



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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League Executive Board

25th meeting – Monday 24 April 2023 – 7.00pm by Zoom

Note of meeting

Present: David Ward (chairman), Terry Bateman, Gareth Davis, Chris Froggett, Mel Mahmood, Lindsay Pepper, Roger Pugh, Matt Summerhill, Nelson Windle

Apologies: Ashley Boothman, Steve Ward

1. **Welcome & apologies.** RP said that there had been apologies from SW – AB apologised subsequently.
2. **Matters arising from last meeting.** RP had produced a summary of actions taken since the last meeting – see appendix 1. There were no matters arising.
3. **Reports from Members**
 - i. *Equity & Diversity Group representative's report*
 - NW had provided a note in advance – see appendix 2.
 - RP asked that when the new membership was finalised, that he be advised so that he can update the website with details of any new members; and that a member and a deputy are named for the Board and the two committees, in order to ensure that, as a league, we meet the *Code of Sports Governance* criteria that recommends a maximum number of board/committee members.
 - ii. *Safeguarding Managers' report*
 - LP said that a lot of people are struggling with DBSs, particularly umpires; applications are being rejected due to 'incomplete questionnaire', causing much additional work; and the auto-renewal system is causing serious issues, particularly when reminder emails go into spam/junk.
 - LP highlighted the need for more Safe Hands courses, and GD said that the priority is to ensure that the key people at clubs have had courses.
 - GD said that there are still clubs that are not fully compliant with SHMs; YCB are doing everything they can to ensure full compliance.
 - iii. *Treasurer's report.* The treasurer had provided a financial report – attached. DW asked for a further reminder in the bulletin about payments for balls and subs. **RP to arrange.**
 - iv. *Participation Manager's report*
 - MM raised the issue of umpires for W&G games – there are very few female umpires at present.
 - MM also said that she was talking to Marshall Wooldridge, who have indicated that they would like to support W&G grassroots cricket, rather than continue with the Whitworth Cup. MM wondered whether they might sponsor the two W&G finals, and will follow up with them.

- MS suggested the use of P-C for registration of W&G players, which he felt would make the registration process more easy and efficient. **MM to follow up with Melvyn Bond.**
 - GD said that the W&G game was very competitive, and that players play across the two formats. There is a potential issue with strengthening teams for key games. RP asked whether the YCSPL rule might be used. **GD to follow up.**
- v. *Umpires' representative's report.* Nothing to report.
- vi. *Scoring update*
- SW had provided a report in advance – see appendix 2. DW proposed that we record our thanks and appreciation to Steve for all the hard work that he has put in on scorer training during the close season.
 - DW said that SW was taking forward the issue of the possible use of DLS in Divisions 1 & 2 next season.
- vii. *Premier Section report.*
- RP had provided a report in advance – see appendix 2.
 - MS asked that he be involved in discussions about the possible rescheduling on matchdays in which all play was prevented by weather.
- viii. *Senior Section report.*
- DW had circulated the [notes of the last committee meeting.](#)
 - DW said that he would ensure that RP was copied into information about fixture rearrangements, so that the League website could be updated. MS said that it was important for information on the website and on P-C to be the same.
- ix. *Compliance Manager's report*
- CF had provided a report in advance – see appendix 2.
 - CF said that a new 'overseas student' form had been prepared, and was being put on the website, accompanying the publication of the new Admin rule on overseas students.
 - CF confirmed that overseas players who were not students, including partners of students, should be treated according to the normal overseas players rules.
- x. *Competitions Manager's report*
- MS said that there had been some disappointment expressed that some President's Cup games had to be settled by a coin toss, but there is no room for slippage in the schedule.
 - Two games were still to be rearranged due to Eid, and two of the pre-season rearrangements were still outstanding.
 - Cawthorne have a home fixture on the same date as the T20 Plate groups stage, in which they are hosting – this needs to be addressed.
- xi. *Chairmans'/ECB update*
- DW said that there was no new information from ECB.
 - DW updated LEB on disciplinary issues – there are two cases ongoing, both of social media origin. He asked that we put an item in the bulletin to draw clubs attention to the Electronic Media Policy. **RP to arrange.**
- xii. *YCB update*
- *Safe Hands.* GD gave a further update on SHMS compliance. Some clubs are still not fully compliant, despite several YCB communications since last November, including two from the Premier Section. GD emphasised that after the 30 April deadline, there are likely to be repercussions for non-compliance except where information had not been pulled through due to system error. **RP said that he would write to the chairmen of the two PS clubs personally.**
 - Norton Woodseats new ground is progressing, and there is funding for ball-strike netting.

