



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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League Executive Board

19th meeting – Monday 22 August 2022 – 7.00pm by Zoom

Note of meeting

Present: David Ward (chair), Terry Bateman, Mark Beardshall, Gareth Davis, Chris Froggett, Lindsay Pepper, Roger Pugh, Matt Summerhill, Nelson Windle

Apologies: Ashley Boothman, Graham Swallow, Steve Ward

1. **Welcome & apologies.** DW welcomed all, and thanked Gareth Davis for his attendance.
2. **Matters Arising from last meeting.** The minutes had been distributed to the committee and there were no matters arising.
3. **YCB issues**
 - i. **Clubmark.** GD said that there had been issues in respect of three clubs in South Yorkshire; Norton Oakes, Sheffield United and Thorncliffe & Wentworth. These were in respect of constitution terminology and technicalities following mergers, but the clubs are now compliant and will be accredited. GD reported that there are no issues with the Lincolnshire clubs, but we are currently waiting for final confirmation on West Yorkshire clubs. Handsworth JSC did not meet the deadline and Dearne do not have juniors, so neither are accredited (this is not an issue in their current divisions). MB expressed concern about the issues arising following mergers – more will happen and ECB need to be more responsive. 91% of YCSPL teams belong to Clubmark-accredited clubs – it was agreed that this should be publicised. **RP to arrange via bulletin.**
 - ii. **Play-Cricket.** GD said that some clubs have incorrect information on their Play-Cricket sites. **These need to be checked and brought up-to-date by 31 October – RP to arrange bulletin publicity.**
 - iii. **Grounds.** Following feedback from the Premier Section committee, there was a discussion about the lack of suitable grounds in the South Yorkshire area. GD said that there were ball-strike issues at both Harley and Kilnhurst, which would cost in excess of £100k to resolve, and the council will not help, or relax the requirements. The ground at the Phoenix S&S club could be used, but the club will not allow work to be done on it and will charge a fee of £100 per game. This was felt to be exorbitant and it was agreed that the League should not contribute towards this. The situation in Rotherham and Sheffield is dire, but Sport England are getting involved. It was agreed that the League would support this in any way possible, eg, in confirming ground requirements. Darfield want to set up a third team and have highlighted Stainborough, but there was concern expressed that this could impinge of Rockingham Colliery's use of the ground for their third team.
4. **Safeguarding.** DW reported that Maurice Gilliatt had retired from his role on the LEB as the League Safeguarding Manager. DW thanked him for his long service, not just to the League, but to SY cricket in general. Lindsay Pepper will act as interim League Safeguarding Manager until the AGM. LP was on the call, but unable to participate due to poor internet signal. DW said that there were no outstanding safeguarding issues at present. He had seen the chairman at Monk Bretton, who had agreed that the issues raised could now be closed. **RP will seek input from AB and write an appropriate tribute for the website.**

