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League Executive Board

58th meeting – Monday 7 September – Note of meeting

Present: Roger Pugh (chairman), Jonathan Crabtree, Gareth Davis, Andy Harrison, Alex Littlewood, Richard North, Leanne Parker, Lindsay Pepper, Steve Ward

Apologies: Matt Summerhill

1. **Welcome & apologies**. RP welcomed all to the meeting and passed on apologies from MS, who was travelling on work business.

2. **Action Point feedback**. RP referred to the summary attached; there were no matters arising that were not covered on the agenda.

3. **ECB and YCF update**

   i. *Girls' team requirement*. Most of the Premier and Championship clubs are compliant but there are still a few clubs to be checked. Games played must be recorded on Play-Cricket. RP to check on YCSPL teams outside the South Yorkshire area. GD said that in 2027, clubs in the top two divisions must play three fixtures recorded on Play-Cricket by 31 October 2027. **RP to include on AGM agenda**.

   ii. *Safeguarding*. Courses are being set up from early October; once dates are confirmed these will be circulated to clubs.

   iii. *EDI Group*. GD said that he believed that we needed a real relaunch of the group and a review of its function. There is now a strong YCF fair play team that works very closely with the cricket regulator, and the group has an important role to play in feeding in to them, especially around the protected characteristics within our game. He said that the group has a pivotal role in enabling our players, coaches and officials having a platform to for feedback and discussion. **RP & GD to take forward with the group.**

   iv. *Capacity issues*. It is recognised that two of the biggest issues in respect of participation requirements are ground availability and finding willing volunteers. GD asked how pitches can ever get better without time for grounds teams to work on them. He said that we need to appeal to clubs who may have spare capacity to share it. AL asked about potential funding for artificial pitches, and GD said that the issue is that the clubs that can access funding are those that have girls' teams; the clubs that have do not have capacity and don't have women's or girls' sections cannot access it. **RP to arrange an AGM item.**

   v. *County grants*. 13 projects have been approved. The total projects amount that delivered this year is £340k. Some club projects have been deferred, but overall, the southern region has done well this year.

4. **Equity & Diversity update.** A club has been reported to the Cricket Regulator for a discrimination breach. The regulator has imposed a suspended points deduction and required club officials to undertake the *Beyond the Boundary* training. A League official was also involved, and RP will speak to him to request that he also completes the training and gives an assurance about not expressing personal views whilst on League business. **RP to follow up.**

5. **Finances**. The latest statement was circulated and is attached. There were no issues arising.

6. **Safeguarding update**. The workload for the safeguarding and disciplinary officers recently has been substantial. To be raised at the AGM and in the 2027 pre-season meeting. **RP to arrange agenda item.**

7. **Social Media**

   i. A Steering Group has been set up, led by Alison Dixon of Elsecar and including Gareth Davis, Leanne Parker and Steve Ward. They have produced a Commercial Growth, Communications & Content strategy, which is a working document.

   ii. The Presentation Dinner is to be used as a social media opportunity, including a photo reel, live-streaming and interviews.

   iii. RP praised the work done by Leanne, Alison and Zac so far, which is already improving our SM presence.

   iv. One idea to be taken forward is to put on a course for clubs to support them with social media content.

8. Play Cricket. SW provided an update as follows:

   i. He has agreed to take the lead on P-C with a group of volunteers working on registration and results recording. He has been produced a guide for the group, which is a working document, and will include the points cap.

   ii. SW said that on registrations, he proposes a slightly more relaxed approach on a couple of issues. This provoked some discussion, with a couple of members believing that we should continue as we are. RP said that he was very conscious that under GDPR, we should only ask for, and retain, information that we have a justifiable reason for holding. SW will now speak to the Nottinghamshire Premier League and to Chris Higginbottom (P-C) to obtain their advice. **SW to take forward**.

   iii. He said that player registrations could be split between four people on either a geographical or divisional basis.

   iv. SW has produced a paper on overseas player registration – there are some new criteria for tier 5 professionals – including a guide on the eligibility of amateurs. This will be sent to Mark Brook and Chris Froggett for their input. **RP to arrange**.

   v. On results recording, Mick Forrester is currently checking the Premier, Championship, first and second divisions, and will continue next season. NW and MB are currently checking the Senior Section. NW will continue next season, but other people will be required to help. **RP to include in bulletin.**

9. Presentation Dinner. See notes of planning meeting attached. With no matters arising, the plans were agreed.

10. Premier Section update. RP updated LEB on the main issues discussed at the last Premier Section committee meeting in August:

   i. The opposition at LEB to making the Whitworth and Mick Savage cups ‘opt out’ was noted, and it was decided that it should be left to clubs to make any proposal.

   ii. The committee was unanimously in favour of restructuring the Premier Section into 10-team divisions from 2028 and RP had been asked to draft a proposal.

   iii. A small group of umpires has been brought together by AH to review the umpires’ ground reports. There is a body of opinion that there is a lack of understanding amongst some umpires about how to complete the current form, and what is required. The revised form will include facilities, for example, sight-screens, and it is proposed to seek scorer feedback separately.

