



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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League Executive Board

37th meeting – Monday 20 May 2024 – 7.00pm by Zoom

Note of meeting

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

1. **Welcome & apologies.** There were apologies tendered by Ashley Boothman and Matt Summerhill.
2. **Matters arising and action points from last meeting.** See appendix 1 attached.
3. **Reports from Members**
 - i. *Equity & Diversity Group report*
 - NW said there has been no response yet from YCB; DW to write to Paul Cummins
 - NW said that the group will press ahead with a meeting and invite those who have expressed interest
 - ii. *Safeguarding Managers' report*
 - following a recent incident, it was agreed that we should remind clubs that juniors should not be used as on-field umpires, even at the striker's end, and that where there are no umpires, clubs should be reminded of the need to retain team cards for three years; **RP to arrange via the bulletin**
 - LP said that there had been a recent case where a junior had been left alone in the scoreboard during a game and the umpires had made no check on them; DW to ask Paul McFarlane to remind umpires of the need to check on junior scorers during the innings
 - iii. *Treasurer's report.* AB had provided a financial report – attached at appendix 5. DW said that there has been no invoice from Readers for balls as yet.
 - iv. *Participation manager's report.* MM had provided a report – attached at appendix 2. She added that Rockingham have now withdrawn from the W&GL for the remainder of this season, but Fishlake are now back on board and have apologised for the issues reported.
 - v. *Umpires' representative's report*
 - TB said that the monthly meetings have resumed; **RP will publicise in the bulletin**
 - TB said that there are issues with the steps to the scoreboard at Clifton Lane, where there is no handrail, and they are potentially unsafe; **DW to raise with RTCC**
 - vi. *Scoring Manager's report.* SW said that training activity had largely died down now the season has started, with only a couple of clubs seeking help.
 - vii. *Premier Section report.* RP had provided a report – attached at appendix 3. He added that:
 - the revised wording of Admin Rule 38.iv will be put to the PS committee at the rescheduled meeting on 12 June
 - The Birmingham document would be used as a template for proposed Premier Section standards, to be worked up by CF & RP

- viii. *Senior Section report.* DW said that there had been a meeting in the previous week and that the notes would be circulated. There were a couple of issues with clubs; Sheffield United have no printer in the scoreboard and Monk Bretton played two first-team players in their second team. [[Notes of last meeting](#)]
- ix. *Compliance manager's report*
- CF said that he was still considering the issue of guidance to clubs on amateur status and will be working with RP on a draft
 - he also said that there needs to be a deadline for submitting applications to register overseas players if the club intends to play them on the next weekend; he will recommend a realistic deadline
- x. *Competitions Manager's report.* In the absence of MS, DW said that the previous good weekend had enabled a number of cup-ties to be played, and that we are not far off schedule.
- xi. *YCB update.* There was no update in the absence of GD.
- xii. *Chairmans'/ECB update.* DW said that there had not been any notification of the annual ECB PL chairmens' meeting, and no further communication about the Yorkshire Premier Leagues play-offs. Note that after the meeting DW contacted Alan Birkinshaw again, and received the following response:
'The final will be staged at Castleford. I asked YPLN to source the venue as they are not staging a semi-final. The semis are NYSD v YPLN and YCSPL v BPL.'
4. **Allocation of ECB monies.** The proposal drafted by RP was approved (see appendix 6).
5. **Pontefract & District League.** The P&DCL have asked to amend the Memorandum of Understanding between our leagues to stop clubs coming in to our league higher than at Division 4 level (the current agreement is Division 2). It was agreed that we are not in agreement with this change.
6. **Premier Leagues play-offs – future arrangements.** Following up on the comments made in the Premier Section meeting, RP said that there was concern about the lack of consultation and transparency, and sought agreement to pull together a proposal for organisation of the play-offs in future years. This was agreed.
7. **Rockingham Colliery CC.** LP had provided a report – attached at appendix 4. There is concern at the current situation at Rockingham Colliery CC. The ground has been bought for redevelopment, and it has been agreed that a new ground must be provided. However, there has been no progress since before the YCSPL was formed and the club is in limbo. They are not being allowed to use all the facilities at the ground, and there is no social area for them to use or area to display essential information, etc. This is impacting on the club's ability to attract and retain players, including juniors and women and girls. It was agreed that we should support the club in any way we can. It is suggested that the local MP should be involved; CF said that it would be necessary to demonstrate to the MP how the agreed terms are not being met, and said that it was notoriously difficult to unpick these things. He offered to have a look if the relevant documents could be sent to him.
8. **Houghton Main CC.** There have been a number of issues relating to player registration involving the club. DW and RP will arrange to meet key officials at the club.
9. **Closure.** There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.15pm. The next meeting will be on Monday 24 June (7.00pm by Zoom).

