



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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League Executive Board

16th Meeting – Monday 23 May 2022 – 7.00pm at Wickersley Old Village CC

Note of meeting

Present: David Ward (chair), Terry Bateman, Mark Beardshall, Ashley Boothman, Maurice Gilliatt, Milton Samuels, Matt Summerhill, Graham Swallow (secretary)

Apologies: Ian Cottherhill, Chris Froggett, Liz Lazenby, Steve Ward

1. **Matters arising from the last meeting.** The minutes had been distributed to the committee and there were no matters arising. DW thanked members for submitting reports.
2. **Reports from members**
 - a. *Equity & Diversity Group representative's report*
 - MS reported that there had been 249 responses to the recent survey, 238 from males, including 179 from players, 10 from umpires and 10 from scorers – 66% of those who completed the survey stated they had received racist comments but had not followed this up
 - MB said it was important that individuals should know how and where to report issues, and suggested that clubs should be asked to post details on notice boards and in changing rooms
 - MS said that some clubs have now appointed a diversity officer, and said this should be enforced for season 2023
 - DW confirmed that an E&DG member would sit on future disciplinary panels
 - b. *Safeguarding Manager's report*
 - report attached – see appendix 1
 - MG reported an issue at the recent Rockingham Colliery 4ths v Adwick-le-Street match when the Rockingham captain insisted that no dates of birth were required on the match card – DW/MB to discuss with Rockingham
 - it was agreed that Admin Rule 7.ii (team cards) should be reviewed for season 2023
 - it was suggested that the number of overs a junior is allowed bowl in any match should be managed by Play-Cricket – it was agreed that Melvyn Bond should speak to P-C to ask if this can be set up
 - c. *Participation Manager's report.* Nothing to report. DW to speak to LL.
 - d. *Umpires' representative's report*
 - TB reported that the changing room issue at Sheffield Collegiate has now been resolved, but that umpires had complained about dirty changing rooms at several other clubs
 - DW has spoken to Whitley Hall about there being no running water at the Civil Service ground in Ecclesfield which their 3rd XI use

- MB queried the fee payable for a YPLN T20 fixture at Harrogate in which Mick Mann and Terry Bateman are officiating – DW to follow up
 - MS stated that YCSPL are currently supplying 24 Premier League umpires whilst YPLN are only providing 15, and he feels this number should be equal; it was agreed that we contact YPLN to express our concerns and suggest a period to resolve this
- e. *Scoring update.* Report attached from Steve Ward – see appendix 2.
- f. *Treasurer's report*
- The accounts for the period had been sent to members. GS queried the income and expenditure figures for cricket balls. AB explained that we have a stock of balls and that clubs would not be invoiced for pink balls until the end of the season.
 - ECB monies to be distributed to the 12 Premier and 10 Championship clubs – they are to be asked for bank details.
- g. *Premier Section report*
- report attached - see appendix 3
 - DW had spoken to Chris West at the YCB about Roger Pugh's position and CW confirmed that this was for the League to decide; the decision that Roger should be co-opted to the Premier Section committee is supported by the E&DG and was unanimously endorsed
- h. *Senior Section report*
- the minutes of the last meeting have been circulated to members and posted on the website
 - DW reported an incident at the recent Shiregreen v Conisbrough match when a Sheffield United player was present as a spectator and a Conisbrough player was accused of making racist comments to him
 - DW said that Conisbrough and Sheffield United were due to play each other in a T20 Plate fixture on 26 June at Wath
- i. *Compliance Manager's report.* Report attached – see appendix 4.
- j. *Competitions Manager's report.* Nothing to report.
- k. *YCB Update.* Report attached – see appendix 5.
- l. *Chair and ECB Update.* Nothing to report.

3. **Other items**

- a. *Diversity training course.* This will take place on 6 & 8 June, and around 15 people will attend. Will follow up at next meeting.
- b. *Premier League Accreditation & PRFP 2022.* DW has sent the ECB Premier League criteria and PRFP report to RP for completion by 27 May. This will be circulated to LEB members.
- c. *Teas*
- DW reported several issues regarding teas and refreshments, in particular around tea and soft drinks being provided free of charge; a reminder will be included in this week's bulletin
 - it was agreed that costs need to be reviewed for season 2023
- d. *WtU Captains' reports and Play-Cricket results.* DW said that clubs were now receiving warnings for incomplete reports, and said that some clubs were not aware that they need to confirm the result of the match on Play-Cricket. Clarification on the latter will be included in the next bulletin.
- e. *Disciplinary issues*
- To date there have been three reported cases and two have been accepted by the club concerned. The third involves Ackworth CC who have requested a hearing, which takes place on 31 May.
 - A further issue occurred at the recent Shiregreen v Oughtibridge fixture when an Oughtibridge player allegedly assaulted a Shiregreen player, which would be a level 4 offence. Oughtibridge have cancelled his membership pending a disciplinary hearing.

f. *Umpires Complaint – Sheffield Collegiate*. DW reported that umpire Andrew Foley had emailed the ECB regarding individuals using the practice nets at Abbeydale whilst games were in progress. DW confirmed that Collegiate have a risk assessment in place and that all responsibilities lie entirely with them.

