



# Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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## League Executive Board

29<sup>th</sup> meeting – Monday 24 July 2023 – 7.30pm at Shaw Lane, Barnsley

### Note of meeting

Present: David Ward (chairman), Terry Bateman, Ashley Boothman, Lindsay Pepper, Roger Pugh, Matt Summerhill, Nelson Windle

Apologies: Gareth Davis, Chris Froggett, Mel Mahmood, Steve Ward

1. **Welcome & apologies.** RP said that there had been apologies from GD (domestic emergency), CF (miscommunication), MM (family matters) and SW (work).
2. **Matters arising from last meeting**
  - RP had provided an update on action points – see appendix 1 attached.
  - There was a discussion on Play-Cricket removals. RP said that he would include in the next bulletin and add to the AGM agenda. MS said that clubs could execute a ‘three-clicks’ procedure to access a list of their unregistered players. LP said that we could publicise some ‘top P-C tips’. **RP to progress with Melvyn Bond.**
3. **Reports from Members**
  - i. *Equity & Diversity Group representative’s report.* NW said that there had not been a meeting since the last LEB. He plans to see Milton Samuels this week to discuss the action point.
  - ii. *Safeguarding Managers’ report*
    - LP said that she was concerned about poor behaviour in then junior leagues; under 13s and 15s in particular
    - Safe Hands courses are planned for October and February. There was some discussion about venues, and it was unanimously agreed that wherever possible meetings on league-related business should be held at our clubs who are prepared to let us use the rooms on the basis that they will make money from refreshments.
    - MS noted that the SHMS is still not updating quickly.
  - iii. *Treasurer’s report*
    - AB had provided a financial report – see appendix 3 attached.
    - There was a discussion about the cost of balls and the charge passed on to clubs. It was agreed that pricing to clubs should be based on the price of balls including VAT.
    - The handbook adverts income in the accounts is for the 2022 handbook (there was a breakdown in communication to AB). The 2023 invoices are being processed.
    - Invoices for the new trophies for the PL championship and the T20 Blast have not yet been received. **RP to chase.**

- £2,500 has been paid from the Development Fund to three clubs.
  - It was agreed that the 10% from the ECB funding that was earmarked for 'administration' should be diverted to the Development Fund.
  - It was agreed that new clubs in the League should pay a £100 non-refundable bond.
- iv. *Participation Manager's report.* Nothing to report.
- v. *Umpires' representative's report*
- TB said that three informal meetings had been held for new umpires, to provide support and a forum for discussing issues. RP said that this was an excellent initiative that was very much in line with the proposed ECB recruitment strategy.
  - There was a discussion about on-field radios, which it was agreed were essential in the Premier Section. TB said that most umpires had their own, and they are covered by the ACO insurance.
  - TB referred to the draft recruitment strategy and said that rule complexity was a barrier that needs attention. RP said that a working group was proposed to look at this.
- vi. *Scoring Manager's report.* SW had provided a report – see appendix 2 attached.
- vii. *Premier Section report.* RP had provided the notes of last week's captains and committee meeting – see appendices 4 & 5. MS raised two issues:
- He felt that the sanctions levied on Cleethorpes in relation to the T20 withdrawal were too lenient, given that this was the second such occurrence. RP said that he had written to the club and had a subsequent discussion with the chairman. This would be followed up by a face-to-face meeting between PS committee members and club officials. The club in fact are very concerned about the views of the committee, in relation to their commitment to the YCSPL and their playing strength. RP felt these caused more concern at the club than the sanctions themselves, albeit that they felt the fine harsh.
  - Some concerns were expressed about the proposed dialogue about reducing the Premier Division to ten clubs. RP said that this was an issue that had been discussed informally for some time, and that he felt that it needed to be properly considered. He understood that any proposal would need the support of the LEB and the clubs.
  - RP also confirmed that there would be no issue with Houghton Main being promoted to the Premier Division if they qualify. GD has confirmed that they now have the required number of junior teams and there is no issue with their facilities, save for a couple of scorer issues, which are being taken forward by the club.
- viii. *Senior Section report*
- DW said that there was no meeting this month, but there had been positive meetings with Houghton Main and Sheffield United in respect of concerns previously raised.
  - DW said that there was an issue with the scoreboard at Ackworth that would need to be resolved if they were promoted into the Championship, as is likely. **RP to take forward.**
  - DW said that the rule covering possible promotion for sides finishing in third place, that exists in the championship, needs replicating in lower divisions. **RP to take forward.**
- ix. *Compliance Manager's report.* No report.
- x. *Competitions Manager's report.*
- MS said that the Mick Savage semi-finals have been rearranged for the coming weekend due to the poor weather last.
  - RP said that the new arrangements for the T20 Blast/T20 plate finals worked very well. One of the Blast captains asked that we ensure a one-hour break between those games to allow for proper preparation. This would have happened but for the adverse weather that affected the first game. We will build this into planning in future, possibly by adjusting start times. RP said that the hosting by AHCC was first class. There were first and second team players involved all day in stewarding the car parking, policing the sightscreens and taking the covers and coversheets on and off. He said they had set a benchmark for others to follow.