Action points from last meeting

All cleared except:

- RP & CF to liaise about publicity on overseas amateurs – c/f
- Code of Sports Governance – RP will put proposals to sub-group in next two weeks
- Club mailings – RP has asked ST to align generic emails with the mailing list – confirmation awaited that this is done

Participation Manager's report

We are having issues with regards to fixtures being conceded either prior to or on the day of the match and the W&G's League/ Fixtures Lead (Brian Hepworth) not being informed.

- I have been informed that Fishlake conceded their match against Wombwell Main this Sunday 19.5.24. This is the second concession by Fishlake already this season. In addition, I am also aware that Fishlake cancelled and rearranged their match with Elsecar on 28.4.24 -at short notice as they were unable to raise a team. This follows multiple concessions last season.
- I have also been informed that Rockingham Rubies conceded their match against Tickhill this Sunday 19.5.24. This is the third concession by Rockingham already this season. In addition, I am also aware that Rockingham dropped out of the indoor season over the winter.

I am also concerned that the League has had no notifications from Fishlake about any of these postponements and rearrangements and we have been reliant on various opponents to notify us.

Clearly it is not in the interests of Women and Girl's cricket across the whole of South Yorkshire for this situation to continue. Fishlake's and Rockingham's opponents have spent time and often money arranging grounds, transport, refreshments and so on as well as related issues such as child care.

We hope that going forward the clubs will be more communicative and will fulfil their obligations and fixtures in the League for the remainder of the season, however, in the meantime, Brian Hepworth has emailed all the clubs concerned reminding them of their obligations. They have also been reminded that the general YCSPL admin rule iv will be applied for future breaches.

Clearly this is not a position the W&G's League wants to be in as we feel it demoralises Teams that are available to play, causes much aggravation to the persons who have to organise the fixtures, officials, grounds, travel etc.

We have also offered support via Dean Smith at the YCB. However, the SYW&GCL needs to see much greater engagement from the clubs. Advice is sought and greatly appreciated from the SCSPL LEB in this matter and would it be possible for a missive from the LEB be sent to the relevant clubs and a reminder via the general bulletin to clubs?

Note of informal Premier Section meeting on 15 May

1. A formal meeting did not take place because, in addition to the absence of Andy Harrison in Tenerife, four further apologies were received on the day of the meeting. An informal discussion on the agenda items took place between Mark Beardshall, Chris Froggett, Roger Pugh & Steve Ward (Bryan Lowe joined later).
2. *Replacement of overseas players before 30 June.* The suggested wording was agreed except for the fact that we felt that the club should also have the opportunity to terminate an overseas player if they were found not to be up to the mark or their behaviour was not satisfactory. RP has drafted a revised amendment to 38.iv as follows:
 - a. subject to the approval of the Premier Section Committee, where the original overseas player has to return home unexpectedly and will not return; either in the case of illness, injury, personal or family circumstances, or where the club deem his conduct or performance to be unsatisfactory
 - b. where the first team overseas player's arrival into the UK is delayed, they may be replaced in that team by the second team overseas player at the start of the season only, etc
3. *Minimum Premier Section standards.* The Birmingham League document had been circulated but there had not been time for everyone to study in detail. Points made were:
 - auditing a number of grounds selected by the PS Committee on an annual basis by a grounds sub-committee was thought to a good way forward – to ensure consistency, the sub-committee should as far as possible retain the same membership
 - some standards that would be non-negotiable and others would be desirable
 - there needs to be a clear and agreed process where a club falls short of the required standards
 - whilst the Birmingham document has some very good content, there is scope to edit it