5. Reports from Members

- i. *Equity & Diversity Group representative's report.* NW said that there had been no meeting during the season, but a meeting would be arranged in September. The main issues for this would be the action plan arising from the survey, and recruiting new members to ensure that the group is fully diverse. Guidance is being sought for YCB on the latter.
- ii. *Participation Manager's report.* DW said that he had asked Liz Lazenby to get in touch with all clubs in order to seek details of all junior teams run by our clubs. It was also suggested that a report could be run on P-C to obtain details of all junior players playing in the league. **DW to speak to Melvyn Bond about this.**
- iii. *Umpires' representative's report.* Report attached from TB – see appendix 1.
 - There was some discussion about the proposed number of captains' meetings on reporting, which was felt to be 'over the top' – members thought that use must be made of webinars to avoid unnecessary travel; and that inevitably sometimes captains would not be available, in which case a senior player should deputise. MS expressed his reservations about the idea, and said that he felt that a clear logistical plan was needed.
 - In addition, meetings would be needed on the new laws. DW said that this could be done online.
 - RP said that a Pre-Season meeting of Premier Section captains would be organised and use could be made of that; he wanted new laws and reporting to be on the agenda anyway.
 - MB said that if meetings were to be held, he would expect that clubs would allow use of their facilities free of charge.
 - TB reported that some umpires were uncomfortable with the attitudes and behaviours of players and spectators at former Pontefract & District League clubs. It was suggested that this reflected what they had been allowed to get away with in that league. Umpires should use reporting procedures where necessary.
- iv. *Scoring update.* Report attached from SW – see appendix 2.
- v. *Treasurer's report.* Report attached from Ashley Boothman – see appendix 3. DW said that the accounts are in a healthy state.
- vi. *Premier Section report.* Report attached – see appendix 4.
 - A meeting is to be held with the competing clubs in the *Viking Cricket* cup final and the host club to go through arrangements for the day, in the same way as for the Whitworth Cup final.
 - TB clarified that the required qualification for all umpires in the YCSPL is Level 2/3A.
 - RP praised the positive work done so far by Jason Booth, Jonathan Crabtree and Steve Ward in connection with the Young Leaders project, the object of which is to try to get young people involved in groundsmanship, scoring and umpiring.
 - MB raised the issue of inspections of grounds of clubs being promoted to the Premier and Championship Divisions. DW suggested that initially, the clubs should be required to self-assess against the criteria already agreed for Premier Section clubs. This was agreed; **RP to organise.**
- vii. *Senior Section report.* The notes of the last meeting had been circulated and posted on the [website](#).
 - DW said that the need for rule 39 (players from higher divisions playing in lower division teams) was to be revisited, and clarified. MB said that eligibility rules need to be realigned and publicised. There have been two recent complaints under this rule, but so far no deposits received.
 - The issue of clubs with third teams struggling to find grounds was discussed. DW clarified that flexibility would be allowed for games to be played on Sundays from Division 4 downwards. MB agreed on the need for flexibility, and suggested that a suitable division might be found for clubs who want to play Sunday games.
- viii. *Compliance Manager's report.* CF referred to the need to review the rule in respect of overseas students, and asked DW to find out whether ECB had any guidance on this. **DW to speak to Paul Bedford.**

- ix. *Competitions Manager's report.* MS said that in the event of South Kirkby finishing in the relegation positions in Division 2, they would return to the Pontefract & District league. He said that this would impact on promotion/relegation issues lower down the divisions, but the effect would be an entirely positive one.
- x. *Chair and ECB Update.* RP reported back on behalf of SW on the ECB Chairs meeting that he had attended, saying that it had been very much a propaganda exercise, and there were no issues to feed back, other than that a questionnaire for leagues on the impact of the new GCRs will be issued imminently.

3. Other agenda items

- i. *Disciplinary issues.* DW reported that there were two further cases to be added to the website summary, and that a hearing was being held at Whiston Forge CC the following day.
- ii. *Yorkshire Premier Leagues play-offs.* The final is to be held on Sunday 18 September; it is hoped that it will be at Headingley (*note: now confirmed*).
- iii. *AGM.* RP had circulated a timetable of the preparations needed in advance of the AGM – see appendix 5.

4. Other business

- i. *Umpires.* DW said that as a gesture of goodwill, South Yorkshire umpires who have travelled to grounds in the north will be given a one-off payment of £25 to compensate for increased fuel costs. **DW to speak to YPLN to ask if they will reciprocate.**
- ii. *Rockingham C 2nds v Maltby MW.* DW reported on an incident in which the Maltby captain took his players off the field. This is being considered by the Senior Section committee.
- iii. *Wickersley OV 3rds v Green Moor 2nds.* Two complaints are currently being considered, in connection with the Green Moor team selection under rule 39 and the live-streaming of the game by Wickersley. DW said that, due to his connections with Green Moor, he will not be involved in either case. MS is co-ordinating arrangements.

- 5. **Closure.** The meeting closed at 8.50pm. The next meeting will be held on **Monday 3 October** face-to-face (venue to be confirmed)

Umpires' report

- 1 Could the LEB make captains meetings mandatory (8 meetings)
- 2 New laws meetings for umpires mandatory (24 meetings) at cricket clubs
- 3 Refresher courses man and game management at cricket clubs
- 4 Discipline better in Premier and championship/ but in lower leagues worse
- 5 Working with South York's ACO on new umpires
- 6 Ackworth Hatfield and South Kirkby umpires uncomfortable with player and spectators attitude