- xi. *Chairmans’/ECB update*. DW said that he would be attending the ECB PL managers’ meeting on 6 August. There were no other issues to report.
  - xii. *YCB update*. No report.
4. **Development Fund**. Payments have been approved to Caribbean Sports and Eden Grove Parklands.
5. **Hall of Fame**. RP asked for any nominations for HoF inductees for 2023 and said that he would be including the issue in the bulletin. He noted three names mentioned. **RP to take forward**.
6. **PLMB**. DW updated the Board on the recent correspondence with Alan Birkinshaw. AB has requested a one-to-one meeting with DW, which will also cover play-off umpires. It was noted that the Streethouse move into the Bradford League is in breach of the PLMB constitution, which says that, ‘All club transfers within the Yorkshire Pyramid structure must be approved by the Yorkshire Cricket Premier Leagues Management Board.’ Our PLMB members, at the least, were not consulted.
7. **Rule changes**. RP said that he would put an item on the agenda for the next meeting to cover any proposals for rule changes. This would include a qualifying number of games for players to play in the semi-final and finals of cup and T20 competitions. RP to take forward.
8. **Umpire recruitment**. RP said that GD had forwarded his proposed strategy to David Elworthy at the ECB, as a result of which he has a meeting scheduled with the Regional Officiating Development Officer on Wednesday. TB will be at the meeting to represent the SYCUA. A couple of points were raised as follows:
  - the need to recognise that people may wish to umpire on a part-time basis, and to encourage them
  - that when someone says that they might be interested in umpiring, this should be noted and followed up in the future
  - NW said that he had done the Stage 1 course online, which was very convenient; clarification to be sought on whether this is still available [*new training courses are planned to be introduced in October; the initial course – the ECB Umpires Course – will be online*]
9. **Other business**

*Discipline*

  - i. DW said that there had been a number of incidents involving unacceptable behaviour by players at Handsworth JSC. Mick Bocking had dealt with the individual cases, but due to the nature and number of incidents, DW said that he proposed to give Handsworth JSC a formal warning about player conduct and put them on probation until the end of the 2024 season.
  - ii. Neil Vaughan is currently dealing with the recent incidents at Thorpe Hesley concerning Hatfield Town players.
10. **Closure**. The meeting closed at 9.20pm. The next meeting will be by Zoom on Monday 21 August (7.00pm).

### Action point follow-up

- i. (E&DG action plan) **GD/NW to take forward**. Update in item 3.i.
- ii. (Live Scoring success) **RP to thank all concerned in bulletin**. Done.
- iii. (Promotion & relegation for 2024) **MS to provide revised schedule**. Now included in league tables.
- iv. (SHMS notifications) **RP to include in the bulletin**. Done.
- v. (Play-Cricket removals education) **RP to action**. To include in next bulletin and AGM agenda.
- vi. (Increase in dinner prize money) **RP to advised GS**. Done.
- vii. (Advise Brodsworth what action they need to take) **DW to action**. Done.
- viii. (Additional payment to T20 semi-final umpire) **AB to action**. Done.
- ix. (Cleethorpes T20 withdrawal) **RP to take forward**. Done.

