Mr C Jones were elected to serve on the Management Board to fill the vacancies created by the death of Mr P Lumb and retirement of Mrs J Dolley. All other existing officials and members were re-elected. In addition the following were elected

Area Council	Mr I Livesey
Junior Representative	Mr P Senior
White Rose Manager	Mr L Booth

CONSTITUTION

It was explained that the constitution of the league could not be finalised until mid December, due to a pending application from Hoylandswaine C.C to another league. There was also a possibility of another club with two teams joining from another league.

ALTERATION TO LEAGUE RULES

Rule 5(F)	Defeated	12 – 17
Rule 5(H)	Defeated	3 – 26
Rule 5(I)	Defeated	5 – 28
Rule 5(U)	Defeated	8 – 22
Rule 6(D)	Carried	21 – 7
Rule 6(E)	Carried	19 – 9
Rule 6(H)	Carried	21 – 7
Rule 6(N)	Carried	24 – 5
Rule 7(C)	Carried	Unanimous
Rule 7(G)	Carried	Unanimous
Rule 7(I)	Carried	Unanimous
Rule 7(M)	Carried	Unanimous
Rule 7(S)	Carried	Unanimous
Rule 8(A)	Carried	27 – 1
Rule 8(B-D)	Carried	Unanimous
Rule 9(B)	Defeated	5 – 24
Rule 9(B)	Defeated	8 – 18
Rule 14(C)	Defeated	8 – 19
Bye Law R	Carried	28 – 2

ALLSOP/TINKER CUP

Rule H	Carried	20 – 13
Rule Ag	Carried	22 – 6

NEW BYE LAW

Sightscreens	Carried	21 - 9
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COMMITTEE DATES

The following dates were approved: 3 February 09, 7 April 09, 16 June 09, 20 October 09, 24 Nov 09 (AGM), 2 February 2010 & 6 April 2010.

HONORARIA

It was agreed that the Honoraria be increased by £25, the first increase in 5 years.

SCORBOOK PRIZE

This has been won by Mirfield Harry Lime (M Haigh and L Haigh).

The AGM closed at 8.30pm.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT AGM 2008

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This is my first report as President of the league, a season that was spoiled by the weather affecting so many matches and causing so much disruption, in what could only be described as a stop/start season.

It was also the first year as Hon Secretary for Chris Jones who did an excellent job but has decided to step down due to work commitments, but will remain on the Management Board. I thank Chris for all his work. We have a new volunteer to take over in Liz Poulter from Woolley who is here tonight. Liz welcome. Julie Dolley has also decided to step down from the Management Board after several years' service and her place will be taken by Steve Reid from Penistone. We welcome you also on board and hope you both enjoy the work.

As a league we are indebted to the officials, for ensuring all the relevant areas of their responsibility is taken care of, like umpires, results, registrations, finance and general administration. Without these officials and the other members of the Management Board the league would not function. They devote a lot of time and effort into the smooth running of the league and fully deserve recognition for their work. Ladies and Gentlemen please stand and many, many thanks.

It is with regret that Philip Lumb a stalwart of the Umpire's Association and of the Man Board died this year after a year long illness. In memory of Philip the Umpire of the Year Award will be named in his honour.

Once again we thank Arrow and all our other sponsors for their contribution to the financial well being of the league. It really is needed and much appreciated.

Congratulations to all teams and individuals that won trophies or promotion and commiseration to those less successful. Remember there is always another year.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Annual Dinner & Presentation Evening in March when we thank our sponsors and support the prizewinners.

Finally may I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a merry Christmas and a happy New Year

Jack Carson
League President

Secretary's Report 2008

The 2008 season started with weather being the main concern, with the decision being taken to postpone the first set of fixtures and replay them at the end of the season. Fortunately we were blessed with a fine weekend with which to end the season. The weather also caused problems in the scheduling of cup games, with the Tinker and Armitage Cup finals particularly badly hit, with a number of rearrangements being necessary and much fruitless work for the hosting clubs.

Unfortunately Heckmondwike C.C folded just prior to the start of the season, leaving a gap in section A. However for 2009 we will have three new teams competing; Silkstone CC will be entering a B team in the league for the first time, whilst we also welcome Horbury Bridge C.C to our league.

It would be remiss not to recognise the achievement of the league's White Rose Trophy team who reached the semi-final of the competition for the first time, before being beaten by a strong Bradford League side, many thanks are due to Lee Booth for managing the side.

To ensure that all clubs had trained child welfare officers we arranged two training courses prior to the start of the season. These were well attended and all clubs had trained officers for the 2008 season.

Once again we are indebted to Phil Senior and Harry Marsden for the excellent results service that they provide and to Jim Bostwick for balancing the finances. Thanks are also due to Brian Cooper in assigning umpires to all our games, a role made harder than ever by the seasons' inclement weather. I should also like to thank all the members of the management Board for their input and assistance during the course of the season.

