



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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League Executive Board

1st meeting - Monday 25 January 2021 – 7.00pm by Zoom

Note of meeting

Present: Matt Summerhill (chair), Terry Bateman, Mark Beardshall, Ian Cotterhill, Chris Froggett, Maurice Gilliatt, David Ward, Steve Ward, Nelson Windle, Graham Swallow (secretary)

Apologies: Ashley Boothman, Liz Lazenby

1. **Welcome & introductions.** MS welcomed members to this inaugural meeting and invited everyone to introduce themselves.
2. **Diversity & Inclusivity report.** NW said that three meetings had taken place involving Milton Samuels, Shaiq Choudhry, Jason Booth, Irfan Mirza, Afraz Khan, Aneela Khalil-Khan, Gareth Davis and himself. The group are looking to appoint a chair by the end of March. He pointed out that they had discussed the ECB inclusivity strategy, and they wanted to agree the terms of reference and an action plan. TB asked if an umpires' representative could be involved, in consultation with the umpires' association. MS suggested that this person did not necessarily have to be an umpire. IC said that YCCC would be appointing a D & I manager shortly.
3. **Child Welfare report**
 - MG reported a problem where a male had contacted a sixteen-year old female and asked her to score for his club in 2021. He said that this was believed to be a 'spoof' request, as there was a considerable distance between the female and the club; that her parents had been contacted; and that Ray Knowles had been notified.
 - MG confirmed that he had contacted Parkhead CC regarding CWO details but to date he had not received a response. MS was to request that YCSPL send a Club Welfare/Safeguarding details form to all clubs, and that responses should be signed by the Chair and CWO. He also said that some CWOs needed refresher courses, which would be done by webinar.
4. **Participation report.** In LL's absence, MS said that a survey had been sent to clubs about Women & Girls cricket, and that clubs need chasing. SW to speak to LL.
5. **Umpires' report.** TB said that recruitment was being pursued and that seven people had applied for the Stage 2 course. A new marking sheet was being prepared for Premier Section umpires for 2021. MS requested that MB/DW be involved in final decisions. SW asked if any umpires would need explanations of DLS for 2021.
6. **Scoring Update**
 - SW confirmed that no face-to-face sessions would take place prior to the start of the season. He said that Play-Cricket Scorer Pro would be used by Premier Section clubs and tablet scoring by Senior Section clubs.
 - SW said that a new version of DLS would be available for Premier Section clubs to use, and that training would be offered by Zoom.

- SW said that there was a shortage of laptops, printers and walkie-talkies among the 24 Premier Section clubs, which could cost more than £3,500 to address. MS suggested that each club's needs be looked at on a case by case basis. SW was asked to provide a pricing document to the committee for discussion at the next meeting.
7. **Treasurers report.** MS reported in AB's absence that there had been no changes to the financial position since the figures were distributed on 4 January 2021.
 8. **Premier Section report.** MB said that the first meeting had taken place on 18 January, and that three items from that meeting would be discussed later this evening. MG asked if minutes from this meeting would be distributed to LEB members. This was agreed.
 9. **Senior Section report.** DW confirmed that minutes from the first cricket committee meeting had been issued and that the next meeting was on Thursday 4 February.
 10. **Compliance report.** CF reported that new forms for overseas players were on the website, incorporating a change whereby there is a requirement for clubs to state the arrival date of the player into the UK, and the anticipated date of their first match. He also confirmed that the ECB had increased the period for Tier 5 players to play their five first class/list A matches from 24 to 36 months due to the current COVID issues, and reduction in matches.
 11. **Competitions report**
 - MS said that four fixtures were still to be rearranged. DW to contact Maltby CC, who were not responding to any emails. MS mentioned that three rearranged matches involving Rockingham 4th X1 in division 8 had been sorted outside the agreed fourteen-day period and were scheduled to be played on Saturdays. These actions were accepted and approved.
 - MS pointed out that the venue had not been decided for the T20 Blast finals day with Elsecar, Treeton, Barnsley Woolley, Doncaster, Sheffield Collegiate and Cawthorne willing to host. MS stated that Treeton were staging the T20 Plate finals and therefore should not be considered. This was agreed. Depending on COVID 19 rules, a big consideration would be changing rooms, with Barnsley Woolley and Doncaster both being able to offer four. It was agreed that we ask the other clubs if they could meet this criterion before making a decision.
 12. **YCB Update.** IC said that some staff were currently furloughed. He also reported that a lot of work had been carried out with clubs relating to last winter's floods. YCB are currently working on rules revisions and pyramid rules.
 13. **ECB issues update**
 - MS said that the ECB had confirmed the League's funding for 2021 of £12,250, subject to satisfying the relevant criteria, and a substantial season being played.
 - The top four Premier Division clubs in 2021 will have the option of entering the Royal London Cup in 2022. If any club does not wish to participate, their place will be offered to the next club in the table.
 - ECB are keen that as full a season as possible takes place – they will be in continuous liaison with DCMS. Each League should formulate their own contingency plan for Covid impact.
 14. **AOB**
 - i. *Current club applications for 2022.* DW said that Stocksbridge and Sheffield University Staff had applied to join for the 2022 season. At present, nine other teams are in negotiations to apply to YCSPL. MS stated that we need to look at the structure for 2022, which could involve linear or regionalised divisions. He confirmed that options/proposals would need to be put to clubs.
 - ii. *Play Cricket registrations.* DW reported that players were required to provide addresses, email addresses and telephone numbers because some students will have two addresses, which could result in duplicate registrations. DW to talk to SW and Melvyn Bond to agree process.

- iii. *Disciplinary Procedures 2021*. DW, Mick Bocking and Neil Vaughan are currently working on these. When completed in mid-February, DW will circulate to the LEB for comments. DW pointed out that ECB were reviewing their guidelines and we would wait until these were published.
- iv. *COVID 19 planning*. MS proposed a sub-committee of MB, CF & DW to develop contingency plans and report back to the LEB.
- v. *Vice-chair/YPLMB Representative*. Nominations to be emailed to MS.
- vi. *Presidents/Vice-presidents*. Suggestions to be emailed to MS for these positions.
- vii. *Website*. On behalf of the website manager, MS said that most of the work on the website has now been completed, excepted for the 'records' page, which is currently being worked on. We want the website to be as good as it can be, as an advert for the League, and he asked Board members to look at it (www.ycspl.co.uk) and give their feedback to the website manager (website.manager@ycspl.co.uk) on the following:
 - whether there is anything else they would like to see on the site
 - any errors they notice
 - whether their own photo and pen picture are ok
 - any other thoughtsIt would be very helpful if members of the cricket committee members could be asked to do likewise. We plan to issue a request to clubs to check their entries, and to provide any additional information to complete the 'clubs and grounds' section.
- viii. *Umpires courses*. DW recommended that YCSPL pay the £30 fee for the ACO Stage 2 courses for new umpires. This was agreed, on the basis that umpires must then stand in the YCSPL for a minimum of three seasons (in accordance with Administrative Rule 50).
- ix. *Sponsorship*. SW said that he was meeting *Solly Sports* to discuss possible sponsorship for 2021.

15. **Date of next meeting**. Monday 22 February 2021 at 7pm by Zoom.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm