



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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League Executive Board

36th meeting – Monday 29 April 2024 – 7.00pm by Zoom

Note of meeting

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

1. **Welcome & apologies.** There were no apologies.
2. **Matters arising from last meeting.** See appendix 1 attached.
3. **Reports from Members**
 - i. *Equity & Diversity Group report.* NW had provided a report – attached at appendix 2. There were no matters arising.
 - ii. *Safeguarding Managers' report*
 - LP said that there were no outstanding issues
 - YCB are to conduct some random safeguarding risk assessments; clubs to be reminded of the need to be vigilant - **RP to include in bulletin**
 - iii. *Treasurer's report*
 - AB had provided a financial report – attached at appendix 4
 - AB said that the accounts showed a more healthy position than in reality, as there would be a sizeable payment due to Readers for balls; DW said that the latter were having difficulty shipping balls into the country at the moment
 - iv. *Participation manager's report.* MM said that a new chair (Liz Harris) and a new SM expert (Sarah Wood) had been recruited – both will add real value to the League. MM also said that Alex Littlewood had volunteered to represent the women's and girls' perspective on the League E&DG. NW confirmed that the group were aware and would be in contact.
 - v. *Umpires' representative's report.* TB said that nothing much had happened yet because there had been little cricket. He confirmed that the monthly meetings would resume next month, and he would let RP have details to publicise in the bulletin. DW added that an Australian umpire would be guesting with the League between May and August.
 - 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 the next committee meeting would be in May.
 - viii. *Senior Section report.* DW had provided the [notes of the April Senior Section committee meeting](#). MS added that he was aware of an application to join from Sheffield Super Kings, and that the club would be told that it must be a 'whole club' application.
 - ix. *Compliance manager's report*
 - CF reported that he was not getting notifications of overseas player registration forms – **RP to raise with Steve Taylor**

- he also said that we need to make it very clear next season to clubs that registration of an overseas amateur is not simply someone who does not meet the professional criteria; they must satisfy the criteria for an amateur and must not be paid – **CF & RP to liaise about publicising this**
- x. *Competitions Manager's report.* MS said that the new clubs for 2025 had provisionally been placed into divisions as follows:
- Division 2:* Frickley Colliery 1st XI
 - Division 5:* Wadworth 1st XI
 - Division 6:* Waverley 1st XI
 - Division 9:* Frickley Colliery, Sheffield University Staff, Wadworth & Waverley 2nd XIs
- xi. *YCB update.* GD reported as follows:
- the deadline for Clubmark and Safe hands compliance would be the following day – all but one relevant club are now compliant and he was confident that the other is nearly there
 - he thanked all the clubs and the League for their help in achieving this; he added that the new administrator at BWMCC has done a great job
 - Handsworth JSC have raised issues about registering asylum seekers – **GD to signpost to CF**
 - he is currently working with Penistone CC on the new pavilion project; a winter start is hoped for
 - RP referred to the action point on National Programmes – **GD to liaise on a statement with RP**
- xii. *Chairmans'/ECB update.* DW referred to the communication from ECB about the Premier League criteria 2024. RP will produce a short summary for discussion at the next meeting – see appendix 5
4. **Allocation of ECB monies.** RP is finalising the analysis of club performance against the agreed criteria for comment and approval by the Premier Section committee at their May meeting.
5. **Code of Sports Governance.** RP and MS spoken on the proposals forwarded in advance from their working group meeting. There was broad agreement to the proposals and the following points were made:
- AB queried the arrangements for finances, and RP said that the intention was to enable the W&GL to become a section within the YCSPL in the same way as the Premier and Senior sections, and that they should have access to the same support functions as those two sections. There should be discussion with the W&GL about future finance arrangements.
 - There was general agreement that safeguarding was of such importance that there should be a specific LEB role, and LP agreed that additional safeguarding roles on the section committees could be very useful support for her, as she was unable to visit every club during the season.
 - The next steps will be to draft proposals for amendments to the constitution and admin rules, and convene another meeting of the working group – **RP to action**
6. **Other business**
- i. DW referred to some false allegations being made by an ex-player against one of our clubs; the matter has been placed in the hands of the disciplinary committee
- ii. RP referred to the list of actions for clubs to recruit officials circulated in advance; not all members had time to read in detail – **RP asked that members read the document and feed back any issues to him asap**
- iii. LP referred to the issue of facilities at RCCC, and it was agreed to place the item on the agenda for the next meeting; CF asked for a summary as he was unaware of the issue – **LP & RP to arrange**
- iv. Club mailings. RP said that Steve Taylor had alerted him to the fact that there were currently three mailing lists being used to issue general communications to clubs. RP said that, for the bulletin and other general information, he was using a list compiled from responses to the club contacts questionnaire that GS and he had circulated before the season. The list used for the generic emails is out of date. DW said that the suggestion that Melvyn Bond is using a third mailing to issue information is incorrect. It was agreed that ST be asked to update the generic mailings with the information from RP's spreadsheet, in order to ensure consistency. **RP will report back at the next meeting**, but in the meantime said that he is happy to include any information in the bulletin, or issue any emails to clubs.

