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**Cr Co Meeting held at Rainhill CC on Tuesday 3rd Sept 2013 at 7.00pm**

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| **Cr Co Agenda**  **Attendance of Alder CC**  *Formally summoned to appear in front of Cr Co in respect of playing ineligible players in Sunday 3rd XI games.*  *JW in Chair*  **1. Apologies and Roll call**   1. *Apologies* 2. *Minutes from previous meeting* ***Appendix 3*** 3. *Matters Arising*   **2. Chairman's opening remarks.**   1. *Welcome JR* 2. *StHT progress Ruskin Drive meeting* 3. *PoM Awards July/August?*   **3. Matters relating to Fixtures issues**   1. *KO Cups Rob R*   *Digman*  *Chester - shifted*  *Embee consequences of - JW*  *ECB t20 - report on Finals - CW*  *U16 - EH report and suggestions* ***Appendix 5***  *U21s*   1. *League fixtures RD/ EH*   *N**CC 2s rearranged fixture*  *StHT's shifted fixture v BHStM's*   1. *Representative games JW*   *U12/ U14 / MCC v /U21s*  **4. Matters relating to Reporting of Results League/Cup and Play-Cricket**     1. *Website update JW* 2. *Live Update and TCS 2013 RD/NG* | **5. Matters relating to Registration of Players**   1. *NG Report* 2. *Shervon Jean*   **6. Matters relating to 3rd XIs**     1. *Ineligible players Alder/Old Xavs update EH/CW*   **7. Matters relating to Club &Ground**   1. *Inspections programme, progress therewith*   **8. Matters relating to MCUA: Current briefing**   1. *Ray R* 2. *Update from MCUA M/C meeting*   **9. AOB**   1. *Finance Report Reader Balls AB* ***See Appendix 4*** 2. *Fines EH* 3. *Trophies, return of* 4. *SP CC Boundary Fence* 5. *Spirit Marks/ C&G marks AB* 6. *LCB/ECB Cricket players survey report from Two Circles Important workshop-7th October 2013* 7. *Phil Lovgreen*   **10. Date(s) of next meetings**    *See* ***Appendix 2*** |

