



# Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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## League Executive Board

38<sup>th</sup> meeting – Monday 24 June 2024 – 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, Steve Ward, Nelson Windle

1. **Welcome & apologies.** There were apologies tendered by Ashley Boothman.
2. **Matters arising and action points from last meeting.** All action points cleared except the RTCC issue – the unsafe handrail to the scoreboard. **DW to speak to John Whaling.**
3. **Reports from Members**
  - i. *Equity & Diversity Group report.* NW said that Jason Booth has been on holiday and will be following up on the meeting with YCB on return. In the meantime, the advert for new members has been finalised and published. **RP to advertise in the bulletin.**
  - ii. *Safeguarding Managers' report.* LP said that she had been very busy and is concerned that safeguarding is still not being taken as seriously as it should. **LP to bring any specific concerns to the attention of DW.**
  - iii. *Treasurer's report*
    - AB had provided a financial report – attached at appendix 1.
    - AB had issued a note to clubs about the Development Fund, saying that the money needs to be used or it will be lost – this needs correcting. **RP to include in the bulletin.**
    - MS said that the Fund was a good news story, and said that we need to publicise it more. DW said that the money was there was to be paid when work was done, not planned, and that receipts would be requested.
  - iv. *Participation manager's report.* MM said that there were currently some teething problems around issues such as recording results and rearranging fixtures, but they were being worked on.
  - v. *Umpires' representative's report*
    - TB said that there had been a couple of reports, the meetings were going ahead and were open to anyone with an interest in umpiring
    - he said that the Australian guest umpire is very good
    - MS raised the issue of recruitment, and that there is a place for anybody and everybody – **RP to emphasise in the bulletin and on the website recruitment page, and also include information about the ECB Umpiring Course**
  - vi. *Scoring Manager's report.* SW said that although there was no training activity, he was very busy 'on the field'.
  - vii. *Premier Section report.* RP had provided a link to the [notes of the last committee meeting](#) but had nothing to add that was not already on the agenda.
  - viii. *Senior Section report.* DW had provided a link to the [notes of the last committee meeting](#) and there was nothing else to report.

- ix. *Compliance manager's report.* CF said that he had nothing to report that was not covered on the agenda.
- x. *Competitions Manager's report*
- MS said that the cup competition situation, exacerbated by the weather, was made more difficult by the lack of a co-ordinated approach across the leagues. Both he and MS believed this exposed a void now that the PLMB no longer existed. RP felt that the PLMB had always been reluctant to get involved in the issue of cup competitions.
  - MS said that there had been no interest declared by P&DCL teams in entering the League via the pyramid system, and he had amended the Play-Cricket tables. He asked that clubs be informed. **RP to arrange via the bulletin.**
  - MS added that Wadworth, who are joining us from the Bassetlaw League, finish in a relegation position in their current Bassetlaw division (1), they will be placed in Division 6, and the third-placed team in our Division 6 in 2024 will be promoted.
  - So far, applications have been received for 2026 from West Bretton and another club, who need to request permission from their current League.
- xi. *YCB update.* GD said that:
- online Clubmark and safeguarding recording is up-to-date for our clubs
  - participation in All Stars and Dynamos in South Yorkshire is on target to achieve 2023 levels
  - Women's & Girls' League cricket is 'flying'
  - a Barnsley & Doncaster development manager is being recruited
- xii. *Chairmans'/ECB update.* Nothing to report.
4. **Houghton Main.** The lack of response to the letter from DW & RP was discussed. It was agreed that the situation was totally unsatisfactory, and after discussion, it was agreed that a face-to-face meeting was necessary. DW, RP and GD will attend, along with MM and MS if possible. There are two main issues that need addressing. Firstly, the club playing ineligible players and players using false names, for which separate sanctions are appropriate, and, secondly, the general standard of administration at the club, now and in the future. **DW will write to the club asking them to attend a meeting.**
5. **Umpires lower age limit.** Hallam have asked the League to lower the age limit for umpires from 19. RP pointed out that the ECB use a limit of 14, and proposed a reduction to 16. This was rejected, the majority preferring to retain the current limit.
6. **Premier Section standards.** RP referred to the draft document circulated in advance, and clarified that where a club did not meet the required standards, the procedure would be for them to either apply for exemption, where compliance was not possible, or put into place a plan to meet the standard. CF said that this would need to be a realistic and achievable plan for improvement over an agreed timescale up to three years. GD said that where the improvements concerned the playing area, assistance of ECB pitch advisers could be arranged. RP said that the one area that needed further work was dressing room sizes. It would not be realistic to expect everyone to meet ECB new build standards, so we will seek size information from current clubs that have adequate dressing room space, and use this as the minimum. The document was agreed.
7. **Leagues play-offs – future arrangements.** The attached paper – appendix 2 – was agreed. It will be sent to YCB, Alan Birkinshaw and the other League chairmen.
8. **Rule changes.** The changes circulated in advance were agreed – see appendix 3. On the issue of transfers, the option of 'no return within four weeks' was agreed upon.
9. **Other business**
- i. *Development Fund.* Grants have been agreed as contribution towards costs for Penistone (sightscreens, £500); Whiston Forge (fencing, £900) and Thorncliffe & Wentworth (scoreboard, £1,000 once work completed).

