



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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League Executive Board

42nd meeting – Monday 21 October 2024 – 7.00pm by Zoom

Note of meeting

Present: David Ward (chairman), Terry Bateman, Ashley Boothman, Mel Mahmood, Lindsay Pepper, Roger Pugh, Matt Summerhill, Steve Ward.

1. **Welcome & apologies.** Apologies were received from Nelson Windle due to work.
2. **Matters arising and action points from last meeting.** The feedback on action points is attached at appendix 1. There were no issues arising.
3. **Reports from Members**
 - i. *Equity & Diversity Group report.* No report.
 - ii. *Safeguarding Managers' report*
 - LP said that safeguarding courses have now been arranged, with the first at Houghton Main on 12 November.
 - LP also asked if there would be a follow up meeting with HMCC. RP said that this would be arranged after the AGM.
 - iii. *Treasurer's report.* AB said that the auditor had approved the accounts, which had been sent to RP for inclusion in the AGM documents.
 - iv. *Participation manager's report.* MM had provided a report – see appendix 2. She added that the W&GL clubs had been asked for their approval of the proposals to fully merge with the YCSPL and no issues had been raised.
 - v. *Umpires' representative's report.* TB said that there was nothing to add to the report provided for the AGM.
 - vi. *Scoring Manager's report.* SW said that there was nothing to add to the report provided for the AGM.
 - vii. *Premier Section report.* RP said that there was nothing to add to the report provided for the AGM.
 - viii. *Senior Section report.* DW said that Richard North had agreed to take over from DW as Head of Senior Section.
 - ix. *Compliance manager's report.* No report.
 - x. *Competitions Manager's report*
 - MS said that he had set up Play-Cricket for 2025 with ten divisions of 12 and one of 14 (Division 9).
 - Oughtibridge WM intend to start a 3rd XI that will play at Wentworth in Division 9. MS thanked the Senior Section committee for allowing this to happen, saying that he believed that it was important for the Wentworth ground to be fully used.
 - MS is now starting work on the Sunday cup schedule but had still heard nothing from the BPL. RP said that CF had advised that they had said we should go ahead and that they would try to work round other leagues' commitments.

- There has been no response from the P&DCL about their divisional structure for 2025. **DW said that he would contact Paul Kemp.**
 - The national cup competition dates have now been confirmed.
 - MS referred to his seeding proposal. **RP agreed to include with the AGM documents when an updated version is issued.**
 - With one day before the deadline, 28 out of 63 clubs had submitted the required fixture planning returns. MS said that he did not think that all clubs read the bulletin. **RP said that he would emphasise the bulletin's importance at the AGM and Pre-Season Meeting; and DW said that he would issue a reminder about the return.**
 - MS said that he had feedback from one club that the online form was not accessible to blind and visually impaired people. **RP said that he would investigate the provision of a suitable alternative.**
- xi. *YCB update.* No update in the absence of GD.
- xii. *Chairmans'/ECB update.* DW attended the ECB meeting at Headingley on 2 October. The Premier League accreditation criteria are to be split into three tiers, with the most important in Tier 1, but whilst we appear to meet most of the criteria, there is as yet little finer detail available.
4. **AGM.** RP confirmed that all preparations are in hand. The room is booked and the documents were issued within the correct timescale. A revised document will go out with a small number of additional reports and pieces of information. **RP said that he would organise coloured cards for the voting.**
5. **Disciplinary issues.** DW said that the final issue, involving SUCC, has now been dealt with, resulting in a player ban and club disciplinary points, and that the club had only two more days in which to appeal.
6. **Presentation dinner.** RP ran through the issues raised in advance:
- i. *Hall of Fame inductees.* The proposals were agreed.
 - ii. *In memory.* The following people will be mentioned; Ray Bee, Nick Cowan, Gordon Hall, Richard Ibbotson, Alan Kettleborough, Graham Swallow, Martin White. **RP agreed to ask clubs if there were any others to mention.**
 - iii. *Orders for places.* GS asked RP to take over responsibility a few days before he passed away. Because of the possibility that someone may have been missed in the handover, **he will circulate a full list next week.**
 - iv. *Prize winners.* The full list is now finalised.
 - v. *Raffle donation.* The donation of £250 from the raffle proceeds to Weston Park Hospital was agreed.
7. **Other business**
- i. LP advised that Graham Swallow's funeral would be held at Grenoside Crematorium on Monday 4 November at 12 noon, and afterwards at Thorncliffe CC.
 - ii. DW said that this would be his last LEB meeting. RP said that he hoped that it would not be his last, he would be very welcome to return in the future. RP thanked him on behalf of the Board for all that he has done for the League and the SYSL before that. RP said that he knew how hard DW worked, and wished him all the best in the future.
8. **Close.** The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Action point feedback

- 2.i Draft prepared by RP & LP.
- 3.iv Cleared
- 3.vi Cleared
- 3.vii Cleared
- 3.ix There was no suitable SYSCL wording; new paragraph prepared.
- 3.x No decisions have been made on HWC/CC dates; it was recommended that we go ahead and notify them.
Date for K3 meeting to be arranged after SW returns from holiday.

Participation manager's report

The indoor season is now under way and so far so good.

A consultation meeting was held on the 8th Oct with representatives of the W&G's Section and Roger Pugh, with regards to the integration of the W&G's Section into the wider YCSPL Constitution, an email has been sent to all teams/ clubs with this proposal and with a time and date of 12 noon 14th Oct, for any objections, in order that I can report at the LEB Meeting on Monday and in preparation for the AGM at Shaw Lane.

The W&G's League Presentation Evening has been set for Wednesday the 6th of Nov at Niagara Sports & Social Club from 7pm.

Other than the impending action regarding the Constitution, there is nothing else to report at this time.

Mel Mahmood