- Stocksbridge pavilion work is ongoing.
 - There are issues for newly-merged clubs Thorncliffe & Wentworth and Scholes & Harley on ECB systems, so a two-week grace period has been allowed for SHMS actions.
 - £115k partnership funding is available, with the prospect of more, and YCB hope to be able to help 20-25 clubs in this way.
4. **Anti-Discrimination training.** DW said that he had been on a session at York and was planning to arrange two local sessions for key YCSPL personnel, in particular, disciplinary – on either 17 May or 7 June, starting at 12.00 and 18.00, each of three hours. He intends to open this to the P&DCL and the *Drakes* Huddersfield League.
5. **Communications Working Group**
- i. RP reported that he had issued a letter to all clubs, seeking the emails of those they wish general communications to be issued to, and was starting to slowly receive returns.
 - ii. RP said that he had recently noted instances where clubs have not directed queries to the right person; he will draft a note to advise on where queries should be addressed – **RP to draft and share.**
6. **Matches not played on 15 April**
- i. DW said that he was going to have a chat with three people who had put comments on social media; he felt that they had not appreciated the full implications of rearranging a day's programme
 - ii. MS raised the issue of what happens when a game has been rearranged from a day on which most games are unable to be played. RP said that in the PS there had been two potential rearrangements this season, where he had made it clear that if the game could not have been played on the original date, then it should not be played on the rearranged date, and he would arrange for a ground inspection accordingly. He recommended that this was the general policy. **DW to consider for Senior Section.**
7. **New clubs.** Brodsworth 1st & 2nd XIs have been accepted for 2024, along with Parkhead 2nd and Hallam 4th.
8. **Nicholas Associates sponsorship.**
- i. *Nicholas Associates* have kindly agreed to sponsor the League to the tune of £2k, and are willing to increase this by £1k if we would be prepared to donate this sum to their 'Nepal project' to help develop cricket in that country. David recommends we do this, and also support it with a website article. This was agreed. **DW to follow up.**
 - ii. GD said that YCB could also support the project by donating equipment. **GD to liaise with DW.**
9. **Other business**
- i. *Dates for umpires training.* MM asked if this could be pushed out to club W&G sections. **RP said that the dates are on the internet front page, and that he would put in the bulletin too.**
 - ii. *Religious festivals.* RP said that he believed that whilst Eid may not occur in the cricket seasons for another 15 years or more, the learnings from this year should be used, and that the new admin rule should be published. **RP to re-circulate to LEB.**
 - iii. *End-of-season promotion & relegation arrangements.* MS asked if these had been published to clubs. RP said that he was awaiting only confirmation that these were final, but was ready to publish on the website and in the bulletin. MS confirmed that they are final. **RP to publish.**
10. **Closure.** The meeting closed at 8.25pm. The next meeting will be face-to-face on Monday 22 May at Shaw Lane Sports Club, Barnsley (7.00pm).

I Action point follow-up

- i. (MM offer of support on participation matters) **RP to include in the bulletin.** *Done.*
- ii. (use of DLS outside Premier Section) **DW to raise at SS committee.** *See Scoring report below.*
- iii. (Treasurer's report) **AB to circulate on return from holiday.** *Done.*
- iv. (non-turf pitches – GD to speak at PSM) **RP to include in the bulletin.** *Done - but GD unable to attend.*
- v. (210-day rule for students) **RP to draft rule amendment and put on PSM agenda.** *Done – to be published as soon as the Overseas Student Registration Form is available.*
- vi. (Safe Hands compliance) **RP to put in Bulletin and on PSM agenda.** *Done.*
- vii. (allocation of ECB funding) **RP to publicise.** *Posted on website – to be flagged up in next bulletin.*
- viii. (live-streaming) **RP to put on PSM agenda, amend the live-streaming guidance, and arrange a pro-forma for clubs & umpires.** *Done – response a bit patchy, but it is posted on the website and there will be a reminder in this week's bulletin.*
- ix. (saliva on the ball) **RP to put in bulletin and on PSM agenda.** *Done.*
- x. (rearrangement of games so players can spectate at other sporting fixtures) **RP to put in Bulletin and PSM agenda.** *Done*
- xi. (payment of Development Fund money to Whiston Forge) **AB to pay.** *Done.*

II Reports from members

i. E&DG report

- To reach out to other prospective members that include Gordon Laidlaw, Dean Smith, Jo Ibbotson and George Elliot who have either put their names forward or shown interest.
- To draft new rules and regs regarding being part of E&DG. That includes commitment to attend meetings. This has been ad hoc from some members and has slowed down progress.
- Still waiting on status of E&DG member being part of disciplinary panel, or utilisation of E&DG. At the moment, it is as a consultant in relevant matters. E&DG would prefer a permanent seat/place
- E&DG team finalising E&DG members attendance at respective league meetings; hopefully each league meeting will have two E&DG members, who can rotate when one cannot attend.
- Action plan on hold awaiting wider ECB report. Will then work with YCB on the plan relevant for our leagues.