Terry Bateman
22 August

Scorers' report

- I have arranged a Level 2 Education Day for November 12th 2022 at Wakefield Thornes and am seeking a date for a Linear Course around that date.
- As well as this, I am looking for venues for Scorer Roadshows in the area, this will incorporate taster sessions on all methods of scoring, both paper and electronic.
- As of Friday 19th August, 85.24% of games in the YCSPL were scored electronically this season, an increase of 11% from last season. The ECB target is 40%.
- I have held a meeting with Gareth Davis, to discuss the Young Leaders in Cricket initiative. The Yorkshire Cricket Board are on board with this, and it was agreed to invite 4 clubs to be the hubs. These are Doncaster Town , Whiston PC, Barnsley WM and Sheffield Collegiate. I will write to these clubs this week, explaining the initiative, and the benefits to their clubs. The aim is to get more Umpires, Scorers, Groundsmen/women into the game. I will update the LEB in due course.
- I am, of course, available for training, advice, etc, to all clubs.

Steve Ward
20 August

Treasurer's Monthly Summary Account Report

Period 1 -11 Weeks 1 to 47
1st Oct 2021 to 21st Aug 2022

INCOME	PYTD	YTD	MTD
Subscriptions	£12,065.00	£ 12,065.00	£ -
YCA Affiliation Fees		£ -	
Presentation Evening 2021	£8,640.00	£ 8,640.00	£ -
Financial Penalties - Rule 1 AGM Non-Attendance	£500.00	£ 500.00	£ -
Rule 39 Official Complaint	£100.00	£ 100.00	£ -
Rule 49 - Umpires Levy	£1,959.00	£ 1,959.00	£ -
Rule 13iii Late Payment	£32.00	£ 32.00	£ -
Disciplinary Hearing 4:1	£176.20	£ 355.60	£ 179.40
Disciplinary Hearing 8:7	£110.60	£ 110.60	£ -
Donation		£ -	
Adverts		£ -	
Interest	£0.97	£ 0.97	£ -
Sponsorship	£4,124.00	£ 5,124.00	£ 1,000.00
Other Income		£ -	
League Sales - Ties & Umpire coats	£5.00	£ 5.00	£ -
ECB Premier League Donation		£ -	£ -
Oxbridge Red Windsor ball	£11,400.00	£ 11,400.00	£ -
Oxbridge Pink Windsor ball (KO Cup)		£ -	£ -
Oxbridge Pink Magna ball (T20)		£ -	£ -
Sovereign ball	£22,032.00	£ 22,032.00	£ -
League Special 2100,	£13,806.00	£ 13,962.00	£ 156.00
Readers Pink Ball (T 20 Blast)/Plate	£72.00	£ 72.00	£ -
Readers Youth Colts ,Supaballs Pink (Senior)	£1,632.00	£ 1,632.00	£ -
Scorebooks & Stumps	£680.65	£ 680.65	£ -
	£77,335.42	£ 78,670.82	£ 1,335.40
EXPENDITURE	PYTD	YTD	MTD
Administration	£200.14	£ 200.14	£0.00
Banking Services (Lloyds Bank Business Finance Assistant)	£37.53	£ 42.53	£5.00
Officials Expenses			
Broadband & Phone	£696.66	£ 696.66	£0.00
Travel	£338.81	£ 418.31	£79.50
Media Reporting Press/Website			
Postage	£14.19	£ 14.19	£0.00
Stationery/Printing		£ 47.16	£47.16
Entertaining (Food/Drink)	£51.30	£ 51.30	£0.00
Digital/Electronic Equipment	39	£ 39.00	£0.00
League Expenses			
Trophy Valuation		£ -	
Room Hire	£100.00	£ 175.00	£75.00
Video Communication (Zoom)	£115.12	£ 129.51	£14.39
DSL- Laptop Digital Scoring	£300.00	£ 300.00	£0.00
Insurance	£2,816.41	£ 2,816.41	£0.00
Handbook	£940.50	£ 940.50	£0.00
Cup Finals Expense's	£929.70	£ 2,322.05	£1,392.35
Training Courses	£600.00	£ 600.00	£0.00
Disciplinary Committee	£391.20	£ 391.20	£0.00
J.Taylor Umpires Association		£ 90.00	£90.00
League Merchandise (Ties etc)		£ -	
Payment Returns - Fines (Appeals)	£240.00	£ 290.00	£50.00
Honorariums	£1,500.00	£ 1,500.00	£0.00
Awards & Trophies	£983.22	£ 983.22	£0.00
Presentation Evening 2021	£8,496.20	£ 8,496.20	£0.00
Presentation Evening 2022	£1,625.00	£ 1,625.00	£0.00
League Cricket Balls (Readers & Oxbridge)	£49,936.53	£ 49,936.53	£0.00
YCB Affiliation Fees	£3,160.00	£ 3,160.00	£0.00
YPLMB - Subscriptions		£ 250.00	£250.00
MCC v U23's		£ 340.00	£340.00
Website	£596.40	£ 596.40	£0.00
Hall of Fame			
ECB Funding to Clubs	£8,500.00	£ 8,500.00	£0.00
	£82,607.91	£84,951.31	£2,343.40