4. *Distribution of ECB funding.* The document relating to allocation of ECB funding will go forward to LEB for approval, but we will look more radically at how funding should be distributed in the future and make some proposals. Points made included:
 - we should not reward clubs for simply meeting expected standards, we should reward excellence
 - the idea of encouraging home-grown players is good, but the ‘under 21’ means that there is a cliff edge effect’– we need to put emphasis on ‘home produced’ with possibly a higher age limit
 - funding could be allocated to help clubs achieve standards
5. *Reducing bowlers’ overs – playing condition 12.vi.* There was general agreement that the rule should be revised to allow bowlers overs to be reduced in line with ECB National and other leagues.
6. *Cup Competitions*
 - SW reported that the K3 game between Clifton Alliance and Treeton cannot be played until 9 June due to T20 group days in the different leagues and rearranged league games in YPLN. RP suggested that we look at making the K3 a ‘second half of the season’ competition, to avoid T20 and National clashes as much as possible (still may be affected by a club who reaches latter stages)
 - RP will arrange the Whitworth 2nd round draw for Sunday
7. YCCC under 18s game in June. SW has arrangements in hand. To be held at WTCC, team to be co-ordinated by BWMCC.
8. Next steps. The formal meeting to be rescheduled within the next three weeks, at which there will be further discussion on items 3 and 4.

Appendix 4

Rockingham Colliery CCC

The ground has been bought by a developer from the current owners, the Forge Partnership.

The facility is now failing the local community:

- there is no access for spectators to buy refreshments as the bar facility is no longer available
- the ground is becoming increasingly soulless and numbers within the junior section are falling
- there is a lack of storage space and the scoreboard is used, culminating in traffic throughout games
- there is no place for safeguarding documents to be displayed other than outside the changing rooms, where parents never access
- the relationship between the local council and the Forge Partnership appears to have broken down.
- a new facility has been promised but appears to be taking forever – progress is very slow.

There was a meeting last week between the committee and local councillor Andy Wray about the situation, but no outcome yet.

Lindsay Pepper



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Financial statement at 17 May 2024

Year to date income & expenditure

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Ball sales	38,174.40	Ball costs	11,426.97
Clothing sales	-	Banking services	30.00
Disciplinary hearing costs	167.40	Clothing	-
ECB monies	4,057.00	Communications	511.12
Handbook adverts	-	Cup finals/finals days-Catering Costs	-
Interest at bank	208.07	Digital Laptop Scoring	100.00
Penalties	5,817.00	Disciplinary hearing costs	142.40
Presentation evening tickets 2023	11,158.10	Donation	-
Sponsorship	4,500.00	ECB monies to clubs	-
Subscriptions	12,145.00	Electronic media	1,800.00
		Entertaining at cup finals/finals days	120.00
		Honoraria	1,800.00
		Insurance	3,091.95
		Payment Refunds	-
		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	-
		Room hire	25.00
		Stationery & printing	2,055.75
		SYCUA	885.00
		Training costs	60.00
		Travel costs	154.00
		Trophies & medals Annual Awards	5,438.91
		Trophies & Medals -Cup finals/finals day	-
		YCB fees	5,070.00
		YPLMB subscription	-
Total	76,226.97	Total	45,248.66

Excess income over expenditure **30,978.31**

Development Fund

Income	£	Expenditure	£
c/f	2,844.00	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	864.00		

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	30,978.31
Development Fund Expenditure	1,980.00
Total	85,915.67
<i>Represented by</i>	
Current account	62,910.91
Savings account (inc Development Fund)	23,004.76
Total	85,915.67

Ashley Boothman
Treasurer
19 May 2024



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Allocation of ECB funding for 2023

1 General principles

£15,883 ECB money has been received from ECB, which is to be allocated on the basis of percentage shares as agreed by the LEB earlier in the year, in line with the following principles:

Beneficiary	% of payment	£ equivalent	Max £ share per club
Premier Division clubs*	60%	£9,529.80	800
Championship Division 1 st XI clubs*	30%	£4,764.90	400
Development Fund	10%	£1,588.30	-

* To be allocated dependent on achieving the criteria below. Failure to achieve any of these criteria will result in the withholding of the appropriate percentage of the club's share; in addition, any club not fielding the mandatory number of junior teams on a regular basis in recognised junior leagues will result in the withholding of an additional 10% of their club's share.

Area	Criteria	% share
Pitch markings	An average marking of at least 15/20.	25
Outfield markings	An average marking of at least 3.5/5.	25
Facilities audit	Grounds to be audited against the provision of an agreed list of facilities, to be in good order, aligned with either ECB Premier League requirements or the League's Ground & Facilities criteria (or a combination thereof) – must achieve at least 90% (Premier Division) or 80% (Championship Division) to qualify.	10
All Stars/Dynamos	Must run, and must achieve at least 80% of the participation achieved in the previous season.	10
Junior players in senior cricket	Over the course of the season, the average number of games played by any players under 21 years old in the club's first and second teams together, must be at least five per game played.	10
Womens' & girls' participation	Must have a womens'/girls' section and at least one soft or hard ball team playing in a recognised competition.	10
Junior hardball teams	Must have three in line with the ECB Premier League requirement.	10