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| **Agenda item** | **Recorded Minutes** | **Action Point** |
| **Attendance of Alder CC** | *Formally summoned to appear in front of Cr Co in respect of playing ineligible players in Sunday 3rd XI games.*  *JW in Chair*  Rob Durand did not join the meeting because of the club linkage.  Present were: Eric Hadfield (President); John Williams (Chair), John Rotheram (Cricket Chair); Chris Weston (Hon Sec); Ray Rigby (MCUA); Club Representatives from: Ainsdale CC Adam Friar; Formby CC Kim Miles; Highfield CC Martyn Gaskell; Leigh CC Derek Ainscough; Rimmer Sutton CC Mike; Wavertree CC Peter Barret;  6.53pm  See **Appendix 6**  A brief discussion took place before Alder CC was invited in  Depending on arithmetic this was a minus 300 points and £750 fine series of offences  The situation was identical to that of Parkfield Liscard at the August Cr Co meeting.  JW ran through the details of that Cr Co adjudication without prejudice to Alder.  What was the difference between teams 3/4/5 Highfield asked; to them they were the same, there was support for that view. It was a possible defence for them.  Was this a viable Sun team? The question needed putting.  *7.03pm Alder CC invited in:*  Mike Dunn (Sec) Paul Roberts (Cricket Development Officer) introduced themselves as representing Alder CC this evening  JW carried out introductions around the table and referred to the L&DCC letter and to research done by EH and the ARS team; the spread sheet represented the outcome from this. There were 11 offences on 7 occasions.  Mike Dunn replied that there was no denial of the facts by the club. He went on to give context and background in detail. They had lost a lot of players following relegation. The 5th XI's captain i.e. the Sun captain Jack Hale had resigned, he now played in the 1st XI, captains were changed as and when. They had lots of juniors but little transport. No gain or advantage was sought; they were just trying to get a team out. The original captain knew the regs; those that followed often did not.  JW invited questions and led. How did this actually happen? MD said that it was simply done in the bar late on a Sat "I'm short tomorrow who wants to play?" etc. MD was simply not there to intervene. On being pressed by JW he confirmed that he would have intervened had he been there, he knew the rules, it was not deliberate; it was getting a side out.  JW asked why they had not asked for more help, M/C had readily given Ravi Bapu permission to play (with batting position strings attached) to act as a driver when asked. Many clubs had the same problems and yet coped somehow. Were 5 teams too many for Alder?  MD and Paul Roberts agreed and confirmed that the club was already looking to reduce teams next year. 3 Sat + 1 Sun was likely.  EH commented that the CW arithmetic was an exaggeration of the fine/points deduction position.11 players had been ineligible but a game could only be forfeit once so it was only 7 offences to consider. - a total of minus 180 points and a fine of £450  Cr Co had no more questions, Alder CC had no more comments to add and they withdrew for Cr Co to consider the matter.  7.23pm  Ray R led. We should treat them as we had treated Parkfield Liscard. We should consider the first 3 offences only as we should have picked this up sooner. *A fine of £150 and expunge their games completely, treat all 2012 games as friendlies. Return in 2014 as appropriate and with no further penalties.*  Discussion followed and there was some sympathy for the club but they needed to be more rigorous in the future.  All their fixtures had now been played.  No one dissented from the solution as suggested which was therefore **agreed** and Alder CC was invited to return  *7.35pm*  JW led. Cr Co was disappointed that there were not more robust systems in place at Alder CC.  JW ran through the actions as agreed by Cr Co. Eric H would adjust the play-cricket tables and post on the site.  Alder commented that they also had all the 4th XI cancellation fines to pay as well. The 4th XI + 5th XI total was now £500.  JW thanked Alder for their attendance and assistance and they left the meeting.  Rob Durand joined the Cr Co | **EH** |
| **1**  **Apologies** | 1. *Apologies*: Dave Murphy, Alan Bristow; Neil Girvin and Rob Roberts had given their apologies.   Present were: Eric Hadfield (President); John Williams (Chair); John Rotheram (Cricket Chair); Chris Weston (Hon Sec); Rob Durand (1st XI and 2nd XI Fixtures Sec). Club Representatives from: Ainsdale CC Adam Friar; Formby CC Kim Miles; Highfield CC Martyn Gaskell; Leigh CC Derek Ainscough; Rimmer Sutton CC Mike; Wavertree CC Peter Barret;   1. *Minutes* from previous meeting see **Appendix3**   These were **agreed** without dissent   1. *Matters Arising*   These were covered by the agenda and taken en passant |  |
| **2**  **Chairman's opening remarks.** | 1. *Welcome*   John Rotheram took the Chair.   1. *StHT progress Ruskin Drive meeting*   CW gave a detailed report on the meeting at Ruskin Drive earlier in the day. It had been a good meeting.  Present at that meeting were  JW / JR / CW / Paul Bryson LCB / Dave Boocock MBC / Peter Whitfield / Freda Crawford  There had been an initial walk round by most whilst MBC work was in progress to finalise deep scarification  1. **DB MBC**  Recent MBC email probably kick-started this meeting  Deliberately provocative short time scale  MBC wants to support StHT return to Ruskin  Council committed to cricket at Ruskin  StHT CC has improved its organisational structure. MBC keen to back it  Plans outlined and shown  £4-5 million over 2-3 years  Facilities were for the use of all four or five StH cricket teams.  Sequencing of the major phases was the problem  Full MBC surveys done  Victorian brick/glass soakaways are fully silted up  Findings of surveys slowed down the process  Full piped drainage to go in  Ruskin much better now, water has finally drained away  In 2013 i.e. in short term  Stage 1 Deep scarification - done - massive amounts of thatch  Stage 2 Deep verti draining - to be done in next few days  Stage 3 Repairs to be done to turf in places, re-seed etc - to be done after verti draining  Square to have usual maintenance - bearing in mind has lain fallow for a year - no additional work planned  Overflow to the brook; one way valves replaced already  Piped drainage to start Sept 2014 subject to L&DCC decisions re fixtures,  2. **JW L&DCC**  L&DCC wants StHT back on Ruskin too  But L&DCC bears responsibility to all Comp clubs - not just to one  In 2012 only 3 games *in total* over all the season were completed at Ruskin  Most clubs scarify and verti drain regularly  2013 work at Ruskin was not the full drainage needed  There was an element of gambling on 2014 needed if no full drainage before season 2014 in place  Disagreement about how much rain there had actually been in 2013  But Windleshaw Rd marks for playing surfaces not good in 2013  Little ground work was being done there  Unlikely that money would be spent at Windleshaw on cricket surfaces as was now primarily a football facility  Deliberate (?) non pursuit of excellence there suggested as a contributory factor  Site access difficult for machinery  Ruskin is the best long-term option accepted  L&DCC needed assurance of work to be done against a time line  L&DCC needed to carry all member clubs with it in respect of decisions  Peter Whitfield felt only 1 game would have been lost at Ruskin in 2013  Bootle Wigan FWH all had similar 2012 drainage problems and