7. **Closure.** The meeting closed at 8.10pm. The next meeting will be on Monday 20 May (7.00pm).
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Appendix 1

Feedback on action points from last meeting

- John Hobson has agreed to do the cup finals for us at a cost of £120 each and the T20 finals day for £150. He is available for all dates except the Whitworth Cup final.
- action points at 3.ii, 3.iii, 3.vii, 3.xi (2nd bullet), 6, 7 all cleared
- action points at 3.i, 3.xi (1st bullet) carried forward

Appendix 2

Equity & Diversity report

- there has not been an E&DG meeting since 22 November due to the personal circumstances of two key members of the group
- attendance is a challenge and we are addressing this by developing a commitment code – for example, must attend 75% of all meetings within a calendar year
- we are also looking to recruit new members from all backgrounds
- the E&DG action plan to be developed and finalised after the ECB publish their report in the coming weeks; this will require input from YCB via a working group

Nelson Windle

Appendix 3

Scoring manager's report

- I have almost finished the scoring sessions for this period. I am recovering from a chest infection, and have had to cancel a couple of DLS sessions. My aim is to do a couple of sweep-up sessions, probably by Zoom, after this week.
- I have done around 25 sessions/courses during the winter, at all levels, and continue to field queries and give advice to clubs/scorers on all aspects of scoring.

Steve Ward



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Financial statement April 2024

Year to date income & expenditure

<u>Income</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>£</u>
Ball sales	37,862.40	Ball costs	11,426.97
Clothing sales	0.00	Banking services	30.00
Disciplinary hearing costs	167.40	Clothing	0.00
ECB monies	4,057.00	Communications	495.53
Handbook adverts	0.00	Cup finals/finals days-Catering Costs	0.00
Interest at bank	183.52	Digital Laptop Scoring	100.00
Penalties	5,717.00	Disciplinary hearing costs	142.40
Presentation evening tickets 2023	11,518.10	Donation	0.00
Sponsorship	4,500.00	ECB monies to clubs	0.00
Subscriptions	7,910.00	Electronic media	1,800.00
		Entertaining at cup finals/finals days	0.00
		Honoraria	1,800.00
		Insurance	3,091.95
		Payment Refunds	0.00
		Phone & broadband costs	464.92
		Presentation evening 2023 costs	11,372.64
		Presentation evening 2024 costs	500.00
		Professional Services	200.00
		Representative Match(s) costs	0.00
		Room hire	25.00
		Stationery & printing	2,055.75
		SYCUA	885.00
		Training costs(Rule 59,60)	60.00
		Travel costs	154.00
		Trophies & medals Annual Awards	5,438.91
		Trophies & Medals -Cup finals/finals day	0.00
		YCB fees	5,070.00
		YPLMB subscription	0.00
Total	71,915.42	Total	45,113.07
Excess income over expenditure	26,802.35		

Development Fund

<u>Income</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>£</u>
c/f	2,844.40	Grant/Donations	
ECB monies		Brookhouse CC	400.00
		Stocksbridge CC	280.00
		Penistone CC	400.00
		Thorpe Hesley & High Green CC	900.00
less expenditure	1,980.00	Total	1,980.00
Available balance	864.40		

Balance sheet

Current a/c at 30 September 2023	32,027.67
Deposit a/c at 30 September 2023	24,889.69
Excess income o/expend to date	26,802.35
Development Fund Expenditure	1,980.00
Total	83,719.71
<i>Represented by</i>	
Current account	58,399.50
Savings account(inc Dev't Fund)	22,980.21
Total	81,379.71

Ashley Boothman
Treasurer
27 April 2024

ECB Premier League accreditation requirements 2024

League structure and playing conditions. Provide the latest information on your league structure for the 2024 season including the number of clubs and teams, with playing conditions and details of any formal links with 'feeder leagues'.