The Annual Presentation Dinner is on Friday 6th March at Brooklands Hotel, Dodworth and I hope that as many of you as possible will be there to support and recognise our prizewinners.

I should like to reiterate our President's thanks to the Arrow and the league's other sponsors. Their financial input is invaluable in ensuring that we can provide prize money to the winners of our competitions and in helping to promote the financial stability of the league.

Finally I would like to thank all of our clubs for their assistance to me during the season and to offer my best wishes to you all as we look forward to what will hopefully be a successful season in 2009.

Auditors Report 2008

In my opinion the financial statement of accounts gives a true and fair view of the 'Arrow' Huddersfield Central Cricket League affairs as at the 31st October 2008. The League has kept a proper book of accounts, receipts and documentation with which the accounts for 2008 agree.

Signed Harry Marsden

Auditor.

20th November 2008

**Arrow Huddersfield Central Cricket League Registration
Secretaries for Report Season 2008**

The League Database continues to grow and the number of recorded registered players in the League now totals 2338 at the end of the Season with 339 new registrations and transfers being received throughout the Season.

The standard of the result sheets though does cause some concern with the majority of sheets providing excellent information but the minority once again lacking information. Hopefully this will be rectified if the Management Boards rule change for all clubs to submit results electronically is carried.

One major problem that has occurred though this season is the fact that a player was registered with a club in this League and also with a club in another League. Numerous enquiries failed to resolve who the player's "*official*" club was, and this could have caused major problems in the final league placing at the end of the season.

A new rule has been drafted, again to vote on at tonight's meeting, to try to resolve this problem, and the League are asking for each club to ensure that they carry out sufficient checks when registering a player to ensure that the player does not require a transfer from a club or league with whom he was registered with in the previous two seasons.

Finally I wish to thank all Club Secretaries for their timely submissions and Phil Senior for all his help and assistance throughout the year.

Harry Marsden
Registration Secretary

Arrow HCCL – Results Secretary Report 2008

704 scheduled league fixtures (+66 various cup games)

136 were decided by the weather – 166 in 2007 and 123 in 2006

9 results were not phoned in (2 by one team) – 17 in 2007

27 late result sheets – 25 in 2007

Your phone calls enabled me to send the results to teletext, press and website. The teletext service was quite good with results on BBC and ITV most weeks. The press was disappointing because the Yorkshire Sport on Sunday was unpredictable; but Yorkshire Post on Monday, some nationals on Monday and most local papers were regular. Biggest success was the source under our own control – the website. All scores and tables were usually displayed by Sunday lunchtime and complete scorecards of about 66% of games were displayed on a Tuesday morning.

There were 106,446 specific website visits in 2008 which resulted in 519,573 pageviews compared to 407,572 in 2007. As I stated last year - I expect this number to level off now but would be delighted to be proven wrong.

The results database worked very well. This enabled us to display leading performers and keep the accumulated statistics fairly well uptodate. Clubs who sent in result sheets by email were rewarded by being able to leave the result sheet blank on the result/team sheet that they send to Harry. All result sheets which arrived by email were displayed on the website and forwarded to local press. Calculation of final averages was done automatically and displayed for checking within a couple of days of the final matches.

Very many thanks to Lee Booth and Harry Marsden for their assistance but I should also like to thank the people who sent result sheets by email. I should like to take this opportunity to ask that all clubs support the proposed rule amendment for electronic result sheets as without these it will be impractical to carry on this level of service.

Phil Senior
Results Secretary

UMPIRES APPOINTMENTS SECRETARY'S REPORT 2008

May I begin with a sincere thankyou to all umpires for their continued help and cooperation, without which my job would be impossible. Congratulations to the 8 umpires who were ever present in League matches and the 11 others who missed just one match.

We began the season with 61 regular umpires, the same number as in 2007. With fewer matches to cover and a few occasional umpires to call on the number of matches with just one umpire was reduced to an average of 7 per week. All matches had at least one official umpire. Unfortunately by the end of the season the number of umpires available had reduced by 3 and there were 15 teams not providing a regular umpire. Clearly it is important that clubs continue to seek to recruit umpires, especially from amongst recently retired players. Umpiring can be a rewarding and enjoyable way of staying involved in the game when your playing days are over.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the untimely deaths of two of our umpires. Philip Lumb, recent Secretary of the Umpires Association, member of the Management Board and Penistone umpire, gave outstanding service to this League over a number of years. Cricket was a major part of his life and despite his illness he maintained his interest right up to his last days. He was a true gentleman and will be sadly missed. And in September we were shocked to hear of the sudden death of Alan Robinson, Upperthong umpire and former Woodfield Park and Huddersfield Police player. Alan was a reliable and enthusiastic umpire and he too will be greatly missed.

The Umpires Association has continued to meet every second Wednesday of the month during the season and thanks go to Chairman Peter Firth, Secretary Tim Sagar and Training Officer Gary Rank for their leadership. Gary will be running his usual pre-season informal training course in the spring and all umpires and prospective umpires are most welcome to attend.