have put in new drainage already  **3. Discussion**  Need to get on with Ruskin, use it or lose it to other sports - some of whom approach with open cheque books  If do not get another 2012 summer of rain, Ruskin will probably be alright in 2014, on this basis  2013 work will be tested by winter 2013/14  Building work will not impact on cricket in 2014  Piped drainage now highly mechanised and much quicker to do than in past - would be finished before Xmas that year on a Sept start date  MBC needed dates for start of piped drainage, was this to be Sept 2014 or Sept 2015 etc  StHT club officials had had enough, unlikely to stay in post if were at Windleshaw for another year. This was not a threat but was the position  If Sept fixtures were cleared StHT could not then grumble about the shape of their fixtures that year - cake and eat it etc  Permission given by L&DCC for StHT's last and rearranged 3rd XI game to be at Ruskin Drive  **3. LCB's views**  Generally supportive of a move to Ruskin  First remedial work on outfield for more than 10 years was surprising  Rest and recuperation for the square was useful  Box cutting the outfields was probably better - there was then a cost for the club was understood  **4. Actions**   1. M/C to consult Cricket Committee at meeting later this evening, 10 or more clubs will be represented there 2. No L&DCC decision re 2014 StHT position will be made at Cr Co 3. MBC to write to L&DCC via CW setting out intended work programme and time line in time for M/C meeting 10 09 2013for StHT 2014 decision to be made and notified to interested parties.   3.04pm   1. *PoM Awards July/August?*   Rob D had procured July's data; that for August was not available. He distributed copies  The categories were discussed carefully  It was agreed that  Premier Division Tomas Sephton Northern 19 wickets  First Division Sion Morris Colwyn Bay 211 runs  Second Division Lee Berrie Burscough 161 runs  These would be posted when the joint August/Sept figures were known  Amazon vouchers had generated feed back, most was positive | **CW/JW** |
| **3.**  **Matters relating to Fixtures issues** | 1. *KO Cups* 2. *Digman/Chester* Latter was shifted; both were now on the 8th owing to cup clashes, umpires were allocated. EH/CW were to collect the Cups/medals after this meeting from the boot of JR's car.   *Embee consequences of* - The Merseyside Sports and Cultural CC (MSC CC) had been invited to this meeting. JW pointed out they had seemingly arbitrarily changed their name to Merseyside Cricket and Cultural CC i.e. MCC CC not MSC CC, this was disappointing and possibly revealing. CW reminded that historically this had revolved around the Merseyside Commonwealth Club CC and their MCC CC acronym in the Mersey Comp.  AB had done well as match manger to avoid WW3 at the end. There had been only one scorer plus an umpire error in the game which had been handled incorrectly; it would have been positively dangerous to attempt a presentation after the game. There would be a proposal to AGM that a club must have 12 men at the final plus a scorer and a match/club official. Runners up medals to be brought to EoS by JR and given en bloc to the MSC CC representative at the EoS meeting 08 10 13.  *ECB t20 - report on Finals*  CW gave a brief report. Ormskirk were in the Finals Day at the Kia Oval 13 09 13. The regional final had been hectic for JW at the very end of the game. JW gave a brief summary. ECB had taken reports and ruled on the matter. L&DCC would be supporting Ormskirk CC with a financial contribution to the cost of the players travelling expenses as we had done with previous clubs that had reached this stage. ECB also made a contribution, the amount varied from club to club on a needs driven basis. A supporters coach was going am 13 0913 price £30 per head.  *U16/U21s - EH report and suggestions* ***Appendix 5***  MCUA was looking at future umpire appointments to Finals.  EH's suggestions were noted and **agreed.**   1. *"Strongly recommend teams to bring their 1st (preferably) or 2nd XI regular scorer for cup finals;* 2. *Advise teams that they must bring a 12th man (no team today did that) and as a last resort he/she could score; and failing these* 3. *One of the players shall score and take no playing part in the match (this is something which we should recommend is put into all our regulations, league and cup).* 4. *The second match started half an hour after the scheduled time to allow time for the presentations and the dressing rooms to be cleared from the first match.  We must allow 3 hours 30 minutes between matches in future.* 5. *The matches appeared to be played in the best of spirit but talking with the umpires afterwards they were less than complimentary about the respect for umpires from the St Helens Town players, who complained about the consistency of wide ball decisions and on one occasion telling Roger to get out of the way.  As many of the players, especially in the U21 teams are 1st XI players we should ask for Umpires Report cards to be sent to Alan for all cup finals and semi-finals if MCUA appointed umpires stand."* 6. *League fixtures RD/ EH*   *N**CC 2s rearranged Sunday fixture* Permission had been given for this to be played on the 2nd XI pitch because of Cup fixtures on the 1st XI ground  *StHT's shifted fixture v BHStM's* Permission had been given for this to be shifted to a Sunday as a result of the StHT football club needing the pitch on the Saturday. BHStM's had been helpful.  *BHPark v Rainhill 01 09 13* The result was in doubt. The umpires had taken the players off in the 19th (?) over of the last hour as the sun was too low and the batters were unable to see, it was not safe. A vigorous discussion followed. This extra point to BHPark could make all the difference in a tight finish at the top of the 2013 table. EH felt the umpires should not have taken the players off, it was therefore 4 points to BHPark and 6 to Rainhill. This was **not agreed**. It was being taken off for weather and was like rain in which case it was 5/5 points unless a club had gained more that 5 - as had had Rainhill in this game, it was therefore 5/6 points not 4/6. EH would change the table. Rob D would write to both clubs.  *Hightown v Ormskirk 14 09 13*  This very last league 1st XI fixture was shifted to the **15 09 13** i.e. to the Sunday as a result of the ECB t20 final on the 13th, this after very complex negotiations led by JW. The use of the 1st and the 8th proved to be not possible.  *Hightown v Colwyn Bay 3rd XI 15 09 13* This rearranged game was to be played at Crosby St Marys as a result of the shift in the 1st XI fixture. The cost of hiring this pitch would be borne by the L&DCC.   1. *Representative games U12/ U14 / MCC v /U21s JW*   There will be a report to the AGM.  The U12/14s programme has been quite successful.  17s/21s nothing to add other than the 21s would like more games  There was the possibility of more representative sides in 2014  Ray R had had conversation with S Bullock and D Leighton (LCB/ECB?) they wanted more venues for rep age group games in the south west of Lancs. He had suggested Liverpool Maghull Northern Ormskirk Wigan but had forgotten Burscough. JW would ring SB and DL to investigate what their intentions were. | **EH/CW**  **CW**  **JR**  **EH**  **JW** |