Standards of fair play, pitches, officials. Pitch & fair play marks for the top two 1st XI divisions of the League. All Umpires operating in Premier Leagues should be members of ECB ACO; it is preferred that scorers are made members of ECB ACO by their clubs.

Junior cricket. Any club without three junior sides, which could include a girls' hardball team, up to and including U15 level, playing hardball cricket in 2024 to be identified, ECB advised, and an action plan put into place to correct this. ECB to be advised of the clubs without three Junior sides in the top two 1st

Clubmark accreditation. In addition to clubs being compliant on the Safe Hands Management System (SHMS), the ECB requires clubs to upload key governance documents to the Clubmark system for review by 30th June. Evidence across the Clubmark Portal and SHMS will then be reviewed for compliance.

Websites. All Premier Leagues are required to update Play-Cricket within 24 hours of the end of play each week with fixtures and summary results to ensure the League table is correct. Clubs in the top two 1st XI divisions of the League must submit complete full scorecard details within 24 hours of the end of play. The League 'About Us' section of the Play-Cricket site must be kept up to date and all clubs must enter, as a minimum, ground and clubhouse details, team information with at least three contacts and e-mail address in this section of the site.

Registration. Leagues must ensure, as a minimum, that all players in the top two 1st XI divisions of the League are registered on Play-Cricket. Players will need to have agreed to abide by the General Conduct Regulations, the Anti-Discrimination Code and the Laws of Cricket, including the Spirit of Cricket. This will include understanding the impact of a suspension (any suspension imposed by the League will apply to all cricket played under the auspices of the ECB and affiliated Leagues – not just the league that the player is registered with).

Registration of players. All Premier Leagues must ensure that their registration procedures identify the category of the player (1, 2 or 3) in accordance with ECB guidance.

Coaches. All coaches need to have completed the ECB vetting procedures, including seasonal coach-players arriving in England and Wales for the 2024 season.

Player discipline. All Leagues must inform players that Leagues will be providing to ECB details using the Player Suspension system on Play-Cricket, of any players who are subject to disciplinary penalties or suspended for part or all the 2024 season, and that this information may be shared with other Leagues and will be accessible by County Cricket Boards. Details will include the player's name, club, the nature of the offence, the sanction and the start and end dates of the suspension.

Disparity policy. Use of the ECB Disparity Policy in respect of players where concerns are raised is now part of the accreditation criteria.

Performance related fee payments

There will be two components to the PRFP payments in 2024:

1. provide to the ECB diversity information relating to the 2024 League Committee (in accordance with Data Protection requirements); adopt and implement the Sport England Code for Sports Governance during the 2024 season, advising ECB where, if any, gaps exist
2. provide evidence that the Premier League are advising all clubs that having at least one girls' team is a requirement for playing cricket in the top two 1st XI divisions of the League in 2025 and that other clubs within the League are being encouraged to start a girls' section if they have not already done so

Financial arrangements

Payment will be made in two tranches reflecting the 'teams'-based model of funding. This will be allocated as 75% Fixed Fee and 25% Performance Related Fee payment.

Timescales

By Friday 24th May 2024:

- submit a list of any top two division 1st X1 clubs without three separate Junior hard ball cricket teams
- ensure all registered Category 3 players to be listed on Play-Cricket
- submit a list of any major changes to playing conditions in top two divisions of 1st X1 cricket; e.g, 120 overs to 110 overs or timed cricket to Win/Lose.

By Friday 25th October 2024

- pitch & Fair Play Marking for top two division 1st X1 clubs.
- any clubs in top two 1st X1 divisions of 1st X1 that do not meet Clubmark requirements.
- confirmation that the League has adopted the Sport England Code for Sports Governance and submission of League committee diversity data.

Fixed fee payment to be made on or by 31st July 2024

PRFP Fee payment made on or by 31st December 2024