



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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League Executive Board

34th meeting – Monday 26 February 2024 – 7.00pm by Zoom

Note of meeting

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

Apologies: Mel Mahmood

1. **Welcome & apologies.** RP said that there had been apologies from MM (currently in India), whilst MS had been in contact to say that he had been delayed due to heavy traffic and would join the meeting as soon as he could.
2. **Matters arising from last meeting.** See note attached at appendix 1. RP said that he was still awaiting a second estimate for the photographic work. **RP to update at next meeting.**
3. **Reports from Members**
 - i. *YEB update.* GD provided a short update as follows:
 - *Clubmark.* Clubs have until 30 April to ensure that they are compliant. Provided that they have taken whatever action is necessary, for example on SHMS, they will be accepted even if this is not shown as completed on the system. **RP to include reminder in bulletin.**
 - *Facilities survey.* The completion rate by clubs has been low. GD emphasised the importance of the survey in evidencing the need for new and enhanced facilities when looking to invest and bring investment into the game. **RP to urge clubs to complete in bulletin.**
 - *Caribbean Sports.* Funding has started the first phase of development after a meeting with the ECB.
 - *Penistone.* The news on the proposed new pavilion is positive but are still waiting on funding and planning.
 - *Handsworth JSC.* GD thanked the League and clubs for being understanding and helping the club to rearrange games following the damage to the playing area.
 - *All Stars/Dynamos.* Funding is available for All Stars and Dynamos. GD said that these are a good way for clubs without junior sections to get one going, citing recent successes at a number of clubs. **RP to include information in bulletin.**
 - ii. *Equity & Diversity Group representative's report.* NW said that he had come straight from the group meeting. JB would forward a summary note shortly.
 - iii. *Safeguarding Managers' report*
 - The two scheduled courses are now fully booked and a mop-up session is to be arranged at Old Sharlston.
 - There continue to be queries about the scorer DBS situation. Clubs are being reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure the safety of the scorers. **It was agreed that this should be covered in the pre-match talk at games – DW/TB to take forward.**

iv. *Treasurer's report*

- AB had provided a financial report – attached at appendix 6.
- He said that the Development Fund payment had been made to Brookhouse CC.
- The new, slightly increased, YCB subscriptions have now been notified to the League and the due date for payment has been moved forward two months to 31 March. AB said that payments from clubs would not have been received by then. DW said that Leagues had not been consulted on this. RP proposed payment by 30 April as a compromise.
- RP said that in future we should set a League subscription at the AGM that does not include YCB subs, which could then be added on once known; that way the League will know in advance exactly how much income we will receive from League subscriptions.
- AB also raised the question of YCB subscriptions being levied on W&GL teams and whether the League should get involved with their collection. RP said not, principally because not all the W&GL sides are attached to YCSPL clubs.
- CF raised the issue of invoices being issued via P-C, not taking into account the latest information provided by clubs about contacts. AB said that the only way to ensure that these were sent to the right person is for clubs to go into P-C and update their contacts. He reiterated the point previously made by Melvyn Bond, that League officials cannot update club P-C contacts. MS added that it is a much simpler 'one click' process for AB to issue invoices to club treasurers via P-C, and that updating contacts on P-C is not an onerous job.

v. *Umpires' representative's report*. TB had provided a report – attached at appendix 2. There were no matters arising.

vi. *Scoring Manager's report*. SW had provided a report – attached at appendix 3. There were no matters arising.

vii. *Premier Section report*. RP said that there had been no meeting since the last LEB. He added that Premier Section Pre-Season Captains' meeting would take place on Wednesday 17 April.

viii. *Senior Section report*. DW had provided the notes of the meeting on 15 February – link attached at appendix 4. There were no matters arising.

ix. *Compliance Manager's report*

- CF said that he had received a lot of enquiries, many of which could be answered by reference to existing ECB guidance. He asked if a link could be provided from the website. RP said that this would be no problem, and that there could be a dedicated page for procedures for registering overseas players.
- CF said that the ECB were tightening up and trying to ensure better compliance with guidance in the case of overseas amateurs. The bottom line is that the two visas generally used by overseas amateurs, the Standard Visitor Visa and the Youth Mobility Visa are not intended for use by people coming into the country solely to play cricket. He said that we need to reinforce to clubs the need for compliance with the rules. **CF to provide RP with links and key messages and RP to set up on a dedicated website page.**

x. *Competitions Manager's report*

- MS said that there were 18 games still to be rearranged due to the Handsworth ground situation, in addition to which four of those originally identified for rearrangement remained to be resolved; DW said that there were some clubs who were unable or unwilling to play on Sundays, and the Senior Section committee would consider and make a recommendation on these.
- MS flagged up that our clubs who had entered the National KO competition would have games on 28 April; if these needed to be replayed, there would be a clash the following week with the *K3 Dental* cup first round. MS said that we need to urge clubs to rearrange games as soon as possible to prevent fixture pile-ups.

xi. *Chairmans'/ECB update*

- DW has been pressing Alan Birkinshaw to find out what is happening about the play-offs; Bradford, like us, are in favour of the play-offs continuing, but the position of the other two is not yet known. If one of the Leagues does not wish to participate in future, the YCSPL would be in favour of inviting the Huddersfield League to take their place.