11. Senior Section update. RN reported that:

   i. Norton Oakes CC did a very good job of hosting the Billy Oates Memorial Cup final, and the day was very successful overall.

   ii. Four clubs have so far indicated that they wish to join the YCSPL in 2028. RN stressed the need for discussions with the P&DCL, and RP said that he was following up with Richard Wilkinson of the YCF.

   iii. RN said that he had written to the clubs that had exceeded three games conceded, and asked for their plans to avoid recurrence. **RN to share list of these clubs with GD.**

iv. RN said that the Grounds & Facilities Criteria need to be updated, not just for the Premier Section, but across the whole league. GD asked to be involved from the perspective of what might be available to clubs to improve facilities. **RP agreed to involve RN & GD.**

12. **Women's and Girls' Section update.** AL reported that:

    i. The AGM is scheduled for Thursday 10 September.

    ii. Following LH stepping down as chair, AL took over in the interim. Nominations have now been received for the chair, vice-chair and secretary.

    iii. Big Bash days ran successfully on Sunday 6 September.

    iv. County finals are coming up, and the W&GL is represented in both softball (Worsbrough Bridge and Sheffield Transport) and in the hardball semi-final (Rockingham) at York. The winner of the hardball semi-final will play in the final at Headingley.

    v. The indoor season starts in October.

13. **Competitions update**. No further matters arising beyond those mentioned above.

14. **Rule changes.** RP had prepared a list of potential rule changes in advance, and asked that any additions or alterations be sent to him.

15. **Teams Implementation.** RP asked that members who have been given access to the shared area check that the link works and that they are able to upload files. This applies to JC, Lindsay P, RN, MS and SW. RP said that he did not expect that these members would download all relevant files at this busy time, and that it is something that can be done in the close season.

16. **Scoring issues.** SW reported that:

    i. only 2.87% (46) games have been scored manually so far this year

    ii. he is producing guidance for clubs looking at introducing live-streaming.

17. **Close.** There was no other business and the meeting closed at 21.28. The next meeting is on Monday 19 October by Teams.

Update since meeting

3.i ECB have provided a list of five YCSPL clubs that were not compliant with the girls' team requirement. YCF have confirmed that three are now compliant; one is no longer in the top two divisions; and the fifth have said that they will have played a girls' team game by the deadline.

4 The league official concerned has now completed the online training and given the required assurance.

8 SW has refined his strategy document, recruited further volunteers, and has produced a timetable of the necessary actions required to ensure a smooth handover.

11.ii Richard Wilkinson has met with the P&DCL. They believe that their league still has a lot to offer and has a future. RP said that we need to agree what we will do if the P&DCL were to fold at short notice. He has obtained outline agreement from YCF and YPLN on the approach to be taken if this eventuality arises.

12 Brittney Lamour has been elected as chair of the W&GL, with Kat Cogill as vice-chair, and Alison Gresser as secretary. Brittney, AL and Eleanor Barber were subsequently elected as the W&GL LEB representatives.

14 There have been further additions to the rule changes list and RP will circulate an updated version before the next meeting.

Action point update – item 2

- Girl's team requirement. Update at meeting.
- Social media was covered in agenda item 7.
- Points Cap. PC sub-committee to be organised by PS Committee.
- Sunday cup competitions. Options of playing the first round of the K3 on the Saturday before the season and/or on a zonal basis not being taken forward.
- T20 comps. Added to potential rule change list.
- New teams. RP asked Richard Wilkinson for an update on discussions between YPLN, YCSPL and P&DCL.
- Feedback to ECB on concerns about extra loads being placed on volunteers and pitch availability by participation initiatives. Feedback given and echoed by other PL chairmen.
- Concerns about club failure to provide scorers. On agenda for meeting with SYCUA on 4 October.

