



# Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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## League Executive Board

17<sup>th</sup> meeting – Monday 27 June 2022 – 7.00pm by Zoom

### Note of meeting

Present: David Ward (chair), Terry Bateman, Mark Beardshall, Chris Froggett, Maurice Gilliatt, Roger Pugh, Matt Summerhill, Steve Ward, Nelson Windle, Graham Swallow (secretary)

Apologies: Ashley Boothman

1. **Welcome & apologies.** DW welcomed all, and there were apologies from Ashley Boothman.
2. **Matters Arising from last meeting.** The minutes had been distributed to the committee and there were no matters arising.
3. **Reports from Members**
  - a) *Equity & Diversity Group representative's report*
    - Report attached from Nelson Windle – see appendix 1.
    - There was general agreement that it would be good either for clubs to have a league statement about discrimination, or for them to be able to promote a charity, on their shirts – provided that this met agreed guidelines and all players in the team wore the same. **RP will research if there is an existing statement that could be used, and DW will raise the issue at the YPLMB.**
  - b) *Safeguarding Manager's report*
    - Report attached from Maurice Gilliatt – see appendix 2.
    - DW said that he and Neil Vaughan were to meet with officials of Barnsley Woolley Miners and Cawthorne following a request from a BWMCC official after incidents in 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> team games.
    - There was general concern about the number of incidents involving comments made to junior players this season, and it was agreed that a statement would be made in the bulletin underlining that this is unacceptable and that action will be taken against offenders. **RP to arrange.**
    - MS asked about Clubmark submissions – DW said that all clubs had submitted by the deadline; CF advised that evidence would now be in process of consideration and that results were unlikely to be known before September. **DW to ask Gareth Davis when results of applications would be published.**
  - c) *Participation Manager's report.* No report. Ian Cotterhill has distributed participation statistics from YCB.
  - d) *Umpires' representative's report.* TB reported that the umpires' associations are considering the colour of the clothing to be used for pink ball games, to ensure they stand out from the players. MS said that given that the players were wearing coloured clothing and pink balls were used, he could not understand why umpires did not wear the traditional umpires clothing – which would cut down expense. DW said that the standard ECB colours for umpires white/pink ball cricket, which are used in national competitions, are navy & green.

- e) *Scoring update.* Nothing to report. MS asked about the use of electronic scoring. SW said that against an ECB target of 40%, our league is currently achieving 84.95%, an increase of 10.98% on last year. It was agreed that there should be an item in the bulletin to recognise our success in this area, and encouraging others to follow suit. We should aim for 100%. **RP to arrange a bulletin item.**
- f) *Treasurer's report.* Report attached from Ashley Boothman – see appendix 3.
- g) *Premier Section report*
- Report attached – see appendix 4.
  - NW asked why there were late (1.30pm) starts for Sunday cup-ties. DW said that this was due to the fact that clubs often run junior cricket matches on Sunday mornings, which we must encourage, and that an earlier start might interfere with this. It was agreed that we could bring forward start times but allow flexibility to accommodate junior games if requested. **DW/MS/RP to liaise on revising rule on start times.**
- h) *Senior Section report*
- The notes of the last meeting had been circulated and posted on the [website](#).
  - There had been an issue with the lack of suitable pitch preparation at Rotherham Town CC, causing a game to be cancelled. The game was awarded to the opposition and RTCC told to pay the umpires. DW to arrange a follow-up inspection. The issue is believed to have arisen due to the illness of the groundsman, Colin Smith, and MS expressed our best wishes for his recovery.
  - DW reported that the use of the loan system has significantly increased this season. There is a concern that if loans are stopped at the end of August clubs may suffer. The SS committee recommends that loans are allowed to continue to the end of the season. In the long term the loan system does need to be reviewed. GS said that any club wanting a loan player should contact him. **DW/RP to liaise on a bulletin announcement.**
- i) *Compliance Manager's report.* CF said that there were two issues that need to be considered for next season:
- how we treat overseas students
  - the adoption of a simplified qualified/unqualified system
- This will require rule change proposal for the AGM. **CF & RP to liaise on this.**
- j) *Competitions Manager's report*
- MS said that it had been an exceptional summer in terms of the very few cup games lost to the weather.
  - SW said that Barnsley Woolley Miners, Cawthorne, Cleethorpes and Doncaster Town had won through to the T20 Blast finals on Sunday 14 August. Doncaster Town will represent the YCSPL in the National area finals on 7 August, having finished top of the group stage table.
  - SW expressed concern that Cleethorpes had fielded only ten men in the last group stage games, and on two group stage days had been without a scorer. **RP to speak to the Cleethorpes chairman to seek assurances about this not occurring on finals day.**
  - SW also reported that Appleby Frodingham had fielded only nine men on the last groups stage day, and that there had been issues with opening up facilities, pitch preparation/protection and ball recovery at Whiston Parish Church. **RP to write to the Whiston chairman to express concern on behalf of MB.**
  - MB expressed his concerns about the level of participation by senior players in T20 games.
- k) *YCB update.* No report.
- l) *Chair and ECB Update.* SW will attend the ECB Chairs meeting in London next month, as DW is away. DW said that ECB had promised a review of the new GCRs at the end of June, but he had heard nothing. **SW to follow up at the meeting.**

### 3. Other agenda items

#### a) *Disciplinary issues*

- DW reported that there were two ongoing disciplinary cases.
- DW welcomed the fact that Mick Bocking had agreed to come back onto the disciplinary – Neil Vaughan will continue as the disciplinary manager and Mick will be the disciplinary officer.
- A complaint from Wombwell Main CC about the behaviour of a spectator at Rockingham is under investigation
- A player currently suspended by the YCSPL has played in the Quaid E Azam league whilst suspended.  
**DW to contact the Quaid E Aazam league and inform the YCB.**

b) *The Viking Cricket Cup final.* The final has been allocated to Wakefield Thornes CC. In the event of two YPLN clubs reaching the final, and a request is received to hold the final in the north, this will be decided by the League, taking into account the wishes of WTCC.