Ashley Boothman
21 August 2022

Premier Section report

1 Scoring

- a level 2 scorers' course will be held on 12 November at Wakefield Thornes CC
- a Linear Scoring workshop will be held in November (this is the new alternative paper-based scoring method that can be used as an alternative to electronic scoring where necessary)
- work is ongoing on the Young Leaders project, involving Jason Booth, Jonathan Crabtree, Steve Ward and Chris Whitaker of Cricket Leaders, aimed at recruiting young people into groundsmanship, scoring and umpiring

2 **Playing conditions 2023.** Following feedback from the player survey and the Premier Section captains' meeting, the following were agreed:

- there will be no proposal to amend the start time or duration of games in the Premier Section
- a proposal to make teas compulsory in the Premier Section should go to the AGM for vote
- bowlers' overs – there will be two alternatives for clubs to vote on; firstly, two bowlers to be allowed to bowl 15 overs, with an eight-over maximum for all others; and secondly, a maximum ten overs per bowler
- the YCSPL will continue to participate in the *Viking Cricket Cup*, but would prefer a 12 noon start for all games – Steve will talk to YPLN to seek their agreement and commitment)

3 T20 Blast

- following complaint about the ground and facilities for the T20 Blast group stage game at Whiston PC, the committee decided that the club should be banned from hosting finals and T20 days for three seasons
- the T20 Blast finals day had been a great success, and that the Elsecar club had done a great job in hosting

4 **Ground inspections.** Inspections will be made of:

- clubs that could potentially be promoted into the Premier Section from Division 1
- grounds identified by committee members where facilities need to be inspected for ECB money distribution purposes

5 Umpiring issues

- BL reported that two courses had been arranged at Rotherham Phoenix for October:
 - Stage 1 – 16 October 9.00-16.30
 - Stage 2 – 30 October 9.00-16.30

6 Other business

- Concerns were raised about ground availability in South Yorkshire, and for the issue to be discussed at LEB, for example whether:
 - there could there be an easement for teams in, for example, Divisions 7-9 to play games on Sundays where ground availability was an issue?
 - There could be some financial assistance to help clubs pay to play on the ground at Rotherham Phoenix (the ground hire fee has increased from £80 to £150)?
 - the YCB could help bring pressure to bear on local authorities to allow cricket to be played at Kilnhurst and for it to be continued at Harley?
- When we review the rules for overseas players in 2023, we will clarify and simplify the definition of overseas amateurs
- when reviewing umpires' fees, we should stipulate that the full fee is payable only to umpires who have reached the relevant level of qualification
- rather than impose levies in connection with umpire recruitment on Premier Section clubs, ECB monies should be retained by the League for use on umpire recruitment and incentives

2022 AGM timetable

- LEB 22 August
 - remind members of date for AGM (14 November)
 - arrange for Rotherham Phoenix to be booked
 - treasurer to be aware draft accounts needed by 11 October and final by 18 October
- Bulletin 25 August
 - notify clubs of AGM date and venue
 - give advance warning that nominations & proposals are needed by 29 September
- Bulletin 15 September - reminder re above
- Section committee meetings 15/19 September – agree any committee proposals & nominations
- LEB 26 September – agree all League proposals & nominations
- w/c 10 October – circulate draft AGM documents to LEB members
- w/c 17 October (21st at latest) – formal AGM documents to clubs
- 11 November (Bulletin) - reminder re AGM
- 14 November - AGM