- ii. *Wombwell Main 2nds v Norton Woodseats 2nds.* The League is investigating a reported incident involving racial abuse and assault, in which the police are also involved. Team cards are being requested, to follow up an allegation that an incorrect name was entered on P-C. E&DG to be advised.
- iii. *Coal Aston player incident.* A request for information about the League response has been received from the Sheffield Tribune and a statement has been prepared in liaison with the Disciplinary Manager, the E&DG and Coal Aston CC. YCB are aware.

Appendix 1



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### Financial statement 21 June 2024

#### Year to date income & expenditure

<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£</b>
Ball sales	41,138.40	Ball costs	47,788.39
Clothing sales	-	Banking services	30.00
Disciplinary hearing costs	167.40	Clothing	803.00
ECB monies	4,057.00	Communications	581.91
Handbook adverts	250.00	Cup finals/finals days-Catering Costs	-
Interest at bank	208.07	Digital Laptop Scoring	100.00
Penalties	5,917.00	Disciplinary hearing costs	142.40
Presentation evening tickets 2023	11,158.10	Donation	-
Sponsorship	5,958.00	ECB monies to clubs	9,740.00
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	100.00
		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	545.00
		Room hire	25.00
		Stationery & printing	2,055.75
		SYCUA	885.00
		Training costs	690.00
		Travel costs	154.00
		Trophies & medals Annual Awards	5,438.91
		Trophies & Medals -Cup finals/finals day	-
		YCB fees	5,070.00
		YPLMB subscription	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>80,998.97</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>93,498.87</b>

**Excess income over expenditure (12,499.90)**

#### Development Fund

<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£</b>
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		
<b>Available balance</b>	<b>864.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,980.00</b>

#### Balance sheet

Current a/c at 30 September 2023	32,027.67
Deposit a/c at 30 September 2023	24,915.91
Excess income o/expend to date	(12,499.90)
Development Fund Expenditure	1,980.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,463.68</b>

#### Represented by

Current account	19,432.70
Savings account(inc Dev't Fund)	23,030.98
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,463.68</b>

**Ashley Boothman**  
Treasurer  
23 June 2024



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### Proposal for the organisation of the Yorkshire Premier Leagues Play-Offs

1. The play-offs to continue in the same format as now, with games to be played on the last two weekends in September.
2. Finals to be hosted on a ground nominated by each of the Leagues in turn, eg,
  - 2023 – Bradford
  - 2024 – YPLN
  - 2025 – NY&SD
  - 2026 – YCSPL
  - and so on*
3. The organisation of the play-offs to be the responsibility of a four-person committee comprising one representative each nominated by the four competing leagues. The committee to elect one person as chair and one as secretary. Organising meetings to be held at least twice a year via video conferencing, minutes taken and distributed to the four leagues.
4. The cost of teas for teams, officials and guests and fees for umpires for the final should be met by a levy set by the organising committee and charged to each league. These costs in the semi-finals to be met jointly by the competing clubs.
5. In all play-off games, the hosting club to be allowed to organise fund-raising activities on the day but not to charge for admission.
6. In the event of one of the four leagues no longer wishing to participate, other leagues should be approached. A replacement league to be admitted by a simple majority of the three remaining leagues. Once a League has withdrawn, they should not be allowed to return.
7. Changes to the organisation and rules to be made following a simple majority vote by the committee, whose members will be expected to represent the views of their own league.
8. Player feedback to be sought on the value and organisation of the play-offs from members of the Premier Division in each league clubs on at least a three-yearly basis.

## Agreed changes to administrative rules

- 14 Standards.** Clubs must comply with the requirements of the separate *Ground & Facilities Standards* document on the League website. In addition:
- i. Premier Section clubs will be required to adhere to the requirements of the *Premier Section standards* document.
  - ii. ECB Club development and safeguarding accreditation (*Clubmark*) will be required for all teams down to and including Division 3.
  - iii. In divisions 7, 8, and 9, ECB-approved artificial pitches may be used, with advance permission of the Senior Section committee, provided that there are adequate dressing rooms, scoring facilities, and sightscreens.
- 38.iv An overseas player in any one team may be replaced once during the season prior to the 30 June, subject to the approval of the Premier Section committee, where:
- a. the original overseas player has to return home unexpectedly, and will not return, in the case of illness, injury, family or personal circumstances, or where the club deem his conduct or performance to be unsatisfactory
- 41.iii Players who transfer to another club are prohibited from returning to the club they have transferred from, or to any other YCSPL club, for a period of four weeks.
- 57 **Club nomination of umpires.** All clubs must nominate at least one umpire for the YPLUA or SYCUA umpires' panel, or to stand as a club umpire in Divisions 3 and below, as follows:
66. **Trophies.** Clubs are responsible for the safety, protection and insurance of all league team and individual trophies in the possession of the club and its' members in the season in which they were awarded. They must ensure that they are cleaned, any damage repaired, and returned to the League trophy steward by 30 June (cup and t20 trophies) and then all trophies by 30 September. The League will be responsible for the cost of engraving trophies won by teams in League and Inter-League Competitions. The League trophies are:

*The last two are not changes – just adding existing rules into the admin rules*