#### c) *Player survey.* RP provided an update as follows:

- There had been comment about the 'low' response rate, but RP said that it represented around 20% of regular players, which in survey terms is quite good.
- There are some issues on the survey where the majority of the responses indicate a clear majority view, for example, the preference for red ball cricket on Saturdays, and the wish for teas to be provided; whereas in others, like maximum bowlers' overs, are less clear and further discussion is required.
- RP emphasised that the point of the survey is to gain a view from across the playing cohort about where there are issues that need addressing, but it is only part of the process – any change to playing conditions will need to go to the AGM.
- There are a lot of very interesting comments on the subjects of umpire recruitment, cup competitions, and other changes players would like to see.
- The next steps include publication of the summary of responses on the website, analysis of comments, a Premier Section captains' meeting, and discussion at the cricket committees, before any proposals are formulated.

4. **Closure.** The main meeting closed at 9.10pm. The next meeting will take place on Monday 22 August 2022 by Zoom (7pm).

## **Equity & Diversity update**

1. Discrimination training took place in June and the league had a wide range of representatives who all reported the training very inciteful and well worth the attendance. We will look to see how a programme can be potentially introduced across the cricket network. Thanks to the research and work undertaken by Roger Pugh.
2. We have worked with the YCSPL in and around the use of anti- Discrimination logos on playing kit. This remains a challenge to get the balance right and a range of alternatives and or more appropriate ways of highlighting this was recommended by EAD Group. We will continue to work on this.
3. The search for other members of the EAD continues and we will update soon.
4. YCB will assist on an action plan that will be formed after the results of the last 2 surveys sent out by YCSPL. This will be finalised post season

Nelson Windle  
25 July 2022

## **Safeguarding Manager's report**

1. Report received from Jason Booth of BWMCC regarding an incident which took place at the game between BWNCC 3<sup>rd</sup> team and Cawthorne 2<sup>nd</sup> XI on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022. The report was addressed to both Ray Knowles and me. The report alleged verbal abuse by a Cawthorne C.C. spectator/parent towards the 12-year old BWMCC scorer. Ray has contacted Mark Brook at Cawthorne C.C. and asked him to investigate the alleged incident.
2. A second report was received by Lindsay Pepper from Monk Bretton CC regarding incidents that took place over the weekend of 4 & 5 June 2022 in the games against Warmsworth CC on the Saturday and Doncaster Town C.C. on the Sunday regarding alleged verbal abuse towards a junior player. As far as Lindsay and I are concerned the incidents have been investigated and resolved.

Maurice Gilliatt  
18 July 2022

## Treasurer's Report

Period 10 has been very busy.

### Income

Sponsorship - Tiflex £2,124 received  
Cricket Balls - 2nd drop payment from clubs all paid except one

### Expenditure

Broadband, phone & travel - League officials 6-month expenses  
League Cricket Balls - Readers 2nd drop Invoice paid  
ECB Funding to clubs - All Premier & Championship clubs paid 2021 money  
Website - 2 x monthly payments  
Cup Finals expenses - T20 Plate finals day @ Sheffield Collegiate £569.70  
Whitworth Cup Final @ Wickersley OV teas & officials paid  
DSL Laptop Digital Scoring - Shiregreen x 2 laptops.

Ashley Boothman  
27 June 2022

## Premier Section report

### 1 Cup competitions

- One Viking Cup quarter-final (Wakefield Thornes v Woodhouse Grange) is still outstanding and will be played on 31 July. The semi-finals are to be played the following week and one YCSPL club has qualified so far (Barnsley Woolley Miners).
- The Whitworth Cup final is between Hallam and Sprotbrough, to be played at Wickersley on 31 July. A planning meeting involving both clubs and Wickersley has taken place – all arrangements are in hand.
- The T20 Blast final group stage takes place this Sunday.

2 **Meetings.** The last meeting took place on 20 June (minutes already circulated and on website). The next meeting is on 15 August.

3 **Survey.** The player survey is now complete and the findings are being analysed – see draft summary document herewith. We are arranging a Premier Section captains' meeting to discuss findings on 10 August.

4 **MCC v YCSPL u/23s.** This game will take place at Abbeydale on 3 August – Steve Ward is organising.

5 **Delays to players arriving at games.** Following the delays to arrivals at grounds caused by the serious accident on the M18 last Saturday, we are proposing an addition to Playing Condition 4 as follows:

- v. *Where three or more members of a team are delayed in arriving at a ground for a bona fide and unavoidable reason, then the start of the game may be delayed, at the request of their team captain, by up to two hours. In this case, the number of overs to be played shall not be reduced until after one hour has been lost, and there will be a deduction of four overs for every complete 15 minutes lost thereafter*

Mark Beardshall  
22 July 2022