



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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League Executive Board

11th Meeting - Monday 29 November 2021 – 7.00pm by Zoom

Note of meeting

Present: David Ward (chair), Terry Bateman, Mark Beardshall, Ashley Boothman, Chris Froggett, Maurice Gilliatt, Steve Ward, Graham Swallow (secretary)

Apologies: Ian Cotterhill, Liz Lazenby, Matt Summerhill, Nelson Windle

1. **Matters Arising from last meeting.** The minutes had been distributed to the committee and there were no matters arising.
2. **Reports from Members**
 - a. *Equity & Diversity Group representative's report.* No report.
 - b. *Safeguarding Manager's report*
 - MG reported that emails had been sent to all 'new' clubs and all had responded except for Stocksbridge.
 - He said that future face-to-face courses would be free of charge, as the ECB were paying the £30 fee.
 - Lindsay Pepper had advised MG that Lisa Chapman had resigned as Barnsley Woolley Miners Safeguarding Officer, and that she would act as temporary officer until such time as the position was filled. MB said he would speak to the officials at Barnsley Woolley Miners to progress this.
 - MB also said that the BWMCC chairman had been asked by an ECB representative to attend a meeting on Tuesday 30 November to discuss matters relating to the Azeem Rafiq inquiry. After discussion and advice, the club committee had advised him not to attend without being accompanied by a representative. CF asked what was being investigated, which seemed unclear. BWMCC are seeking clarification from ECB, including a detailed agenda and details of attendees.
 - c. *Participation Manager's report.* No report.
 - d. *Umpires' representative's report.* TB said that there had been an umpire's course last week and a further one next week; both arranged by the ACO.
 - e. *Scoring update*
 - SW said that two taster courses were taking place, one at Elsecar CC on 1 December and another at Doncaster Town CC on 16 December. In addition, an introductory course was being held at Doncaster on 12 January 2022, with a level 1 course at Elsecar on 26/27 February 2022.
 - SW had arranged to meet Roy Chapman from BWMCC to discuss scoring issues. He confirmed that all Championship scorers should be working towards their level 1 status and the Premier to level 2. DW asked SW to contact clubs to ascertain their progress. MG asked if all clubs had been contacted regarding the various courses, which SW confirmed.

f. *Treasurer's report.* The account summary for the period to 28 November had been sent to members, and showed the deficit from the Dinner & Presentation Evening as being £756.

g. *Premier Section report*

- MB said there had not been a meeting in November.
- MB/DW had had an amicable meeting with Whiston PC officials to discuss their recent disciplinary problems and to stress that the league's conditions must be met in 2022. Whiston said that they knew where the problems were, and with whom, and that they would make every effort to eradicate them.
- MB congratulated SW on his recent recognition for many years of hard work for the league and thanked all those who had been involved with the excellent Dinner & Presentation Evening.

h. *Senior Section report.* DW said that the next meeting would take place on Wednesday 1 December, when venues for the Senior section 2022 Cup finals would be discussed.

i. *Compliance Manager's report*

- CF confirmed that he had spoken to Chris West regarding the re-vamping of Category 3. CW said that a decision would be made by the end of November. CF asked if this could be brought up at the next ECB Chairs meeting, if not resolved by then.
- CF mentioned that Whitley Hall had requested an Overseas Amateur form via GS. GS had spoken to CF, and they were told this may change for 2022. DW said there would be no issues if forms were completed correctly.

j. *Competitions Manager's report*

- MS has issued the 2022 league fixtures and the Cup competitions will be done shortly.
- DW asked if it was possible to do the Cup draws 'live' and MB said he would check at Barnsley regarding the possibility of live streaming.
- MB asked if there was interest in the YCSPL for the future of the Viking Cup in 2023 and beyond. SW confirmed that YPLN were committed.

k. *YCB update.* No report.

l. *Chair and ECB update*

- SW had attended the recent PLMB AGM, but there was nothing to report.
- He also attended the ECB Premier League Chairs' meeting and confirmed the YCSPL have fulfilled, or are working towards, the ECB performance criteria of utilising the Player Survey in playing conditions, clubs following the Outline Plan for Inclusion & Diversity, and incorporation of Good Conduct guidance and Anti-Discrimination Code.
- He confirmed that one Category 3 player per club would be allowed to play in the Yorkshire Champions play-offs, and ECB were to look more closely at venues for the T20 Blast Area finals.
- SW to contact Paul Bedford at the ECB to advise that DW had taken over as chairman of the League.

