



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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League Executive Board

46th meeting – Monday 31 March 2025 – 7.30pm on Zoom

Note of meeting

Present: Roger Pugh (chair), Jonathan Crabtree, Chris Froggett, Andy Harrison, Liz Harris, Mel Mahmood, Richard North, Lindsay Pepper, Matt Summerhill, Nelson Windle

Apologies: Gareth Davis, Sarah Wood

1. **Welcome & apologies.** RP welcomed all to the meeting and gave the apologies.
2. **Action Points.** RP provided the following feedback:
 - i. The P&DCL have advised that their clubs have voted to withdraw from the YCSPL & P&DCL Memorandum of Understanding, which means that there will be no promotion/relegation between the Leagues. Any clubs wishing to move between the leagues will transfer in line with YCB rules.
 - ii. JB & RP have arranged an 'E&DG reset' meeting comprising the four remaining E&DG members, those who have expressed interest in joining the group, and himself, for 14 April. The agenda will include the Group terms of reference and administrative arrangements.
 - iii. Social Media Working Group – initial meeting is still to be arranged
 - iv. ECB monies. The list of payments will be published on the website, after which payments will be made.
 - v. Parental consent for all juniors playing in open-age cricket. It has been clarified that this is the responsibility of clubs, not leagues or umpires. Clubs may use whatever mechanism they feel suitable for their needs. This will be included in the bulletin this week.
 - vi. Concussion guidance. This will be included in the bulletin this week.
 - vii. Safety Regulations. RP has written to ECB registering our concerns about the use of 'ages' rather than the 'age groups' for juniors, and the time and manner in which the changes have been communicated. He received an apology for the latter, and his letter has had to be passed to other officials for consideration. We will keep the issue under review, and ensure that clubs and umpires are fully advised of our final decision.
3. **Finances.** Ashley Boothman had provided an up-to-date balance sheet and no issues were raised.
4. **ECB and YCB update.** As in YPLN, the Premier Section committee and captains were both overwhelmingly of the view that the Yorkshire Premier Leagues play-offs should take place in the same season as that in which the teams qualified for them, even if that means introducing a 'cut-off' date for qualification. RP has written to Paul Cummins to communicate these views.
5. **Women & Girls League.** See report from Mel Mahmood – *appendix*. There were two matters arising:
 - i. In response to a question from RP, MM said that the W&G handbook was nearly ready. It was in electronic format, and MM will forward to RP for inclusion on our website.
 - ii. the 2025 summer season will see the introduction of the Law 36 – LBW, for Softball League Divisions 1 and 2.

6. **Strengthening links with communities.** Simon Stoker has suggested we support the charity 'Project Youth Cancer' and LP has suggested the 'Sheffield's Children Hospital Charity'. **RP to look into both and make a recommendation for the next meeting.**
7. **Publicising what we do.** The social media meeting has not yet been arranged. **RP to take forward and MS to advise his available dates.**
8. **Governance Issues**
 - i. The first meeting of the Long-Term Planning Group has been rearranged for Tuesday 22 April.
 - ii. RP advised that he and LP had discussed arrangements for storing League documents without being dependent on individual officials' laptops. As a result, he has spoken to Rebecca Brook about setting up secure remote storage, using such as Google Drive or Teams, that specified officials will be able to access. AH & MS both recommended then use of Teams, which they use for work purposes. **RP to follow up and report back.**
9. **Pre-Season meeting.** RP to forward the draft agenda in case anyone has anything to add. **Action points:**
 - i. **safeguarding to be included on the agenda**
 - ii. **if MS is absent, RP make the point about the need for clubs to co-operate on fixture rearrangements**
 - iii. **CF to provide an overseas players' update**
10. **Other business**
 - i. MS said that, with new teams in 2026, there would be 20 teams in the bottom division, and he felt that some kind of regionalisation would be necessary. He will come up with proposals for the 2026 divisions, which should be finalised before the start of the season.
 - ii. RP said that the League handbook was at the checking stage. He would submit to the printers on Wednesday, to ensure that it is available for the Pre-Season meeting.
11. **Close.** With no further business, the meeting closed at 20:30.

Date of next meeting

Monday 28 April 2025 at 7:30pm by Zoom.

Women's & Girls League report

The winter indoor season of the YCSPL W&GL concluded with the following results:

- Softball Div 4 winners – Greenmoor
- Hardball Div 1 League winners – Sheffield Transport
- Hardball Div 1 Finals Day winners – Tickhill Tigers
- Hard Ball Div 2 winners – Norton Oakes
- Softball Div 1 winners – Worsborough Bridge
- Soft ball Div 2 winners – Tickhill
- Softball Div 3 & Finals Day winners – Norton Oakes

I am also delighted to report that Worsborough Bridge went on to represent the South Yorkshire W&G's League, at the County finals and beat Sessay CC to become County Champions 2025.

Plans are currently underway for a T20 Tournament on or around the 26th of May and, so far, the figures for the summer season are looking very good. The fixtures have been completed with 503 games, with 35 clubs and 59 Teams having registered to play. The season's handbook has also been completed and will be issued very soon.

Last but by no means least, the 2025 Summer season will see the introduction of the Law 36 – *LBW*, for the Softball League Division 1 & 2.

Mel Mahmood