4. **Other Business**

- The stripe on the trouser of the Darfield CC kit has been queried. The club advised that it had been ordered before the clothing rule came in, and it was agreed that it should be allowed. TB queried coloured boots and it was agreed they are acceptable.
- DW had circulated a list of current Clubmark status for clubs in the Barnsley and Doncaster areas and would request the same information for Sheffield and Rotherham. MS questioned Houghton Main's progress.

5. **Date of next meeting.** The next meeting will take place on Monday 27 June 2022 by Zoom.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Appendix 1

Safeguarding manager's report

Foul & abusive language

I have received two reports alleging foul and abusive language being used by senior players and spectators in front of junior players. Captains should be reminded they are responsible for the actions of their players, and that clubs are responsible for the action of spectators.

Junior Scorers (re Thorncliffe & Wentworth v Whiston PC)

Junior scorers should be fully aware of any competition rules before any game commences, for example:

- number of overs per side
- maximum number of overs a bowler can bowl
- maximum number of overs a junior fast bowler can bowl in any one spell
- umpires should check that all scorers, whether junior or senior, are aware of competition rules
- if there are no umpires appointed, captains should make sure the scorers are aware of the competition rules

Registration of junior players

A junior player loaned to Houghton Main CC from Darfield CC was not registered correctly, this has now been resolved.

Team Sheets

At a recent game I umpired, I was handed a team sheet with seven junior players listed. The player's age group was listed, but not their date of birth, I informed the captain (Liam Smith) that the date of birth for the juniors should be listed. He told me that he had been informed by his club, Rockingham CC due to data protection, he only had to put the age group down. He stated had been told that the ECB had sent out a directive stating only the age group of the junior had to be on the team sheet. Informing the captain of what my role was on the LEB, I told him I would be bringing the issue up at our next meeting. The game was played to a conclusion without any incidents.

Maurice Gilliat

Scoring report

I continue to help all scorers by phone and Zoom on scoring issues, and have had further enquiries from scorers who want to further their knowledge by attending various courses to obtain qualifications.

I have now finalised the Level 2 arrangements, the Education Day will be held on Saturday 12th November 2022 at Wakefield Thornes. I realise that that the YCSPL have budgeting monies for scorer education, I will not need this money until later in the season at the earliest.

I continue to educate Umpires and Scorers on DLS, but thankfully we haven't had to use it this season, so far.

Steve Ward

Premier Section report

1 Cup competitions

- The Viking Cup first round is now completed. A YPLN club (Acomb) defaulted, so Driffield have a bye to the second round. SW to discuss possible action with YPLN officials.
- The Whitworth Cup first round was fully completed last Sunday.
- The updated draws for both cups are on the website.
- The T20 Blast takes place today.

2 **Meetings.** The last meeting took place on 20 April (minutes already circulated and on website). The next meeting is on 20 June.

3 **Committee.** Following the LEB approval of the co-option of Roger Pugh onto the Premier Section committee, and the subsequent notification to YCB, RP is now co-opted on to the committee. He will act as the committee administrator, supporting Mark Beardshall and Steve Ward, with arrangements for, and recording of meetings, correspondence, LEB reports, etc.

4 **Survey.** We will over the next couple of weeks arrange a simple player survey to obtain views from Premier Section players on some of the issues raised on Facebook at the start of the season, for example, bowlers' restrictions, wider use of pink balls and coloured clothing, and communications. These will then be discussed in more detail at a captains' meeting in July.

Mark Beardshall

Compliance manager's report

The overseas player registration issue has increasingly become a 'minefield', with numerous issues requiring action and/or further investigation.

1. The registration of students here for genuine educational reasons is the most common – particularly if they have been here for less than a year/18 months. Some discussions have been had with the ECB on this matter. The ECB seem to think it is a matter for the league to come up with appropriate and acceptable wording and include this in league rules. This is not necessarily compatible with Play-Cricket player registration and will need further consideration and work before the 2023 season
2. The movement of overseas players between 1st and 2nd teams has been raised and new wording has now been agreed and included in league rules to address this matter.
3. The ECB have agreed with the Home Office and accepted a new short term entry route to the country for professional players from non-visa national countries – Paid Permitted Engagement. We should ask the ECB to clarify its position on this for 2023 since it does not actually appear on their matrix of what is/isn't acceptable.
4. Many leagues have now moved away from the categorisation of players as Category 1 , 3 and 3E as set out on Play Cricket and adopted a simple (English) Qualified (1) or Unqualified (3). This is something the ECB have proposed but never formally instructed leagues on. However, some leagues have adopted this anyway. We will need to discuss this prior to 2023 season