3. **Other business**

a. *Discipline.* DW reported that the outstanding Treeton CC disciplinary case had now been finalised and that the player had received a seven-week ban with ten weeks suspended until the end of season 2022. Treeton have accepted the decision and the ban commences on 15 April 2022. As a result of this the player has now accumulated nine penalty points and Treeton 11 points (including two from earlier in the 2021 season).

b. *ECB criteria incentive payments.* The YCSPL has received £11,620, of which £6,000 is for distribution to clubs. AB and MG felt that this should be for all clubs, and that several clubs had agreed to the merger on the understanding that they would benefit from any such monies. DW agreed to send details of the criteria to the committee and a decision on distribution would be made at the next meeting.

c. *Honorarium.* DW said that during the past twelve months, many people have carried out a significant amount of work for the League, which was difficult to quantify. He said that the Chair, Secretary, Webmaster, Safeguarding Manager and the Championship correspondent did not want any payment. It was agreed that the following honoraria payments should be made - Mick Bocking £200, Melvyn Bond

£350, Ashley Boothman £250, Lindsay Pepper £100, Linzey Scothern £200, Neil Vaughan £200 and Steve Taylor £100.

d. Meeting dates 2022

- It was agreed that Zoom meetings should continue through until March 2022 when they will be reviewed. SW to forward amended details to members.
- DW said that the pre-season club delegates meeting would be held on Thursday 24 March 2022 at Rotherham Phoenix, with the AGM on Monday 14 November 2022 at the same venue.

e. Handbook

- DW suggested that a rule/fixture book replace the existing handbook.
- MG/AB voiced their disapproval of the design of the 2021 handbook and stated that it did not compare to previous SYSCL handbooks. DW stated that it was not intended to do so and the reduced cost of £1000 compared to more than £2500 previously, reflected this. GS acknowledged some errors in 2021.
- DW suggested the design and detail be left to the Webmaster & GS.

f. Trophy Insurance. AB reported that as a result of the revaluation of forty-two trophies at £47,500, *ExtraCover* had now provided an updated annual premium of £1,968. It was agreed that we should pay this.

g. Runners Up Trophies. DW suggested we continue to award runners up trophies but in future these should not be presented at the Dinner & Presentation Evening. This was agreed.

h. Viking Cup costs. AB confirmed that the payment from YPLN was still outstanding.

i. Review of the Dinner & Presentation Evening

- Due to restricted availability at the Magna for 2022 it was decided that LS/GS visited the OEC as a possible alternative. GS reported that the OEC was very impressive and could accommodate up to 500 people. Unfortunately, no appropriate dates were available for 2022. Magna could only offer Friday 11 November 2022, and this had been booked. After further discussion it was agreed to book the OEC for Saturday 11 November 2023.
- It was agreed that LS, the Webmaster & GS should review the 2021 Presentation Night and plan for 2022.

j. Teas. MB asked about teas for 2022, saying that many clubs would find it difficult to provide them. DW confirmed this had not been brought up at the AGM and there was no proposal to the existing rule which states that teas should be provided. It was agreed that DW format a note to be sent to clubs.

k. Houghton Main CC. DW/MB to arrange a meeting with the club to discuss the action needed.

l. Rockingham Colliery CC. TB asked about the situation of Rockingham for season 2022. DW confirmed they had been informed by the Forge Partnership they could not use their ground. DW also stated there were issues with Sheffield United and Thorncliffe.

4 **Date of next meeting.** The next meeting will take place on Monday 24th January 2022 at 7pm by Zoom.

Meeting closed at 8.58pm