

96th AGM held on Tuesday, 24 November 2009 at Almondbury Wesleyan CC

WELCOME

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting including; Life Members, Harry Earnshaw, Trevor Heeley and Adrian Whittaker; Umpire's Association Chairman, Peter Firth; Umpire's Training Officer, Gary Rank.

ATTENDANCE

All clubs except Birchencliffe and Nuffield Hospital were represented together with all members of the Management Board.

MINUTES

The minutes of the AGM held on 25 November 2008 had been circulated and there were no matters arising.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

The President, Secretary, Result Secretary, Registration Secretary, Treasurer, and Umpire's Appointment Secretary all read their reports and copies are attached at the end of the minutes. In addition the Treasurer handed out the statement of accounts.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Mr H Marsden announced that he had audited the accounts and certified them correct.

OFFICERS OF THE LEAGUE

No nominations had been received and all existing officials and members were re-elected.

Representatives to the Area Council and Junior League will remain as Mr I Livesey and Mr P Senior respectively. The League Team Managers have yet to be decided.

CONSTITUTION

The constitution will remain the same with 71 teams.

ALTERATIONS TO LEAGUE RULES

Rule 1 (I)	Carried	23 – 10
Rule 5 (F)	Defeated	13 – 21
Rule 5 (Z)	Carried	Unanimous
Rule 6 (A)	Carried	19 – 12
Rule 6 (K)	Defeated	10 – 23
Rule 7 (A)	Carried	Unanimous
Rule 8 (C)	Carried	18 – 12
Rule 9 (B) version 1 (6 votes)		
Rule 9 (B) version 2 (7 votes)	Defeated	6 – 26
Rule 12 (B) version 1 (10 votes)	Defeated	13 – 18
Rule 12 (B) version 2 (6 votes)		
Rule 14 (C)	Defeated	8 – 20
Friend Allsop Cup Rule H version 1 (24 votes)	Carried	28 – 3
Friend Allsop Cup Rule H version 2 (4 votes)		
Friend Allsop Cup Rule A(a)	Carried	Unanimous
Friend Allsop Cup Rule A(c)	Carried	24 – 5
Armitage Cup Rule M	Carried	Unanimous
New Rule – Sub Committee for assessment of umpires	Defeated	15 - 16

Following the proposed amendment to Rule 6 (A) being carried it was announced that £20 would be given to each club as a one-off payment to offset some of the costs incurred for Umpires having to join the ECB Association of Cricket Officials. In addition ECB ACO application forms will be sent to all clubs and it is their responsibility to make sure they are completed by their umpires.

LEAGUE COMMITTEE DATES 2010/2011

2 February 2010, 13 April 2010, 15 June 2010, 19 October 2010, 23 November 2010 (AGM),
1 February 2011, 5 April 2011

HONORARIA

No change.

THE AGM CLOSED AT 8.30 pm

UMPIRE'S COURSE

The Umpires Association will be holding a course for Umpires at Flockton Green WMC, commencing on Tuesday, 9 February 2010 at 7.30 pm.

The course run by Gary Rank will be for 5 weeks and is ideal for new umpires and as a refresher for existing umpires. There is no exam and no fee.

ECB FAST BOWLING DIRECTIVE

A document showing the new guidelines was handed out.

CHILD WELFARE

Several Child Welfare Officers missed the 'Time to Listen' course. The course will be run again on 14 and 21 January 2010 and the clubs concerned have been notified, namely Crigglestone, Birchcliffe and Edgerton & Dalton and replies required.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT AGM 2009

Ladies & Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure once again to report on the previous 12 months. Happily the rain had much less affect on the results of matches this season resulting in many more completed fixtures. Unfortunately rain affected matches do cause some controversies and I ask that all concerned follow the correct procedures.

arrowselfdrive.com has agreed to continue their sponsorship for another 5 years and we are indebted to Chris Taylor their Managing Director for this continued generous support

The three cups this year were sponsored by **C G Autos** and the owner has stated they will also continue for another 5 years. Many thanks to Umar Chishti for the arrangement.

As a league we also thank all our other sponsors for their continued support and details of these companies and individuals are shown on the web site/ league handbook.

Congratulations to all prize winners, both teams and individuals and commiserations to those that missed out. Please support all the winners at the Annual Dinner and Presentation Evening on 5 March 2010

I would like to thank all officials and members of the Management Board for their dedicated hard work throughout the year. A league of this size needs efficient administration and commitment from those elected to carry out the work and I am delighted to say that they all work extremely hard on your behalf. Particular thanks to Liz Poulter who has settled very well into the difficult role of league secretary.

Unfortunately Stuart Hawden has suffered some health problems this year but we all wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to his continued membership of the committee.

I also thank all umpires that enable the games to run as smoothly as possible and ask that those clubs without umpires make every effort to recruit.

Child Welfare issues should be in the forefront of all clubs and every club needs to fully comply with the requirements concerning Club Welfare Officers and the CRB checking of all relevant persons within the club.

I make one final appeal which is that all clubs ensure the required result procedures are complied with on time, in full, to ensure the best possible service to yourselves.

Finally I wish you all and your families the very best for the coming festive season and a successful cricket season in 2010.

J Carson
League President.

Secretary's Report for 2009 AGM

This has been my first year as league secretary and I would like to say thank you very much to all clubs for your cooperation throughout the year.

If you have any ideas how I may improve my service to you I would be happy to receive suggestions.

We welcomed two new clubs to the league last season, Gawthorpe St Mary's and Horbury Bridge. Unfortunately both clubs breached some league regulations, mainly for administration faults and so their probationary period has been extended by 12 months. Therefore, can I give a timely reminder to all clubs to make sure they have satisfactory administration procedures in place?

There was one formal disciplinary hearing this year. I would like to report next year that there hadn't been any.

I re-iterate our President's thanks to Arrow and all the other sponsors of the league for their invaluable support.

Many thanks to Phil Senior and Harry Marsden for their fantastic service in collecting, collating and publishing the results. If you are like me, you can't wait to see the tables on the website but isn't it frustrating when they're not there and all because 1 or 2 results had not been submitted. For everybody's sake I hope we can pull out all the stops to make sure we send the results and team sheets in on time next season.

Thank you to Jim Bostwick for taking care of the finances again and to the Management Board for their hard work.

I would like to finish by saying a big thank you to all the members of the Management Board for their support and for making me feel welcome. Special thanks to Jack Carson for patiently guiding me through my first year.

Have a Happy Christmas.

E Poulter
Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

The League had a surplus of £2656.75 for the year and fines totalling £724.50 were outstanding at the year end.

League Funds now stand at £14,919.23.

South Yorkshire Home Improvements and Solarshade sponsorships of the Cup Competitions ended at the close of the 2008 season and these were replaced by Umar Chishti of CG Autos at an increased rate. Umar had agreed to extend this sponsorship for a further 5 years and Arrow Self Drive, longstanding sponsors of the League have also agreed to extend their agreement for a further 5 years ensuring financial stability for the League.

I would like to thank Phil Senior and Harry Marsden without whose help the end of season accounts could not have been issued to clubs on time and Harry for carrying out the audit of the accounts.

Finally I would like to thank all clubs for prompt payment and League Officials and Management Board members for their assistance throughout the year and wish all clubs the very best for the 2010 season.

J A Bostwick

TREASURER

Arrow Huddersfield Central Cricket League Registration Secretaries for Report Season 2009

The League Database now contains a record 2440 registered players at the end of the 2009 Season with 443 new registrations and transfers being received throughout the Season.

The first year of results being submitted electronically has proved to be a success and the team sheets submitted to myself have provided excellent backup information but once again a minority of clubs fail to send them in on time which causes problems checking players' eligibility, especially around cup matches when the time factor is critical.

The envisaged problem with the registration of overseas players did not materialise as their registrations went through without difficulty, although I have a feeling there is more red tape in the pipeline.

One major problem that has occurred though was the interpretation of Cup Rule H on the eligibility of players with one or two differing understandings of the rule. Hopefully the rule changes that have been proposed at tonight's AGM will clarify the situation.

Finally I wish to thank all Club Secretaries/Team Captains 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 2009

770 scheduled league fixtures (+69 various cup games)

63 were decided by the weather – 136 in 2008 and 166 in 2007

17 results were not phoned in – 9 in 2008

64 late result sheets – 27 in 2008

Your phone calls enabled me to send the results to teletext, press and website. The internet has now effectively made teletext redundant and what started as a much reduced service of one Section on one channel became nothing by the end of the season. As this was the feed for the nationals on a Monday this coverage was lost. The local press continued with their usual level of coverage and at last I have managed to get them all to take their information from the league website.

The change in league rules such that all result sheets must be supplied electronically by 9 pm on a Monday has been implemented without too many problems. The rise in the number of late result sheets is disturbing but is not considered to be a consequence of the computerisation. This consideration is based on the fact that the incidences of late sheets are extremely closely aligned to the defeat of the home team

It is most efficient for me to publish results in batches (it takes almost as long to publish one sheet as it does 10) and so I have appreciated people emailing result sheets as soon as possible. Although the deadline is currently 9 pm on a Monday I have continued to publish as many complete scorecards as possible as soon as possible. All scores and tables were usually displayed by Sunday lunchtime (and often by Saturday midnight) and complete scorecards of about 95% of games were displayed on a Tuesday morning.

There were 117,522 specific website visits in 2009 which resulted in 610,080 pageviews compared to 519,573 in 2008. As I have stated for the last 2 years - 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 up-to-date. Calculation of final averages was done automatically and would have been displayed for checking within a couple of days of the final matches had it not been for 2 late result sheets at this vital time of the season.

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 as the database for 2009 alone contains approximately half a million pieces of information.

UMPIRES APPOINTMENTS SECRETARY'S REPORT 2009

I am pleased to report that the 2009 season saw 9 new umpires officiating on a regular basis, compensating for the loss of 6 umpires from the previous season. The season ended with 67 regular umpires although unavailability due to holidays, illness and work commitments meant that on average we were 8 short each week. Unfortunately 11 teams failed to provide an umpire in contravention of League Rule 6A and whilst I appreciate it is not an easy task I hope the clubs concerned will make every effort to comply with the rule next season.

The HCCL Umpires and Scorers Association has continued to hold monthly meetings from April to October and thanks are due to the officers of the association for all the work they do. Members have been encouraged to join the recently formed ECB Association of Cricket Officials and the HCCL has been well represented at ACO meetings and seminars at regional, county and branch level. A number of both new and more experienced umpires have recently been attending ACO Level 1 training courses. It is hoped that next year, in line with other leagues, all HCCL umpires will be members of the ACO, enabling them to take advantage of the benefits available, especially improved insurance cover and training opportunities.

May I conclude by congratulating the 12 umpires who were ever present during the league season and indeed I would like to place on record my thanks to all my fellow umpires for their assistance throughout the season and their willingness to change appointments, sometimes at short notice and not always to their liking!