



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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League Executive Board

45th meeting – Monday 24th February 2025 – 7.30pm on Zoom

Note of meeting

Present: Roger Pugh (chair), Jonathan Crabtree, Gareth Davis, Chris Froggett, Andy Harrison, Richard North, Lindsay Pepper, Matt Summerhill

Apologies: Liz Harris, Mel Mahmood, Sarah Wood

1. **Welcome & apologies.** RP welcomed all to the meeting and gave the apologies.
2. **Action Points.** RP provided the following feedback:
 - i. Item 2 – he has had a constructive conversation with Paul Kemp of P&DCL. PK agreed to discuss the MoU with his committee and come back with any proposals for change. Response now awaited.
 - ii. Other issues covered later in the agenda.
3. **Finances.** Ashley Boothman had provided a balance sheet showing the League's finances to be in a healthy position, despite the fact that 2024 ECB monies are still to be distributed.
4. **ECB and YCB update.**
 - i. RP participated in a meeting on 20th February about the Yorkshire Premier Leagues play-offs. It has been agreed that the play-offs for 2025 will take place the following season, because there is insufficient time at the end of the season to fit in the three rounds necessitated by the Huddersfield CL joining the competition. Leagues have been asked to submit their proposals for the organisation of the competition thereafter by 31 March.
 - ii. An ECB accreditation criteria summary document has been prepared and published on the website, with attention of clubs drawn to it in bulletin. It will be on the agenda at pre-season meetings.
 - iii. GD said that bursaries are available for clubs setting up W&G sections.
 - iv. Some CSOs are not yet Safe Hands compliant due to delays in completing DBS checks. **GD said that he would raise this issue with ECB, asking for an understanding approach to be taken on the issue.**
5. **Inclusivity and Accessibility issues (NW/RP).** There have been expressions of interest in joining the group. **RP to talk to Jason Booth about how we can support the process of deciding on future membership.**
6. **Women & Girls League.** No issues raised in the absence of LH, MM and SW.
7. **Strengthening links with communities**
 - i. It was agreed that the aim is to raise profile of the league in general and to demonstrate our social responsibility
 - ii. MS clarified that his point at the last meeting was to ensure that if we select a charity to support, it should be one that covers our whole area. **To be kept on the agenda and to be revisited; members to put forward any ideas about suitable charities and potential fund-raising ideas.**

8. Publicising what we do

- i. Steve Taylor has agreed to join the Social Media Working Group with MS and SW. The aim is to have a strategy about what should be publicised and what mediums should be used. **RP to arrange a meeting.**
- ii. Steve Birch (Chair of Midweek Alliance) has created a Sheffield Sport website said he would publish reports, results and league tables from our league in the season.
- iii. RP said that it would be good to have a volunteer or volunteers to do reports from the Senior Section. He has done them in the last two years but, whilst he will continue to do Premier Section reports, he did not think he would have time to do the Senior Section as well. **RN to raise at SS committee.**

9. **Governance Issues. The first** meeting of the Long-Term Planning Group (Alex Littlewood for W&G, CF, MS and RP) has been arranged for Tuesday 18 March.

10. **Distribution of ECB monies.** The final proposed allocations were ratified at the meeting. **RP to arrange payment with the treasurer.**

11. **Rules.** The revised Administrative Rules, Competition Rules and Playing Conditions (League, Cup and T20) were ratified.

12. Safety Guidelines and Regulations

- i. The new guidelines and regulations have been publicised in the bulletin, with links to the relevant documents. The issue will also be included on the agenda at the clubs' pre-season meeting.
- ii. There was concern about the administrative burdens around the consent forms, which the regulations say must be completed for all under 18s playing in open age cricket, which is in the regulations. The template in the guidance is not easily accessible for use. **LP will raise the concerns with the County Safeguarding Officer and she and RP will post guidance on the League website.**
- iii. There was also concern about the new concussion guidance, whereby a person must be nominated to decide on whether a person was fit to continue after being hit on the head. The prevailing view was that only a medically-trained person was competent to do this. **RP to obtain further information.**

13. Umpire recruitment Group Recommendations

- i. The recommended payments and levies for umpire recruitment activities were endorsed, subject to checking. The principle used is allow a 50% levy reduction for clubs who make reasonable attempts to recruit or support recruitment and training activity, in order to encouraged them to keep making efforts.
- ii. Minor amendments to the Administrative Rules around match officials were agreed.
- iii. Steve Ward is organising the production of an electronic flyer for social media purposes, and a pop-up stand to be used in a recruitment gazebo at cup finals.
- iv. RP will produce a simple guide on the steps to be take to become an umpire, in liaison with the SYCUA.

14. Other business

- i. RN said that the use of clubs' own umpires should be restricted to games in Division 3 and below, due to the use of DLS above that.
- ii. Due to the uncertainty around the Yorkshire & Derbyshire League, and the possibility of more clubs wanting to join us, the Senior Section committee has discussed the possibility of regionalisation in the bottom two divisions. Some concerns were expressed about the standards of grounds, and MS said that there may need to be some flexibility provided the pitches were satisfactory.
- iii. MS said that there remain three league fixtures to be rearranged, one of which will necessitate a ground inspection.

15. **Close.** With no further business, the meeting closed at 20:51.

The next meeting will be on Monday 31st March 2025 at 7:30pm – arrangements to be confirmed.