| **4.**  **Matters relating to Reporting of Results League/Cup and Play-Cricket** | 1. *Website update JW*   JW posed the question, has the website improved? There was agreement that it had. There were more pictures which is what people seemed to want up there. There was a lot going on. More changes were suggested e.g. a TCS window but changes particularly to the "back office", were expensive.   1. *Live Update and TCS 2013 RD/NG*   There was little change. JW repeated that this issue continued to make him despair; we had tried hard over this. Wallasey had been registered by Rob D who had been hampered by a lack of information. We needed supposedly 3 prem games a week up there to fulfill ECB criteria. We might get away with it this year as we were close. We would lose a lot of money. It was not certain. Paul Bedford himself monitored this. Highfield CC advised that they too would be up there on Sept 7th. |  |
| **5.**  **Matters relating to Registration of Players** | 1. *NG Report*   There was no report.   1. *Shervon Jean*   Permission had been granted by M/C for SJ's registration to be varied so that he could be dropped to the 2nd XI. He had not been performing well. The caveat was that he was not allowed to bat higher than 6 in line with procedures in the 3rd XI. S&B 2s were likely to get promoted this year and it would not be fair on other clubs in the division if he distorted results. |  |
| **6.**  **Matters relating to 3rd XIs** | 1. *Ineligible players Alder/Old Xavs et al update*   This matter had been thoroughly dealt with by EH, some allegations of ineligibility were provably false - many on the grounds that the players were actually under 18.   1. *Tom Jones ORT*   Rainhill 3rd XI played ORT 01 09 13. ORT played 4 players who had played for either their 1st or 2nd team the day before. The opening bowler for ORT 1st XI (Tom Jones) also opened the bowling for their 3rd team. (10 overs on Sat, 16 overs 6 for 46 on Sunday).  The matter was debated, no regulations were broken. M/C and the steering group had warned about this and tried to get bowling restrictions imposed. Clubs had voted this down. Was Spirit breached? What action should be taken? No decision was reached.  The 3rd XI group would be reconvened in the autumn.   1. *Rainford vFormby3rd XI cancelled game*   Ray Partington was Formby's umpire; he travelled to find no game. EH felt that Rainford as the side that had cancelled the fixture should have informed the umpires and in particular Steve Ball. JW strongly disagreed. They had told their opposition and their own umpire Brian Ball, it was up to Formby to tell Ray Partington. Ray Partington had then gone back to Formby to stand in a game there. He should not be paid twice. A vigorous discussion followed, no decision reached. |  |
| **7.**  **Matters relating to Club &Ground** | 1. *Inspections programme, progress therewith See* ***Appendix 4***   Ground assessments for 2013 were completed if JR did ORT on Saturday |  |
| **8.**  **Matters relating to MCUA: Current briefing** | 1. *Ray R*   A Level 1 ACO course had been scheduled on **Sundays 13th, 20th and 27th October 2013** at Bootle CC, 9.15 am to 4.30 pm. This short form of the course was proving more popular.  The umpire's poster as posted on the website was queried by JW. He felt it was misleading. Very few umpires actually got to umpire at Old Trafford.  Others supported the poster's suggestion - it was only a piece of promotional journalism, others felt that actually it was not that uncommon to umpire there, there were perhaps a dozen on the MCUA who had done so. Names were given. JW still felt that the poster could be improved. He volunteered to get Paul Edwards to interview two umpires who had actually umpired at Old Trafford for a piece on the site. It was agreed that Dave Halewood and Ray R himself would be interviewed.   1. All umpires had been appointed for the Finals. 2. The Echo Cup and discipline problems in the semi final were raised. CW was quick to point out that this was not an L&DCC competition. We had no jurisdiction whatsoever. JW added that it was an unregistered game of cricket competition there was no insurance cover, was MCUA not aware of this? That said MCUA had been notified by M/C that the Cheshire CL had taken action against the Neston players.   Ray R wanted the L&DCC regulations adopting. CW replied that this could not and would not happen; this was in some way covered already, the Echo Regs already contained a line to the effect that, in the event of there being a disciplinary issue, the disciplinary regs of the host clubs would apply. JW added that if an L&DCC club player did offend in the future it was the responsibility of the MCUA to deal not the L&DCC for the reasons outlined above.  The ongoing and malign influence of Phil Lovgreen in this competition was rehearsed again in detail. Jamie Bowman was said to have been bullied into letting him run it.  Ray R would make this clear to the next MCUA M/C meeting. | **JW**  **RR** |
| **9.**  **AOB** | 1. *AB Finance Report Reader Balls etc* ***See Appendix 4*** 2. Still awaiting money from Readers but no need for clubs to submit invoices this year. AB has data from David Dunkley 3. AB will send out club statements along with payments/bills as appropriate towards end September. These will include rebates from ECB and Readers, payments for success in Leagues and Cups and fines levied during 2013. Will not include League Dinner tickets. Payments would be appreciated as soon as possible after receipt 4. Spirit and Ground marks as at end of July sent out and on website. Final marks for the season will be distributed w/c 23 Sept 5. *Fines EH*   These will be updated on 14th/15th Sept   1. *Trophies, return of*   This had been much better this year. We now had to get the cups back from the 2013 winners.   1. *SP CC Boundary Fence*   There was no change. The matter would be discussed more fully at the next Cr Co meeting. Many clubs had this problem and we had to apply a pan L&DCC initiative.   1. *LCB/ECB Cricket players survey report from Two Circles Important workshop-7th October 2013*   CW was asked to summarise.  There was to be a meeting at Old Trafford on Monday 7th Oct to cover the LCB outcomes of the survey. This was one of a series, LCB was one of the last to take place, until then we were guessing as to the details of outcome. We did know that there had been just less than 22,000 replies. It was said that about 900,000 played cricket - each Saturday each weekend or per week was not clear. This represented a participation level of about 2.4% and in CW's view we needed to be very careful over statistical validity. We also knew that LCB was said to be "third" countrywide in total responses behind Yorkshire and Durham. The L&DCC was said to be the biggest responder in the LCB area. The survey was also flawed in that non playing volunteers, like many round this table, were unable to take part in this survey.   1. *Over rates EH*   EH had researched these in drawn games without weather interruptions. On average 103 overs were being bowled not 110.Was this an issue for MCUA? Ray R felt it was not. EH suggested batters should be made to cross on the field of play, the 2 minutes per wicket could be removed. Some felt that there was, at times, a culture extant in MCUA in which umpires looked to add a minute or two (ball lost etc) to help fielding sides out and prevent a loss of points. Some clubs were slower than others. It was down to the captains on many occasions. CW had had no feedback on this as an issue, neither had JW.  It was **agreed** that no action should be taken |  |
| **10.**  **Date(s) of next**  **Meeting(s)** | Cr Co Tues 24th Sept re EoS Bootle CC 7.00pm  M/C Thur 3rd Oct Bootle 6.00pm  EoS meeting Tues 8th Oct Bootle 7.30 pm |  |