Financial statement: September 2026 – item 5

Year to date income & expenditure

Income	**£**
Ball sales	-
Clothing sales	84.00
Disciplinary hearing costs	176.60
ECB monies	15,085.84
Handbook adverts	300.00
Interest at bank	107.51
New Club Entry Fee	500.00
Other Income	120.00
Penalties (Umpires Levy)	2,815.00
Penalties (Fines) Rule 29i	470.00
Presentation evening tickets 2025	11,814.00
Sponsorship	-
Subscriptions	15,460.00
Total	**46,932.95**

Expenditure	**£**
Auditor Fee	100.00
Ball costs	6,272.24
Banking services	57.23
Clothing	224.00
Communications	1,329.60
Cup finals days - catering	2,729.11
Digital laptop scoring	1,900.00
Disciplinary hearing costs	151.60
Donation	750.00
ECB monies to clubs	6,326.00
Honoraria	2,150.00
Insurance	3,189.24
K3 Dental Cup final	-
Meeting Refreshments	270.00
Officials Training	1,155.00
Payment refunds	271.97
Phone & broadband costs	745.51
Presentation evening 2025 costs	12,244.88
Representative match costs	700.00
Room hire	125.00
Social Media	188.98
Stationery & printing	1,720.00
Training costs	740.00
Travel costs	629.55
Trophies & medals - annual awards	2,145.23
Trophies & medals - finals	311.50
YCB fees	4,680.00
Total	**51,106.64**

Excess income over expenditure **(4,173.69)**

Development Fund

Income	**£**
c/f	2,340.40
ECB Funding for 2025	3,163.00
less expenditure	**500.00**
Available balance	5,003.40

Expenditure	**£**
Hatfield Town CC	500.00
Total	**500.00**

Balance sheet

Current a/c at 30 September 2025	25,998.92
Deposit a/c at 30 September 2025	21,235.83
Excess income o/expend to date	**(4,173.69)**
Development Fund expenditure	500.00
Total	**43,065.31**
Represented by	
Current account	19,058.97
Savings account (inc Development F	24,006.34
Total	**43,065.31**

Ashley Boothman
Treasurer
24 September 2026

Planning meeting for presentation dinner – item 9

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2026 Presentation Dinner planning group – 3 September

Present: Alex Fletcher, Leanne Parker, Lindsay Pepper, Kirsty Pugh, Roger Pugh, Linzey Scothern

1. *Cost*. The cost of the evening to the League is £35 per head. It was agreed that the cost of tickets would be £40.00 to cover the cost of the speaker.

2. *Menu*. The menu choices were discussed. The following were agreed – leek & potato soup, chicken cassoulet (veg option – Moroccan roasted vegetables) and sticky toffee pudding.

3. *Guest speaker.* The speaker will be Ryan Sidebottom.

4. *Award presentations*
    i. We want to maximise the opportunities from the event for social media purposes, using photo and video reels of awards, sponsored live-streaming, and interviews, and therefore some adjustments are necessary to the presentation arrangements (also due to the potentially increased numbers).
    ii. It was agreed that the individual divisional award medals would be placed on tables before the meal starts. AF will have slides with winners' names on them and will announce them, asking them to stand and receive applause. They will then be encouraged to have their pictures taken with RS.
    iii. The winners of the main awards (or their representatives) will go to the stage and be presented with their trophy by RS and photo taken, and all of which will be live-streamed.
    iv. A visit is to be arranged for AF, Leanne P, Lindsay P and LS to agree on the stage layout for presentations.

5. *Raffle*. Ways to make the raffle quicker were discussed – noting that last year it raised over £1,000. Instead of ticket sales it was agreed that envelopes and pens be placed on tables, and attendees asked to put their name on an envelope and £10 in it. Andrew Payling and Alison Gresser will be asked to go round the tables encouraging and collecting envelopes. Envelopes will then be drawn at random and winners announced by AF.

6. *Benefitting charity* - it was agreed that a substantial donation from the raffle would be made to a South Yorkshire charity - with PACT (Home | PACT) being the proposed charity.

Actions

1. **LS to speak to Alison and Andy about the raffle arrangements**
2. **AF to get a signed England shirt as a prize**
3. **RP to ensure ball suppliers are asked for prizes**
4. **RP to arrange bulletin entries**
5. **LP to arrange advance SM publicity**
6. **Leanne P will write to firms in South Yorkshire seeking raffle prizes**
7. **RP to seek LEB approval for above on Monday 7 September**