- DW has also been following up on our PFP payment from ECB, which was paid into an incorrect bank account, and understands that the ECB are currently trying to recover it.
4. **Proposed advertising and sponsorship structure.** RP said that he had developed a pricing structure in consultation with Graham Swallow and DW, following the expression of interest from *S20 The Boundary*, who are very interested in being able to use our social media. MS said that he would be against unlimited SM access for advertisers because he felt that we should not go down the same route as other organisations whose social media was dominated by adverts. RP fully agreed and said that his proposal was aimed at putting clear limits on SM use, depending on the amount of sponsorship being paid – see appendix 5. The proposal was agreed. **RP to communicate with S20 and other advertisers.**
 5. **Code of Sports Governance.** RP said that MS has put his name forward for the working group, and asked if there were any others interested. As there were not, the working group will comprise RP, MS & DW. **RP to arrange a meeting.**
 6. **Other business**
 - i. *Scunthorpe Town CC.* We have had an initial contact from STCC about the possibility of joining the YCSPL, and have said that we would discuss at LEB. It was agreed that we could not get involved in further discussions with the club because they are not in our catchment area. A Derbyshire club has already been turned down for this reason. **RP to advise STCC accordingly.**
 - ii. *Cricket Yorkshire.* RP said that he had spoken to John Fuller about the possibility of a sponsored article in Cricket Yorkshire about our officials' recruitment work. JF is considering and will respond to RP. **RP to update at next meeting.**
 - iii. *Over 60s World Cup.* RP said that he had been in contact with Mel Mahmood, who is in India with the England Mens' over 60s World Cup squad. He had been asked about doing a website article before the tour, but thought it would be much more interesting to do this after they returned, to reflect experience of the event. Mel is to arrange an audio interview with Nick Gaywood of SCCC, who is in the England team, that can be promoted on SM.
 - iv. *Womens & Girls League Indoor Finals Day.* This had taken place the previous day, and it was agreed that we should include a congratulatory message to the winners in the bulletin. **RP to arrange.**
 7. **Closure.** The meeting closed at 8.40pm. The next meeting will be by Zoom on Monday 25 March (7.00pm).

Matters arising & action points from last meeting

3.ii – ECB scoring guidance included in the last bulletin.

3.iii – information on YCB subs now received.

5 – MS has volunteered to be involved in working party on CoSG compliance. If there are any more volunteers please advise RP by Monday so that a meeting can be arranged.

8 – RP has been in contact with two other sports photographers to obtain comparative costs and is awaiting a quote from the second. Will chase up before the meeting.

9.ii – agenda item 4 – see proposal below; also item published in bulletin asking for volunteers to help on sponsorship front – no response as yet.

9.iii – Bradford League have declined the invite to the T20 challenge and YPLN have been asked.

9.vi – RP has spoken to the club vice-chairman concerned and clearly expressed the views expressed. One of the issues has been resolved and there were extenuating circumstances for the second.

Appendix 2

Umpires' representative report

- Two refresher courses completed great results
- Four umpires' monthly meetings done going really well; members want to carry on for the rest of the year

Terry Bateman

Appendix 3

Scoring manager's report

It has been a busy training period for scoring, with lots going on in our area and beyond.

The League has run training days for the Women & Girls League, the last taking place at Whiston Forge CC on Sunday 25th February. Over 30 scorers have attended the sessions so far, and a couple of clubs have asked for further training.

Four sessions have been arranged for teams in Division 1 and 2 in regard to DLS. The turn-out has been somewhat disappointing, and as a result, two further sessions have been arranged as follows:

- Thursday 7 March 2024 at Wath CC (so far Wath and Rockingham from the Championship have confirmed attendance)
- Thursday 11 April 2024 at Wickersley Old Village CC (so far Wickersley have confirmed attendance)

The following teams have not attended any session or informed me that training is not required

- Conisbrough
- Darfield
- Rotherham Town
- Tickhill 2
- Hatfield Town
- Parkhead
- Sheffield Utd

Two sessions for umpires have been arranged, the first at Whiston PC on Monday 11th March, the second at Elsecar on Tuesday 12th March. The sessions are for all umpires who will umpire in Divisions 1 and 2 and will fully cover DLS.