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**Appendix 1**

**L&DCC: Club Membership of Cricket Committee**

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| **3** | **BOOTLE** |  |
| **4** | **BIRKENHEAD PARK\*** |  |
| **5** | **BIRKENHEAD ST MARYS** |  |
| **6** | **BURSCOUGH** |  |
| **7** | **CALDY** |  |
| **8** | **COLWYN BAY** |  |
| **9** | **FLEETWOOD HESKETH** |  |
| **10** | **FORMBY** | Div 1 |
| **11** | **HIGHFIELD** | Prem |
| **12** | **HIGHTOWN** |  |
| **13** | **LEIGH** | Prem |
| **14** | **LIVERPOOL** |  |
| **15** | **LYTHAM** |  |
| **16** | **MAGHULL** |  |
| **17** | **NEW BRIGHTON** |  |
| **18** | **NEWTON le WILLOWS** |  |
| **19** | **NORTHERN** |  |
| **20** | **NORTHOP HALL** |  |
| **21** | **OLD XAVERIANS\*** |  |
| **22** | **ORMSKIRK** |  |
| **23** | **ORRELL RED TRIANGLE** |  |
| **24** | **PARKFIELD LISCARD** |  |
| **25** | **PRESTATYN** |  |
| **26** | **RAINFORD** |  |
| **27** | **RAINHILL** |  |
| ***28*** | **SPRING VIEW 2013\*** |  |
| **29** | **ST. HELENS RECS** |  |
| **30** | **SEFTON PARK** |  |
| **31** | **SKELMERSDALE** |  |
| **32** | **SOUTHPORT AND BIRKDALE** |  |
| **33** | **SUTTON** | Div 2 |
| **34** | **WALLASEY** |  |
| **35** | **WAVERTREE** | Div 2 |
| **36** | **WIGAN** |  |
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**Appendix 2**

**Schedule of L&DCC meetings 2013/4**

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| **Meeting** | **Date** | **Venue** | **Time** |  | **Meeting** | **Date** | **Venue** | **Time** |
| *M/C* | *Thur Jan 9th 2013* | *Parkfield Liscard CC* | *1.00pm* |  | *Cr Co* | *Tues 2nd July* | *Rainhill (E)* | *7.00pm* |
| *AGM 2013* | *Tues Jan 15th* | *Bootle CC* | *7.30pm* |  | *M/C* | *Thur 11th July* | *Parkfield Liscard CC* | *6.00pm* |
| *Cr Co* | *Tues Jan 29th* | *Bootle CC* | *7.00pm* |  | *Cr Co* | *Tues 30th July* | *Bootle CC* | *7.00pm* |
| *ECB Regional* | *Tues Feb*  *5th* | *Neston CC* | *6.00pm* |  | *M/C* | *Thur 8th August* | *Bootle CC* | *6.00pm* |
| *M/C* | *Thur Feb 14th* | *Bootle CC* | *6.00pm* |  | **Cr Co** | **Tues 3rd Sept** | **Rainhill (E)** | **7.00pm** |
| *Cr Co* | *Tues Feb 26th* | *Rainhill CC (E)* | *7.00pm* |  | **M/C** | **Thur 12th Sept** | **Parkfield Liscard** CC | **6.00pm** |
| *LCB AGM* | *Thur 28th Feb* | *Old Trafford.* | *7.00pm?* |  | **Cr Co** | **Tues 24th Sept re EoS** | **Bootle** CC | **7.00pm** |
| *M/C* | *Thur March 14th* | *Parkfield Liscard CC* | *6.00pm* |  | **M/C** | **Thur 3rd October** | **Bootle** CC | **6.00pm** |
| *TCS Training 1&2* | *Sun 14/21 March* | *Bootle CC* |  |  | **EoS SGM** | **Tues 8th Oct** | **SP CC** | **7.30pm** |
| *Cr Co* | *Tues 26th March* | *Bootle CC* | *7.00pm* |  | **Annual Dinner** | **Fri 11th Oct** | **Bootle CC** | **7.00pm** |
| *M/C* | *Thur 4th April* | *Bootle CC* | *6.00pm* |  | **Cr Co** | **Tues 29th Oct?? - as necessary** | **Rainhill (E)** | **7.00pm** |
| *Pre Season SGM* | *Tues April 9th* | *Sefton Park CC* | *7.30 pm* |  | **M/C** | **Thur 14th Nov** | **Parkfield Liscard** CC | **6.00pm** |
| *Cr Co* | *Tues 30th April* | *Rainhill*  *(E)* | *7.00pm* |  | **EoS SGM 3rd XIs** | **Tues 19th Nov** | **SP CC** | **7.30pm** |
| *M/C* | *Thur 9th May* | *Parkfield Liscard CC* | *6.00pm* |  | **Cr Co** | **Tues 3rd Dec??**  **- as necessary** | **Bootle** CC | **7.00pm** |
| *Cr Co* | *Mon 3rd June* | *Bootle CC* | *7.00pm* |  | **M/C** | **Thur 12th Dec 2012** | **Bootle** CC | **6.00pm** |
| *M/C* | *Thur 13th June* | *Bootle CC* | *6.00pm* |  | **AGM 2014** | **Tues 14th Jan 2014** | **Bootle** CC | **7.30pm** |

