



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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League Executive Board

20th meeting – Monday 3 October 2022 – 7.00pm by Zoom

Note of meeting

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

Apologies: Ashley Boothman, Chris Froggett, Graham Swallow, Steve Ward

1. **Welcome & apologies.** DW welcomed all; RP passed on apologies received.
2. **Matters arising from last meeting.** The minutes had been distributed to the committee and there was feedback on the action points as follows:
 - RP had arranged bulletin items on Clubmark, Play-Cricket as requested, and had written a website tribute to Maurice Gilliatt with input from Ashley Boothman
 - an update on ground inspections was to be covered under 3.vii
 - CF and RP had produced amended guidance on overseas player (circulated in advance); MS raised the issue of overseas students, and RP said they had considered this but felt that the new 210-day residence rule would allow the vast majority of students to play anyway
3. **Reports from Members**
 - i. *Equity & Diversity Group representative's report.* NW said that
 - a meeting was planned for later this month, and the group would continue to meet in the close season
 - the advert for more members of the group would be aimed at covering a wider range of diversity, eg, disability, women
 - YPLN do not have a group, but have a diversity representative on their Board
 - ii. *Safeguarding Managers' report*
 - LP said that a Safe Hands course was organised for w/c 10 October (*subsequently cancelled due to illness*)
 - GD plugged the use of the Safe Hands management system to check need for courses – adding that the Clubmark and Safe Hands systems were still frozen but that clubs could still go on the SH system to check on course requirements
 - iii. *Participation Manager's report*
 - DW said that he had not heard from LL since the last meeting
 - MS stressed the importance of the role to the League – DW to speak to LL

- iv. *Umpires' representative's report*
- TB said that there was a lull in activity but that the committee would be considering performance and refresher/new laws courses
 - DW asked for costs to be provided for four meetings at weekends for up to 25 attendees, and said that the Premier League would be done separately
 - MS asked that the Yorkshire & Derbyshire League were included in courses – they have around 14 umpires – **DW to speak to Paul McFarlane**
- v. *Scoring update*. No report.
- vi. *Treasurer's report*
- the end-of-year accounts were submitted by AB – see appendix 1; DW said that we are in a healthy position, with £47k in assets
 - MS said that we would need to pull together a small sub-committee to look at ECB money distribution. RP said that these would be carried out in line with the proposals made earlier in the year – the main issue for consideration will be in connection with the pitch markings – **RP to put proposals to LEB**
 - GD suggested that a 'development of facilities pot' could be set up to further help clubs that have been awarded grants – **GD to provide info on criteria that could be used to signpost clubs**
 - DW said that there was already £3k out of the ECB funding available to help clubs in this way
- vii. *Premier Section report*. Report attached – see appendix 2.
- RP and MB fed back on the discussions at the Premier section committee. MB will write to the newly-promoted clubs to highlight any issues that need attention; he will also write to the two clubs relegated to Division 1 about issues that need to be addressed, and to one Championship club about the need to address pitch issues before they could be promoted. GD was concerned to hear about the pre-season issue at Rockingham Colliery, where the club was denied access to the ground until two weeks before the season. He said that this was not supposed to happen, and he would raise with Barnsley Council.
 - MB said that it would be prudent to look at all Division 1 clubs to advise action that would need to take to achieve promotion. DW referred to the ground criteria document as the standard, and said that promotion should be emphasised as one of the benefits of working towards it. He said that as a League we could be more lenient with clubs who are already on a pathway of work towards achieving the standards.
 - GD said that he may be able to offer help off the field. **RP to send ground criteria document to GD.**
- viii. *Senior Section report*. The notes of the last meeting had been circulated and posted on the [website](#).
- DW said that rule 39 (players from higher divisions playing in lower division teams) had been revisited and circulated to the Senior Section committee. He said that useful lessons had been learned from the recent Warmsworth v Brookhouse case.
 - DW said that the review of the loan system is ongoing
 - The issue of clubs with teams struggling to find grounds was discussed. Rockingham Colliery 4ths and Sheffield United 3rds are the two teams not yet sorted. Negotiations are ongoing for Elsecar 3rds and Whitley Hall 3rds to play at Rotherham Phoenix. Wath 3rds will share with Upper Haugh 3rds at Rawmarsh.
 - There are currently three vacancies, one in each of Divisions 7, 8 & 9, and there are concerns about the future of two existing clubs.
- ix. *Compliance Manager's report*. No report.
- x. *Competitions Manager's report*. Report attached – see appendix 3. There was some discussion about an additional T20 competition for the Senior Section, but MS said that he had surveyed clubs and there was no real appetite for this.
- xi. *YCB update*. Report from GD attached – see appendix 4. GD also emphasised the need for a tidy-up of the clubs' Play-Cricket sites, and said that user guidance will be issued.

xii. *Chair and ECB Update.* DW reported that:

- Tiflex have advised the league of a 10% increase in price of the balls for the Premier Section, with a further review in December. DW said that, as clubs have already been advised of the ball price, he felt that the increase could be absorbed by the League. He would, however, advise them that no further increase would be accepted. He will also ask for a 10% increase in sponsorship. DW said that YPL have decided to move to Reader for their balls. DW will obtain samples of other balls to enable some ball trials this season. MB commented that the Premier Section clubs preferred the Oxbridge ball, and DW confirmed that there had been only one complaint all season.
- There is to be an ECB call this week – DW will feed back to Board members.

3. Other agenda items

- Disciplinary issues.* DW reported that there had been a hearing at which the Maltby MW captain had been sanctioned for taking his players from the field; there was also to be an informal meeting with Houghton Main about behaviour in the second team.
- Rule changes and proposals for AGM.* RP will circulate the full draft of the AGM documents for approval by LEB members by the end of this week.