Nelson Windle

ii. Treasurer's report – see attached

- iii. **Participation report.** Marshall Wooldridge are interested in some kind of sponsorship for women's & girls' cricket. MM to follow up with them.

Mel Mahmood

iv. Umpires report – nothing to report.

v. Scoring report

- The training period has ended now, but there are still clubs who are ringing asking for help with scoring. It is evident that clubs have youngsters who are keen to get involved, and that can only be a good thing.
- The Scoring Project that was undertaken during the Autumn/Winter period has proved to be very successful, with ECB ACO courses having taken place, and also Roadshows, which has given plenty of people a taste of both book and electronic scoring. Hopefully, the League's funding of the Roadshows will prove to be a good investment, and the concept has already grasped the attention of ECB, and other counties/leagues in the North.

- A training day was held for the Premier Section scorers, and a session on DLS is to be held for participants from Division 1 that play in the Whitworth Cup.
- David has asked me to monitor the usage of electronic scoring in Division 1 and 2, with a view to DLS being used in those Divisions in 2024 if appropriate
- Finally, my aim is to arrange an evening, or two, around Live-Streaming, with both suppliers, Frogbox and NV Play, being present. This has been done in other counties, and has been beneficial to clubs. Hopefully this can be arranged during the season.

Steve Ward

vi. **Premier Section**

- The Elsecar v Aston Hall game scheduled for 22 April, postponed due to Eid Al-Fitr, will now be played on Sunday 14 May at Aston Hall CC
- The next Premier Section committee meeting is on 17 May, when the main agenda topic will be the potential rearrangement of league programmes as a result of ground/weather conditions.

Roger Pugh

vii. **Senior Section.** See [note of April meeting](#)

viii. **Compliance Manager's report**

- 15 Professional Players and 34 Amateur Players Registered
- Bona Fide Students - following ECB guidance we made a decision to allow bon fide students to play in the senior section subject to certain criteria being met – even if they haven't been in the country for 210 days. New rule to be included in Admin rules as follows:

Bona fide students from overseas, who are studying in the UK, will be allowed to play in the Senior Section, at the discretion of the Senior Section committee, irrespective of whether they have met the 210- day qualification criteria, provided that they:

- *complete the League overseas student registration form*
- *are either studying at a college or university in the immediate vicinity of the area covered by the YCSPL, or*
- *are living with family or friends in that area for the duration of their summer vacation Such students will register as Category 3 and must not be paid for playing, but will not be classed as overseas players for League purposes.*

They will not be allowed to play in the Premier Section, unless they are registered as their team's 'overseas amateur' and the League overseas amateur registration form has been completed, until they have qualified by residence for registration as a Category 1 player in a subsequent season.

- Students will be required to complete a student specific form to be available on the web site
- Further guidance still required from ECB regarding Permitted Paid Engagement entry route

Chris Froggett



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Financial statement April 2023

Year to date income & expenditure

<i>Income</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>£</i>
Ball sales	27,174.15	Ball costs	17,190.67
Clothing sales	-	Banking services	35.00
Disciplinary hearing costs		Clothing	605.00
ECB monies	4,261.33	Communications	464.33
Handbook adverts	375.00	Costs of cup finals/finals days	
Interest at bank	38.22	Disciplinary hearing costs	145.60
Penalties	6,177.60	ECB monies to clubs	10,211.10
Presentation evening tickets 2022	9,303.00	Electronic media	-
Sponsorship	3,500.00	Entertaining at cup finals/finals days	18.40
Subscriptions	5,605.00	Honoraria	1,700.00
		Insurance	2,942.25
		Phone & broadband costs	273.45
		Presentation evening 2022 costs	7,966.48
		Presentation evening 2023 costs	500.00
		Representative game costs	
		Room hire	25.00
		Stationery & printing	24.60
		SYCUA	600.00
		Training costs(Rule 59,60)	1,150.00
		Travel costs	725.20
		Trophies & medals	1,164.00
		YCB fees	-
		YPLMB subscription	-
Total	56,434.30	Total	45,741.08

Excess income over expenditure 10,693.22

Development Fund

<i>Income</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>£</i>
c/f	1,370.00	Whiston Forge CC	650.00
ECB monies	4,724.40		
less expenditure	650.00		
Available balance	5,444.40	Total	650.00

Balance sheet

Current a/c at 30 September 2022	32,702.09
Deposit a/c at 30 September 2022	14,763.16
Excess income o/expend to date	10,693.22
Total	58,164.90
<i>Represented by</i>	
Current account	30,232.16
Savings account (inc Development Fund £5,444.40)	27,282.74
Total	58,164.90

Ashley Boothman
Treasurer
23 April 2023