**Appendix 3**

**CRICKET COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING ON 30th JULY 2013 AT BOOTLE CC**

**Agenda**

1. **Apologies & Roll Call**
2. **Minutes of 2nd July 2013**
3. **Matters Arising**
4. **Chairman’s opening remarks**
5. **Matters relating to Fixtures**
6. **Matters relating to Reporting of League/Cup Results and Play-Cricket**
7. **Matters relating to Registration of Players**
8. **Matters relating to 3rd X1s**
9. **Matters relating to Club & Ground**
10. **Matters relating to MCUA**
11. **AOB**
12. **Next Meeting: Tuesday 3rd September 2013**

**Apologies:**

Apologies were received from John Rotheram, Neil Girvin, Rob Roberts and Jason Ratcliffe.

Present: Cr Co Chair: J A Williams; Secretary: D H Murphy; L&DCC President: E Hadfield; L&DCC Chairman: J A Williams; L&DCC Hon Secretary: RC Weston; L&DCC Treasurer: A Bristow; L&DCC Fixture Secretary: R Durand; MCUA: R Rigby

Club Representatives from: Leigh CC; Highfield CC; Formby CC; Ainsdale CC; Sutton CC; Wavertree CC;

Before the Cr Co meeting began, 3 Parkfield Liscard representatives (Cricket Chairman and 1st X1 captain, Nigel Jackson; 3rd X1 captain, Ian Craven and Cricket Secretary, Franny Joyce.) attended in response to an invitation to explain why they had played ineligible players (Robert Courtney and John Warrington) on multiple occasions in Sunday 3rd X1 fixtures in 2013. The relevant Playing Regulation 7.6 was read out by RCW. In response Franny Joyce said the club admitted its guilt and that it was down to incompetence, not cheating, by their officials. Ian Craven had been told by last years captain, on assuming the captaincy for this year, that he could play 3 1st or 2nd X1 players who had played the previous day, which he accepted without referring to the rules. Nigel Jackson said the club were prepared to face the consequences. The representatives left the room to enable the matter to be discussed by Committee.

EH said that if the full penalties were instigated for all the transgressions, the club would be minus 360 points and fined £825. This was felt to be far too severe as it could have been picked up earlier by the responsible ARS. A proposal to deduct 60 points (10 + 20 +30) and fine them £150 ((£25 + £50 + £75) for the first three games was unanimously accepted by the Committee. All the games played would be expunged from League records to be fair to all the opponents and they would resume playing competitively next season. The remainder of this season’s games could be played as friendlies after consulting with the opponents.

The representatives were brought back into the room and JAW explained the decision to them. Nigel Jackson thanked the Committee for the manner it had been dealt with and asked that an apology from the club be put on the League web site; this was agreed to be done.

**Minutes of 2nd July 2013.**

The minutes of the previous Cricket Committee meeting had been circulated and were accepted as a true and correct record.

**Matters Arising.**

There were no matters arising.

**Chairman’s opening remarks.**

2.1 In the absence of JJR, JAW took the position of Chairman.

2.2 There was nothing further to add to that already known.

2.3 The Player of the Month Awards were discussed and awarded as follows:

April: Ray Digman Cup: Mark Waddington (Orrell Red Triangle CC) 220 runs

May: Premier League: Graham Reid (Wallasey CC) 260 runs

May: Division 1: Rob Houghton (Birkenhead Park CC) 23 wkts

May: Division 2: Ken Highdale (Wavertree CC) 243 runs

June: Premier League: Neil Cross (Wallasey CC) 19 wkts

June: Division 1: Michael Littler (Northop Hall CC) 189 runs

June: Division 2: Peter Kelly (Sefton Park CC) 28 wkts

AB will purchase £25 Amazon vouchers for winners. Thanks were recorded to RD (and JKR) for their work in providing the statistics.

