



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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League Executive Board

2nd meeting - Monday 22 February 2021 – 7.00pm by Zoom

Note of meeting

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

Apologies: Ian Cotterhill

1. **Welcome.** MS opened the meeting and welcomed all present.
2. **Equity & Inclusivity Group representative's report.** NW said that the group now had a structure in place, and many ideas and topics for discussion at their next meeting on Wednesday 24 February. MG congratulated the group on how they have been set up and how they are working together.
3. **Safeguarding Manager's report.** MG said that ECB had clarified that the term 'safeguarding' should be used rather than child or club welfare officers. A further change has been made regarding the Safe Hands webinar certificate for club Safeguarding Officers. The validity period was originally 12 months, but due to COVID restrictions, this has now been extended to 24 months. MG to forward the relevant document to GS for distribution to clubs. MG said that Parkhead CC had now responded to his request for information.
4. **Participation Manager's report.** LL said that each region now has someone in place to promote Women & Girls cricket, and that interest in South Yorkshire is higher than any other region. She confirmed that softball was now being included in this criteria. Information on All Stars & Dynamos participation needs to be collated. MS suggested that LL liaise with Steve Taylor about publicity.
5. **Umpires' representative's report.** TB reported that 25 people had completed the Stage 1 course, but there was frustration at a lack of opportunity to progress to Stage 2. He stated that the Association currently only has two Stage 2 trainers. He proposed that umpires who have completed the Stage 1 course should be allowed to officiate in 2021 with a more experienced official. This was approved by the LEB. He advised that the revised captain's marking sheet would be completed later in the week.
6. **Premier Section report.** SW said that:
 - no face-to-face scorers' courses are being carried out by ECB ACO, and Stage 1 courses are paper based; there will be a refresher course prior to the start of the season for Premier Section clubs, including on the updated DLS system
 - following the equipment inventory received from Premier Section clubs, there was a need for some printers and walkie-talkies; LEB agreed that clubs need to buy what is required for cricket in that section

- the minutes from last week's Premier Section Cricket Committee meeting had been distributed
 - he has spoken to Solly Sports regarding possible sponsorship; Solly is interested in supplying balls to the League, but would still be interested in some kind of sponsorship
7. **Treasurer's report.** AB confirmed that the current bank balance was £4,877 plus approximately £300 to come in. Clubs were due to be invoiced for cricket balls, and the league insurance was due for renewal. AB had negotiated with Marshall Wooldridge a discounted charge of £791 for 2021. MG asked about insuring trophies and asked if anything had been done on this. MS requested a full list of trophies from Linzey Scothern, and AB confirmed that there was a stock of surplus trophies. LEB agreed these could be made available for future use. TB voiced concern about the trophies currently being housed at M&S Sports. AB has subsequently provided clarification of the league funds – see appendix 1.
 8. **Senior Section report.** DW confirmed that the minutes of the last cricket committee had been issued and the next meeting was on Thursday 4 March.
 9. **Compliance Manager's report.** CF said that he had received a query from a club about a potential overseas player obtaining his level 2 Health & Safety certificate whilst in the UK. CF had been in touch with Dale Kerruish at YCB, who confirmed that no courses were currently in the pipeline due to a lack of demand. CF said that any clubs requiring this certification should speak directly with Dale for about timescales and procedures, as a failure to obtain this certificate would stop any overseas player from getting the necessary endorsement, and subsequently being able to travel to the UK.
 10. **Competitions Manager's report.** MS confirmed that replies had been received from Cawthorne, Doncaster Town and Elsecar expressing interest in hosting the T20 Blast finals day. After discussion, the LEB decided that the day should be hosted by Doncaster Town. SW to contact Doncaster Town and thank Cawthorne and Elsecar for their interest.
 11. **YCB update.** IC had forwarded a report in his absence – see appendix 2.
 12. **Chair's report.** MS provided an update on League and ECB matters as follows:
 - i. The Pontefract & District Cricket League have not yet signed the MoU with the YCSPL, and the YPLMB have extended the deadline for this to 15 March. The P&DCL had asked for changes to be considered but this was not possible as they related to YPLMB rules.
 - ii. MS has responded to the Facebook post on the Equity & Diversity Group.
 - iii. Sponsorship. As we have had no positive responses, MS recommended that a sub-group be formed to progress the issue. He suggested we contact Alex Fletcher and Andrew Tipple to ask if they would be willing to work on this alongside SW and AB.
 - iv. MS clarified that, to avoid duplication, ECB/YCB correspondence would be distributed to clubs and board/committee members by SW, and that 'internal' correspondence would be circulated by GS.
 - v. Notes from the ECB Premier Leagues Chairs meeting minutes had been issued. ECB are looking at adults playing at least 60% of the season, and juniors 40%. A proposal has been put forward for the removal of overseas category 3E, and feedback is being sent to Paul Bedford. ECB have said that anti-discriminatory rules should be included in league rules.
 13. **Other business.** The following issues were raised:
 - i. DW said that currently Stocksbridge (two teams) and Sheffield University Staff (one) have applied to join in 2022 season.
 - ii. Play-Cricket. DW said that players were required to provide addresses, email addresses and telephone numbers, as some players, for example students, may have two addresses. This could result in duplicate registrations. MS suggested that the COVID sub-committee should reform along with SW and Melvyn Bond to discuss Play-Cricket registrations, and resolve what information is required. It was agreed that this needs to be uniform across the whole league.