A guide to DLS has been produced, and is currently on the League's website. This has also been distributed to club scorers who have attended the sessions.

A number of Electronic Scoring Roadshows have been held over the last two months; the next one will be held at Mexborough CC on Tuesday 5 March. A couple more are in the pipeline, and these will be finalised in next day or so.

A training session has been arranged for Premier Section scorers on Saturday 23 March at Shaw Lane, Barnsley. Historically, these sessions have proved to be very useful, and have been well-attended.

A Scorer Level 2 Education Day will take place at Astley Bridge, Bolton, on Sunday 10 March, with a handful of scorers from our League making the trip along the M62.

The Cawthorne scorer, Phil Swaby, attended a Scorer Level 3 Education Day at Derby this month. It is the first stage in him reaching his goal of achieving Level 3 status.

The Doncaster Town scorer, Leanne Clarke, has been shadowing me whilst I have tutored sessions/courses, with her well on the way to be able to tutor on her own. This is a big step for her personally, and for scoring in general in South Yorkshire.

A lot of my time has been taken up answering calls/texts from scorers/clubs in relation to the recent news that scorers over 16 do not now need a DBS. It is important that clubs ensure that plans are in place to ensure the safety of all scorers

Steve Ward

Appendix 4

Senior Section report

The last meeting was held on 15 February – the notes of the meeting can be viewed [here](#).

Appendix 5



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YCSPL advertising & sponsorship package charges

Advertising

	£/unit	Package 1	Package 2	Package 3	Package 4
Handbook advert	£ 60	1	1	1	1
Website advert	£ 80				
Social Media posts per year	£ 40	2	4	6	12
Cost		£ 120	£ 185	£ 250	£ 475
<i>Saving</i>		<i>£ 20</i>	<i>£ 35</i>	<i>£ 50</i>	<i>£ 65</i>
Add website ad		£ 180	£ 240	£ 300	£ 510
<i>Saving</i>		<i>£ 40</i>	<i>£ 60</i>	<i>£ 80</i>	<i>£ 100</i>

Sponsorships

<i>Competitions (each)</i>	<i>Advertising included</i>			
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>H'book</i>	<i>Website</i>	<i>SM posts</i>
Senior Section div'ns & cups*	250	1	1	4
Divisions 1 & 2	500	1	1	6
Championship & Whitworth Cup	750	1	1	8
Premier div'n & K3 Dental Cup	1,000	1	1	10

* except Divs 1/2 & Mick Savage Cup

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Financial statement February 2024

Year to date income & expenditure

<i>Income</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>£</i>
Ball sales	£ 4,375.80	Ball costs	2,145.00
Clothing sales	£ -	Banking services	25.00
Disciplinary hearing costs	£ 167.40	Clothing	-
ECB monies	£ -	Communications	£ 338.36
Handbook adverts	£ -	Cup finals/finals days-Catering Costs	-
Interest at bank	£ 104.19	Digital Laptop Scoring	-
Penalties	£ 5,717.00	Disciplinary hearing costs	142.40
Presentation evening tickets 2023	£ 11,158.10	Donation	-
Sponsorship	£ 4,500.00	ECB monies to clubs	-
Subscriptions	£ -	Electronic media	1,800.00
		Entertaining at cup finals/finals days	-
		Honoraria	1,800.00
		Insurance	-
		Payment Refunds	120.00
		Phone & broadband costs	-
		Presentation evening 2023 costs	11,372.34
		Presentation evening 2024 costs	500.00
		Professional Services	200.00
		Representative Match(s) costs	-
		Room hire	25.00
		Stationery & printing	804.75
		SYCUA	885.00
		Training costs(Rule 59,60)	60.00
		Travel costs	82.40
		Trophies & medals Annual Awards	5,438.91
		Trophies & Medals -Cup finals/finals day	-
		YCB fees	-
		YPLMB subscription	-
Total	26,022.49	Total	25,739.16

Excess income over expenditure 283.03

Development Fund

<i>Income</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>£</i>
c/f	2,844.40	Grant/Donations	
ECB monies		Brookhouse CC	400.00
less expenditure	400.00		
Available balance	2,444.40	Total	400.00

Balance sheet

Current a/c at 30 September 2023	32,027.67
Deposit a/c at 30 September 2023	24,776.69
Excess income o/expend to date	283.03
Total	57,087.39

Represented by

Current account	32,158.92
Savings account	24,507.92
Total	56,698.84

Ashley Boothman
Treasurer
24 February 2024