**Matters relating to Fixtures issues.**

3.1 In the absence of Rob R, JAW gave a summary of the current Cup situations from information provided by Rob:

Digman Cup: Ormskirk play Lytham 4/8/13; Northern play Wallasey 18/8/13

Chester Cup: Maghull v New Brighton abandoned, to be rearranged; St Helens v Northern on 11/8/13

Embee Trophy has been confirmed by text this evening to be held at Wigan CC; games to start at 10am, 1pm and Final at 4pm. A volunteer for the position of Match Manager is sought for the day.

The u/16 and u/21 competitions are progressing smoothly.

Ormskirk CC has progressed as L&DCC t20 representatives to the Area Finals Day at Netherfield CC on 11/8/13. A problem may arise if they reach the Finals Day as it is set for Friday 13/9/13 at the Oval and the final round of league fixtures are the following day!!

RCW said consideration may have to be given to the compulsory use of pink balls in the 2014 competition.

3.2 There are no further fixture matters for discussion.

3.3 The u/12 representative side did not qualify.

The u/14 side has 1 more game to play.

The u/17 side was successful against the Isle of Man Touring side.

The u/21 game is set for 4/8/13.

**Matters relating to reporting of Results; League, Cup and Play-Cricket.**

4.1 A page will be introduced on the website for suspended bans.

4.2 AB said that if TCS is not used by half of the Premier League clubs the League will lose £1,000 (25%) of its allocated ECB funding. Attempts will be made to encourage those clubs failing to use it to do so and prevent the loss of income.

**Matters relating to Registration of Players.**

5.1 No report was available due to NG absence.

5.2 The Player Registration deadline is reached tomorrow 31/7/13.

5.3 It appears that the allegation of Burscough CC playing ineligible players was malicious.

5.4 Jon Ring had played for Coleraine CC

**Matters relating to 3rd X1’s.**

6.1 The insurance matter is in hand

6.2 The ineligible players matters relating to Alder CC and Birkenhead St Mary’s CC will be dealt with at Management Committee level.

6.3 The matter surrounding 3rd X1 tea costs has been sorted.

**Matters relating to Club and Ground.**

7.1 AB described the Windleshaw Road ground and pitches as dire according to the marks received from the umpire cards. This is attributable to the fact that the ground is prepared by the Council and not a qualified groundsman. There is also concern about the Ruskin Drive facilities.

7.2 A ground inspection will be carried out at Old Xaverians CC on 3/8/13; the Pitch Quality Survey for Spring View CC is in hand.

**Matters relating to MCUA.**

8.1 Ray R asked if the timings for tea to be taken could be restated to clear up any misunderstandings that have occurred recently.

8.2 Chris Dunn’s progress is being noticed as he has been appointed to the last two rounds of the National Knockout and will be standing in the t20 Area Finals Day at Netherfield CC.

A Southport & Birkdale CC sightscreen is in a state of disrepair but as the County will play there next month it will undoubtedly be repaired in time for their visit!

8.3 Steve Ball continues to receive compliments for his organisation of Sunday and midweek appointments.

**Any Other Business.**

9.1 AB reported all club subscriptions are now paid as are bills.

9.2 Fines currently stand at £3150 per EH

9.3 RCW said that Sefton Park CC is experimenting with painted boundary lines and flags to resolve the fence problem.

9.4 The latest Spirit of Cricket marks will be on the web site within a week.

9.5 Congratulations were offered to RCW on his recent award at the OSCA’s ceremony; it reflected well on the League itself that there were other nominees in other categories.

9.6 The Player Survey Report has now finished

The next meeting is at Rainhill CC on 2/09/13, starting at 7pm

**Appendix 4**

**AB Report**

1. St Helens...you know the current position. You might report on meeting with Dave Boocock on Tuesday pm
2. Ground assessments for 2013 completed if JR does Orrell on Saturday
3. Still awaiting money from Readers but no need for clubs to submit invoices this year. I have data from David Dunkley
4. Will send out club statements along with payments/bills as appropriate towards end September. These will include rebates from ECB and Readers, payments for success in Leagues and Cups and fines levied during 2013. Will not include League Dinner tickets. Payments would be appreciated as soon as possible after receipt
5. Spirit and Ground marks as at end of July sent out and on website. Final marks for the season will be distributed w/c 23 Sept

**Appendix 5**

**EH U16 /21s Report**

Orrell RT facilities and hospitality excellent

U16 - Orrell RT beat Rainford 194 to 120ish.  Unfortunately Rainford had several regulars missing and fielded 5 12 year olds.

U21 - St Helens Town beat Rainhill 123 to 120

Scorer problems in both matches but insignificant in U16 as the Orrell scorer let early to play for their 3rd XI and the number of overs was stuck on 18 when the umpires called 'Time'.  In U21 match St Helens didn't have a scorer and when batting in the 1st innings I asked their captain to send one of his players to assist Dave Crossley the Rainhill scorer.  He refused saying they would be needed to bat - at least one had been dismissed by this time.  I just countered by saying this was unacceptable but I didn't see any senior St Helens official to whom I could report the matter.

Peter Whitfield and Fred Crawford arrived during the first innings but I didn't see them until the interval and Fred did the scoring in the Rainhill innings. After the match whilst waiting for Rainhill to exit the changing room Fred created a scare when she commented on the St Helens opening bowlers fifth over!!  Thank goodness for Roger Driver and Jim Naughton and their regular checking.  Fred had mistaken the first change bowler for the opening bowler and given the latter an extra over.  Dave Crossley had this correct in his scorebook but hadn't corrected Fred's error.