4. Other business

- Umpires' fees.* The fees for 2023 were debated and a small alteration made. The fees were agreed as follows:
 - *Nicholas Associates* Premier Division and Yorkshire Leagues Knock-Out Cup: from £60 to £70
 - T20 Blast matchdays:
 - one match £30 each (two umpires)
 - two matches £55 each (two umpires)
 - three matches £70 each (three umpires)
 - Championship, *ExtraCover Insurance* Whitworth Cup & T20 Plate: from £50 to £55
 - T20 Plate matchdays:
 - one match £25 each (two umpires)
 - two matches £45 each (two umpires)
 - three matches £55 each (three umpires)
 - Divisions 1 & 2 and Mick Savage Cup: from £45 to £50
 - All other divisions, Presidents Trophy & Billy Oates Cup: from £40 to £45
- MB said that he had been approached by a gentleman who had been banned from the committee of one of our clubs, and had asked if the League could intervene. MS said that it was not the League's business to intervene in the running of clubs. DW said that he would make some discrete, informal enquiries about the circumstances.

5. **Closure.** The meeting closed at 9.15pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday 27 October by Zoom.

End-of-year accounts

Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

Income and Expenditure Account
Year Ended 30 September 2022

	2020/21		2021/22	
	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
Income:				
Cricket ball orders:				
Order 1	36,790		40,185	
Order 2	10,689		9,870	
Pink	2,166	49,645	3,814	53,869
ECB Donation		11,621		12,334
Sponsorship		6,500		5,124
Subscriptions		13,385		12,065
Penalties		3,514		3,406
Handbook advertising		150		
Merchandise				5
Presentation Evening 2021		30		8,400
Bank interest		2		2
Total income		84,847		95,205
Expenditure:				
Cricket ball purchases (See Note 1 below)		44,628		49,937
YCB affiliation fees		5,390		3,160
ECB Club Funding				8,500
Presentation Evening 2021		600		8,496
Awards and Trophies				1,347
Presentation Evening 2022 - advance payment				1,625
Cup final expenses		2,568		3,259
Cup final medals		2,640		2,462
League expenses		4,072		5,447
Officials expenses		1,884		2,240
Honoraria				1,500
Donation to SY Umpires Ass'n		150		240
Website / Zoom		712		851
Administration		430		362
Total expenditure		63,074		89,426
Surplus of income over expenditure		21,773		5,779
2021/22 Summary:				
Lloyds Bank - Opening balances 1 Oct 2021				
Current account			26,925	
Deposit account			14,755	41,680
Surplus of income over expenditure (above)				5,779
				47,459
Lloyds Bank - Closing balances 30 Sep 2022:				
Current account				32,702
Deposit account				14,757
				47,459

Note 1 - Stock of cricket balls as at 30 Sep 2022 is valued at £362. The expenditure figure shown above has not been adjusted for this.

Checked and found correct

John Wilson ACMA,CGMA, FInstLM

Premier Section report

- **Assessment of grounds and facilities for ECB money purposes.** To be assessed alongside the ground markings. RP is to meet with JB to agree which clubs need to be self-assessed on facilities rather than pitches and outfielders.
- **Championship trophy.** RP and SW to procure a new permanent Premier Division championship trophy.
- **Committee.** Committee members to be asked to confirm by email whether they would be prepared to continue on the committee in 2023.
- **Knock-out cup.** *Viking Cricket* are no longer able to sponsor the competition. SW has negotiated a £1k per season deal with Ollie Beukes of K3 Dental, starting next season (current sponsorship is £500 per season). Part of the initial payment will be used to purchase a new trophy. SW has also confirmed with Rob Smith YPLN's future commitment to the competition.
- **Promoted clubs.** The committee agreed that the promotion of Aston Hall and Hallam to the Premier and Darfield to the Championship on the basis that they will take the actions they have indicated and that Hallam will undertake to revisit their long-term plans and provide quarterly updates on progress for the pavilion at Crimicar.
- **Rule changes.** CF and RP have rewritten the overseas player admin rules in line with current ECB guidance. They have decided not to put a specific rule in to cover students as the 210-day residence qualification will cover them in the vast majority of cases. A proposal has been received from Whitley Hall regarding bowlers' overs – RP will check with Joe Webster whether this is covered by the Premier Section committee proposal.
- **Scoring.** SW has arranged a scorings course in November (Level 2 on the 12th; linear scoring on the 13th).
- **Whiston PC.** The new chairman, David Bridge, has objected to the use of the word ban, in the context of the decision not to allow the club any prestige games for three seasons. The committee agreed to rescind the term ban, and say instead that they are 'suspended from'.

Mark Beardshall
Head of Premier Section
2 October 2022

Competitions manager's report

As part of the Competitions review, I was asked to garner opinion on whether the Presidents Trophy and Billy Oates Cup, should be transformed into T20 competitions off the back of the player survey.

In summary, the majority want both competitions to remain as 40 overs. The responses were as follows:

- Presidents: 40 overs – 8; 20 overs - 7. Many said that they would enter anyway, but of the seven that said they would play in a 20-over competition, four of those said they would prefer 40 overs, so in effect the result is 12-3.
- Billy Oates: 40 overs - 12, 20 overs - 8. Many said that they would enter anyway, but of the eight that said they would play in a 20-over competition, one of those said they would prefer 40 overs, so in effect the result is 13-7.

Discussion over other decisions made as part of the Cup review.

I have serious concern over the make-up of divisions for 2023 season, with a number of teams potentially withdrawing and the impact this could have on the structure and delay of fixture issues.

I need an update from the ECB on national dates for 2022, so that we can fix our Cup dates.

Matt Summerhill
3 October 2022