### Scoring manager's report

David has asked me to do some work regarding Electronic Scoring and DLS in the Lower Divisions.

As of today, 93.20 % of all games in the League have been electronically scored this season, with 49% of those games being scored using a tablet/phone as well as a laptop. The issue with scoring by tablet/phone is that the software is unreliable. It was only designed to be used in Junior games, and the updates are almost non-existent. The ECBACO do not have any scoring courses specifically for this method, all the courses that I do are made up by tutors who are competent in using the system. DLS can be used in the tablet/phone, indeed DLS v5 is available, but, as I said, its unreliable.

A few clubs have bought FrogBox which is used to video the games, and this can **only** be used via Tablet/phone (Play-Cricket Scorer). It cannot be used via the laptop system. NV Play is the system that is used to video games using a Laptop.

There will be an issue with Ackworth next season, who will probably be promoted into the Championship. They have bought FrogBox and have contacted the League in relation to this. I have told them that they can use FrogBox but must use a laptop to score the game.

DLS is by far the best method to determine the result in a match curtailed by weather, and it is to be brought into Divisions 1 & 2 and the Mick Savage Trophy next season. There are a few teams that use the tablet to score in those divisions, so clubs will need to be informed of our intentions, and training schedules will need to be organized. If the LEB/Senior Section, would like me to organize this, then I will do so.

The Premier Section is blessed to have such a good bunch of scorers. I will continue to run accredited courses throughout the off season, and also personal development sessions with the scorers.

I would like to extend the accredited courses to all scorers in our League, and continue the Roadshows, which are aimed at beginners, and proved to be very popular during the training period 2022/23.

Steve Ward

23 July 2023



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### Financial statement July 2023

#### Year to date income & expenditure

<i>Income</i>	<b>£</b>
Ball sales	52,600.40
Clothing sales	-
Disciplinary hearing costs	332.80
ECB monies	16,087.33
Handbook adverts	450.00
Interest at bank	89.07
Penalties	6,207.00
Presentation evening tickets 2022	9,303.00
Sponsorship	7,975.00
Subscriptions	12,065.00

**Total** **105,109.60**

**Excess income over expenditure** **38.82**

#### Development Fund

<i>Income</i>	<b>£</b>
c/f	1,370.00
ECB monies	4,724.40

less expenditure **2,250.00**

**Available balance** **3,844.40**

#### 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	38.82
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,510.50</b>

#### Represented by

Current account	33,022.91
Savings account(Inc Development Fund)	25,733.59
	3,844.40

**Total** **58,756.50**

<i>Expenditure</i>	<b>£</b>
Ball costs	56,046.85
Banking services	50.00
Clothing	680.00
Communications	691.10
Cup finals/finals days-Catering Costs	987.03
Digital Laptop Scoring	400.00
Disciplinary hearing costs	328.00
ECB monies to clubs	10,211.10
Electronic media	
Entertaining at cup finals/finals days	18.40
Honoraria	1,700.00
Insurance	2,942.25
Payment Refunds	50.00
Phone & broadband costs	273.45
Presentation evening 2022 costs	7,966.48
Presentation evening 2023 costs	500.00
Representative Match(s) costs	540.00
Room hire	50.00
Stationery & printing	1,056.92
SYCUA	600.00
Training costs(Rule 59,60)	1,310.00
Travel costs	870.20
Trophies & medals Annual Awards	1,539.00
Trophies & Medals -Cup finals/finals day	-
YCB fees	3,140.00
YPLMB subscription	-

**Total** **105,070.78**

<i>Expenditure</i>	<b>£</b>
Grant/Donations	2,250.00

**Total** **2,250.00**

**Ashley Boothman**  
Treasurer  
27 July 2023