



League Executive Board

5th Meeting - Monday 24 May 2021 – 7.00pm by Zoom

Present: Matt Summerhill (chairman), 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. **Matters rising from the notes of the last meeting.** None
2. **Reports from members**
 - a. *Equity & Diversity Group representative.* NW confirmed that the survey would be sent to clubs within the next couple of weeks, and they would have a month to respond. He also stated that the E & D group was formatting an action plan which would be in place by the end of the season. The group have not yet made contact with Mahboob Hussain but NW suggested he could possibly be asked to attend their next meeting.
 - b. *Safeguarding Manager.* MG confirmed there were one or issues, but all clubs now had a Safeguarding Officer in place. He reported that the issues at Dearne have now been resolved, but that an individual with senior roles within a club, including scoring, did not have a DBS. The club were informed that they could not score until resolved.
 - c. *Participation Manager.* No report.
 - d. *Umpires' representative.* TB said that there had been a few teething problems with the 'new' umpires and captain's reports, but these were now being resolved. DW stated that there was the option for clubs to be docked points after two email warnings, if they did not comply. A meeting was to be arranged with captains in the next few weeks. MS suggested a reminder be included in the weekly bulletin.
 - e. *Premier Section manager.* SW reported that the ECB target for electronic scoring was 35% and the YCSPL were achieving in excess of 70%. MS asked SW to post this on social media. TB stated that he had officiated recently at Warmsworth and they did not have a printer available for DLS use. SW to remind clubs of their responsibilities. MB suggested that clubs failing to provide a printer should forfeit the game, if DLS required. MS suggested that umpires be reminded that away team scorers are not mandatory in the Senior section, due to the current Covid restrictions.
 - f. *Treasurer.* The latest statement had been sent to members. SW stated that AB would be asked to invoice clubs for balls used in Cup competitions. GS asked for clarification as to what was included in the 'other income' figure of £5,152.
 - g. *Premier Section Head.*
 - i. MB recommended that Premier clubs should be reminded that every effort must be made to get games on and felt this had not been the case with several clubs recently. Agreed.
 - ii. CF asked what the current situation was regarding the Hallam grounds at Crimicar and Sandygate, and if they had provided progress reports, as previously agreed. DW confirmed that some improvements had been made to the changing arrangements at Crimicar. He said that the section 106 monies previously agreed by Sheffield City Council had been withdrawn, and that Hallam now preferred to use their own funds for improvements at Sandygate. The planning application for

fencing at Sandygate has now been received. MS asked SW to retrace previous correspondence with Hallam in order to contact them for an update.

- iii. SW reported that a meeting has been arranged with Premier captains on Monday 7 June to discuss reports.
- iv. SW said that the two trophies previously used by the Doncaster Alliance were not suitable for use by the Premier section, and that new trophies should be purchased. Agreed.
- v. SW queried why several players who have played for many years were being asked to re-register on play cricket. DW said that either they had not updated their account or some of their details were incorrect.

h. *Senior Section Head.*

- i. DW said there had been a problem with a club not wanting to pay an umpire, but this had now been resolved, and an apology received from the club.
- ii. DW reported that another club had emailed him complaining that two umpires had been appointed for their game. This happened on a day of inclement weather when the umpires had been at the ground for over three and a half hours before the game was cancelled. He also noted that the home captain had refused the shake hands with the umpires, which was not in the spirit of the game.
- iii. MS suggested that we should listen to comments properly raised, but we would not respond positively to inflammatory emails.

i. *Compliance Manager.* CF reported that there were increased numbers of players arriving in the UK from 'red zone' countries, but that this is legitimate, and anyone wanting further information should contact him directly.

j. *Competitions Manager.* MS said that as a result of the terrible weather all Cup competitions were well behind, and it was acceptable for clubs to mutually agree to play in midweek, rather than having to toss a coin to decide a match.

k. *YCB representative.* IC confirmed that he would provide a written update – see appendix 1.

l. *Chair.* MS said that the minutes of the last ECB meeting had been sent to members.

3. **Other Business.**

a. *Current applications/inspections for 2022 season:*

- i. De La Salle 1st XI – inspection to be carried out on 2 June.
- ii. Stocksbridge 1st XI & 2nd XI – inspection carried out 24 May, ground and facilities acceptable. Currently waiting for the results of a grant application for a new pavilion and ball-stop fencing. Can use the changing facilities at Stocksbridge Park Steels FC, if necessary.
- iii. Sheffield University Staff 1st XI – inspection carried out 24 May, ground and facilities in excellent condition. No roller or marking equipment available for use during the game, which will need to be addressed.
- iv. Parkhead 1st XI – inspection still outstanding.
- v. Ackworth 1st XI & 2nd XI – inspection carried out 17 May. Ground and facilities of Premier division standard. Pavilion refurbishment in the pipeline.
- vi. Hatfield Town 1st XI & 2nd XI – inspection carried out 17 May, ground and facilities acceptable. Awaiting funding for a new pavilion. Transfer/resignation form received from P&DCL signed and forwarded to the YCB.

All applications are subject to clubs providing the appropriate number and names of Umpires by 31 July 2021.

b. *Structure for 2022 season.* MS confirmed that we are likely to have 10-12 new clubs in 2022, in addition to being currently oversubscribed. This will result in a new structure being considered and a 'new' division in 2022. The new structure will need to be put to clubs by 30 June 2021, and no further applications are to be considered for 2022. Eden Grove and Maltby will need to make their intentions for 2022 known to the committee by 30 June.

- c. *Umpire recruitment update* – DW has written to the YCB regarding future recruitment and Chris West is to discuss this with the ECB. DW pointed out that more Premier umpires were being provided from Senior section clubs than Premier.
- d. *South Yorkshire Area Council* – MG had forwarded an email requesting umpires for a six-a-side competition but had only received one response.
- e. *YCSPL tie* – GS showed members a sample of the tie which has been chosen. It was agreed that we place an order with Tie Weaver for 100 ties and 24 cravats/scarves.
- f. *Memorial game*. MB said that SW would agree a date with YPLN for the YCSPL XI v YPLN XI Dan Woods Memorial game and would make the necessary arrangements.
- g. *Results round-ups*. DW reported that two students from Sheffield Hallam University had agreed to provide weekly reports for divisions 1-8 in the senior section for submission to the local press and inclusion on the website. He asked if they could be recompensed for their time, and it was agreed they should receive £500 each at the end of the season.
- h. *Pitch markings*. MG queried why the idea of using 17 inch wicket lines had been discontinued, which was included in the second weekly bulletin. DW stated that this had been trialled in 2019 but was not a requirement in league rules and had not been followed up.

4. **Date of next meeting.** Monday 28 June 2021 at 7pm by Zoom.

Meeting closed at 9.12pm

Appendix

YCB update

1. *Equality, Diversity & Inclusion*. Mo Hussain has been appointed EDI Manager across Yorkshire Cricket.
2. *Coach Education*
 - YCB are looking for a club in Doncaster to host the new ECB support coach course (3 hours) one evening. We have one at South Kirby so maybe not too close to that. It is a free course for 16years +, Parents, Volunteers etc. Probably July.
 - We also have a female only Foundation I at Thorpe Hesley CC on Tuesday evenings 22nd and 29th June, 6th and 13th July. There are £50 bursaries available.
 - We have a blended (virtual classrooms and face to face modules) ECB Level 2 qualification starting mid-June for more details and how to register contact k.gresham@yorkshirecb.com
 - All courses currently running outside at Clubs
 - We have bursaries to support coaches wanting to access courses who will be working with women and girls, disabilities and BAME