- iii. Notes from the COVID sub-group have been circulated to committee members. MS said there are doubts about the opening of clubhouses and toilet facilities. It was agreed we wait for ECB guidelines before making further decisions. DW said that the delegates meeting scheduled for 24 March would be cancelled, and that alternative arrangements would be made for the distribution to clubs of cricket balls, handbooks, match cards, etc. All cricket balls will be delivered to Linzey Scothern. GS to advise clubs accordingly.
- iv. MS recommended that DW be appointed vice-chair of the LEB and MB the additional YPLMB representative. This was agreed.
- v. The Honours sub-group have produced a proposal for a two-tier League honours system, including two League Ambassadors and a number of Life Members, together with the expansion of Hall of Fame to the whole league. MS asked members to consider the paper in order that a decision can be made at the next meeting.
- vi. TB said that a lady umpire has been appointed to the committee of the Umpires Association.
- vii. DW said that the revised disciplinary regulations were with Mick Bocking and Neil Vaughan for finalisation. DW said that the new regulations have already been agreed with Simon Widdup, and would be sent to Paul McFarlane and Terry Bateman before going to the LEB and cricket committees. DW said that the changes were shown in red and that a new section had been included about Level 1 warnings.

14 **Date of next meeting.** Monday 29 March 2021 at 7pm by Zoom.

Meeting closed at 9.02pm

Statement from the League Treasurer

A query was raised about the reported bank balance of £4,877, which appeared only to reflect the contribution from the YSPL. MB has clarified this as follows:

‘The reason for the discrepancy is due to the need to transfer the money from an SYSCL account to a new account for YCSPL. This takes time due to bank processes designed to prevent money laundering. As the transfer of funds had not been completed during the financial period covered at the LEB Meeting on Monday these funds were not shown. I can now confirm that the transfer of £14,753.51 has been completed and will be shown on the next summary of accounts prior to the March LEB Meeting.’

Appendix 2

YCB update supplied by Ian Cotterhill

1. The Board are in final discussions with the ECB to finalise the new County Partnership Agreement for the next Four Year Period. This will confirm the funding and the funding formula for County Boards, it relates to delivery of the ECB’s Inspiring Generations initiative. Included in this are agreements for delivery of Club Support, Participation offers, Equality, Diversity & Inclusion directives, Safeguarding, Covid 19 rules, School delivery programmes, Pathways, Boys & Girls County Age Group cricket, Men’s Emerging Player Programmes & County Governance Framework.
2. Some staff are now off full furlough some on flexi furlough and some back full time. All staff are to return to work we hope soon, this of course will be dependent upon Government rulings.
3. New rules/amendments are to be proposed at next month’s AGM, mainly in relation to Disciplinary procedures & Transfer of Clubs
4. Coach Education and First Aid Courses are arranged, details of courses are available from Gareth and Dale Kerruish. How these are to be delivered will be determined by Government lockdown rulings.
 - We would welcome the chance to find clubs who would be able to offer their Grounds for use for Foundation Level 1 in SY where the ground would be available for a couple of Sundays 9.00 – 4.00pm May/June. We would just need the outfield and toilets. We are running the Foundation I programme outside at clubs this year.
 - Yorkshire Cricket Introduction to Coaching 3 hours for 12 years old and above delivered outside at clubs during evenings or holiday camps etc. cost £15 This course is certificated by Yorkshire Cricket
 - ECB Support Coach course for 16 years and above made up of online learning and approx. 3 hours face to face delivered at clubs on an evening cost £40 Certificated by the ECB.
 - ECB ACO Young Officials course 14 – 16 year more details to follow should land around May
 - Current Level 2 still live
 - Foundation II hopefully land towards the end of the year
 - This is the link to the EOI for the Advanced course (old L3) <https://www.ecb.co.uk/be-involved/coaching/coaching-courses/advanced-coach>
5. A new Income Generation Group is being formed to seek ways of generating new funding streams and areas where funds should be allocated.
6. A new Diversity, Equality and Inclusion Manager will shortly be in post.