**Solutions:**

Strongly recommend teams to bring their 1st (preferably) or 2nd XI regular scorer for cup finals;

Advise teams that they must bring a 12th man (no team today did that) and as a last resort he/she could score; and failing these

One of the players shall score and take no playing part in the match (this is something which we should recommend is put into all our regulations, league and cup).

The second match started half an hour after the scheduled time to allow time for the presentations and the dressing rooms to be cleared from the first match.  We must allow 3 hours 30 minutes between matches in future.

The matches appeared to be played in the best of spirit but talking with the umpires afterwards they were less than complimentary about the respect for umpires from the St Helens Town players, who complained about the consistency of wide ball decisions and on one occasion telling Roger to get out of the way.  As many of the players, especially in the U21 teams, are 1st XI players we should ask for Umpires Report cards to be sent to Alan for all cup finals and semi-finals if MCUA appointed umpires stand.

**Appendix 6**

Alder CC Sun 1 Div SW

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| Year | Club | Alder | | | | |
| Player | Walsh | Bapu | Hale | James | Ambrose |
| DoB | 25/02/1995 | >21 | >18 | >18 | >18 |
| 2012 | 21-Apr |  |  |  |  | 1st XI |
| 28-Apr |  |  |  |  | 1st XI |
| 05-May |  |  |  |  | 1st XI |
| 06-May |  |  |  |  | 1st XI |
| 07-May |  |  |  | 3rd XI |  |
| 12-May |  |  |  |  | 2nd XI |
| 19-May |  |  |  | 4th XI | 2nd XI |
| 26-May |  |  |  | 3rd XI | 2nd XI |
| 27-May |  | 5th XI | 5th XI |  |  |
| 02-Jun | 2nd XI |  |  | 3rd XI | 2nd XI |
| 04-Jun | 2nd XI |  |  |  |  |
| 16-Jun | 1st XI |  |  |  |  |
| 23-Jun | 1st XI |  |  | 4th XI |  |
| 30-Jun |  |  | 3rd XI | 4th XI |  |
| 01-Jul |  | 3rd XI | 5th XI |  |  |
| 07-Jul | 2nd XI | 2nd XI |  |  |  |
| 08-Jul | 5th XI |  | 5th XI |  |  |
| 14-Jul | 1st XI |  |  |  |  |
| 15-Jul | 5th XI |  |  |  |  |
| 21-Jul |  |  | 3rd XI | 3rd XI |  |
| 22-Jul | 5th XI |  | 5th XI |  |  |
| 28-Jul |  | 2 | 1st XI | 3rd XI | 1st XI |
| 04-Aug |  |  |  |  |  |
| 05-Aug |  | 5th XI |  |  | 5th XI |
| 11-Aug |  |  | 4th XI |  | 2nd XI |
| 12-Aug |  | 5th XI | 5th XI |  |  |
| 18-Aug |  | 3rd XI | 3rd XI |  | 2nd XI |
| 25-Aug | 2nd XI | 3rd XI | 3rd XI | 3rd XI |  |
| 27-Aug |  |  |  |  |  |
| 01-Sep |  | 3rd XI |  | 3rd XI |  |
| 08-Sep |  | 2nd XI |  |  |  |
| 09-Sep |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-Sep |  | 2nd XI | 1st XI | 4th XI |  |
| 2013 | 20-Apr | 1st XI | 1st XI | 4th XI | 4th XI | 2nd XI |
| 21-Apr |  |  | 5th XI | 5th XI | 5th XI |
| 27-Apr |  | 1st XI | 3rd XI |  | 2nd XI |
| 28-Apr |  |  | 5th XI |  | 5th XI |
| 04-May |  | 1st XI |  | 4th XI | 2nd XI |
| 05-May |  |  |  |  |  |
| 06-May |  |  | 1st XI | 1st XI | 1st XI |
| 11-May |  | 1st XI | 3rd XI |  |  |
| 12-May |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16-May |  |  |  |  | 1st XI |
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| 18-May |  | 2nd XI |  | 3rd XI | 1st XI |
| 19-May |  |  | 5th XI | 5th XI |  |
| 25-May |  |  | 3rd XI | 2nd XI | 1st XI |
| 26-May |  |  |  |  |  |
| 27-May |  |  | 2nd XI |  | 1st XI |
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| 22-Jun |  | 2nd XI | 1st XI | 2nd XI | 1st XI |
| 23-Jun |  |  |  |  |  |
| 25-Jun |  |  |  |  |  |
| 29-Jun | 1st XI | 1st XI | 1st XI | 2nd XI | 1st XI |
| 30-Jun | 5th XI | 5th XI | 5th XI |  |  |
| 06-Jul | 1st XI | 1st XI | 1st XI | 2nd XI |  |
| 07-Jul | 5th XI | 5th XI | 5th XI |  |  |
| 13-Jul |  | 1st XI | 1st XI | 2nd XI | 1st XI |
| 14-Jul |  | 5th XI | 5th XI |  |  |
| 20-Jul |  |  |  | 2nd XI | 1st XI |
| 27-Jul |  |  |  | 2nd XI | 1st XI |
| 03-Aug |  |  |  |  |  |
| 04-Aug |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10-Aug |  |  |  | 2nd XI |  |
| 11-Aug |  |  |  | 5th XI |  |
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|  |  |  | Ineligible on 50/50 rule | | |  |
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