2 2023 Allocations

Club	Pitch markings	Outfield markings	Facilities audit	All Stars & Dynamos	U21s in sen' XIs	W & G particip'n	Junior hardball teams	Total %	£ share
Premier Division (percentage awarded in each category)									
Appleby Frodingham	0	25	10	10	10	5	10	70	560
Aston Hall	0	25	10	0	10	5	10	60	480
Barnsley Woolley M	25	25	10	0	10	0	10	80	640
Cleethorpes	25	25	10	10	0	0	10	80	640
Doncaster Town	0	25	10	10	10	10	10	75	600
Elsecar	25	25	10	10	0	10	10	90	720
Hallam	0	0	10	10	10	10	10	50	400
Sheffield Collegiate	25	25	10	10	10	10	10	100	800
Tickhill	25	25	10	10	0	10	10	90	720
Treeton	25	25	10	10	0	10	10	90	720
Wakefield Thornes	25	25	10	10	10	0	10	90	720
Whitley Hall	0	0	10	10	0	10	10	40	320
Total									£7,220

Championship division									
Cawthorne	25	25	10	10	0	10	10	90	360
Conisbrough	25	25	10	10	10	0	10	90	360
Darfield	0	25	10	0	10	10	10	65	260
Houghton Main	0	25	10	0	0	0	0	35	140
Shiregreen	0	25	10	10	0	0	10	55	220
Sprotbrough	0	25	10	10	10	0	10	65	260
Wath	25	25	10	10	0	0	10	80	320
Whiston PC	0	25	10	10	10	10	10	75	300
Wickersley Old Village	25	25	10	10	0	10	10	90	360
									Total £2,580

3 Development Fund

Of the total pot available to Premier Section clubs of £14,294.70, £9,800 has been allocated, leaving a further £4,494.70 to be transferred to the Development Fund, making a total of £6,083.

Roger Pugh
May 2024

Supporting information (those met are highlighted in yellow)

Club	Pitch markings	Outfield markings	All Stars & Dynamos			U21s in sen' XIs			W&G partip ⁿ		Three jnr hardball teams
			2022	2023	%	Places	U21s	%*	Sect'n	Team	
Premier											
Appleby Frodingham	13.14	3.63	38	45	118.4	336	86	26.0	Y	N	Y
Aston Hall	14.51	3.80	9	4	44.4	429	122	28.4	Y	N	Y
Barnsley Woolley M	15.99	4.18	43	22	50.0	418	166	39.7	N	N	Y
Cleethorpes	16.17	4.25	38	33	86.8	385	73	19.0	Y	N	Y
Doncaster Town	14.54	4.23	35	30	85.7	440	109	24.8	Y	Y	Y
Elsecar	15.11	4.00	8	15	187.5	385	79	20.5	Y	Y	Y
Hallam	14.56	3.11	300	277	92.3	363	86	23.7	Y	Y	Y
Sheffield Collegiate	15.72	4.29	50	44	88.0	385	116	30.1	Y	Y	Y
Tickhill	15.01	3.91	109	99	90.8	396	59	3.2	Y	Y	Y
Treeton	15.23	3.56	45	40	88.9	407	84	20.6	Y	Y	Y
Wakefield Thornes	15.89	4.00			89.5	418	161	38.5	N	N	Y
Whitley Hall	14.60	2.90	55	53	96.4	363	68	18.7	Y	Y	Y
Championship											
Cawthorne	15.64	4.27	95	87	91.6	418	51	12.2	Y	N	Y
Conisbrough	15.10	4.20	8	9	112.5	385	120	31.2	N	N	Y
Darfield	12.50	3.50	33	11	33.3	385	95	24.7	Y	Y	Y
Houghton Main	14.45	4.44	22	0	0	319	52	16.3	N	N	N
Shiregreen	13.40	3.80	27	26	96.3	385	12	3.1	N	N	Y
Sprotbrough	14.80	4.38	16	42	262.5	407	124	30.4	N	N	Y
Wath	15.01	4.38	72	72	100	407	77	18.9	N	N	Y
Whiston Parish	14.30	4.00	42	50	119.0	407	189	46.4	Y	Y	Y
Wickersley Old Village	17.00	4.43	95	85	89.5	418	84	20.1	Y	Y	Y

* 22.8% equates to an average of 5 players in top two teams