



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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Premier Section Cricket Committee

18th meeting – Wednesday 12th June 2024 – 7.30pm by Zoom

Note of Meeting

Present: Roger Pugh (chair), Mark Beardshall, Chris Froggett, Mick Forrester, Alex Fletcher, Andy Harrison, Nick Kendall, Bryan Lowe, Steve Ward

- Welcome & apologies.** RP welcomed everyone and said that Jason Booth had apologised as he was going on holiday the following day.
- Matters arising from last meeting.** RP said that all the action points were cleared, but that he did want to raise the issue of the Premier Leagues play-offs. He had raised this subject at the LEB and agreed to produce a proposal for the future organisation of the play-offs. He had been working on this earlier in the day, and summarised the main points. In addition:
 - AH said that it needs to be clear that if a league withdraws from the play-offs, they cannot subsequently change their minds and return.
 - SW raised the issue of the money which leagues had paid into the PLMB. RP said that this was for the play-offs, and any outstanding balance should be used for that purpose.
 - CF said that the purpose of the PLMB was not solely to organise the play-offs, it was about the wider organisation of league cricket in Yorkshire. He referred specifically to the co-ordination of Sunday scheduling. RP said that this is an issue that needs to be raised with the YCB, and would follow up via the LEB.
 - RP will circulate his document on the play-offs for further consideration and comment.
- Equity & Diversity update.** RP said that JB had advised said YCB has now acknowledged their request for a meeting, so he is hoping that the advert for new members and the workplan can be agreed and moved forward. RP said that Paul Cummins had been helpful in progressing this issue.
- Overseas players.** After discussion, the proposed amendment to rule 38.iv was agreed and will now go forward to the LEB for ratification.
- Premier Section standards.** RP referred to the document prepared by CF and himself, which is based on what the Birmingham League have produced.
 - He asked about the number of rollers to be available on matchdays. AH said that if pitch preparation had been done properly, a heavy roller should not be needed. After discussion, it was agreed that the requirement should be for only one roller to be available on matchdays.
 - There was a discussion around what should be specified for dressing rooms. It was agreed that there needed to be more clarity about what was expected as follows:
 - Size. There should be a minimum size stipulated. We will obtain measurements from a sample of PS dressing rooms that are deemed to be adequate and set a minimum size based on these.
 - Showers. There should be a minimum of three showers per dressing room.

- Toilets. There should be a minimum of two toilets per dressing room.
- Dressing rooms should be clean and in good repair and state of décor.
- Electronic scoreboards should be required.
- Where an existing or incoming club does not meet the standards, they should either apply for exemption where it would be impossible to meet a specific standard, or be required to submit a plan to do so within a maximum three-year timescale. It should be clarified that once the Standards document is agreed at LEB level, a club that aims to play in the Premier Division should start working towards compliance. The three years should not start when they are promoted to the Premier Division.

6. **Representative games.** RP recorded thanks to Phil and Roy Chapman and Jason Booth for their work with the under 21 side the previous week. He felt that in future we need to provide them with more support in team selection, in order to protect them against possible allegations of bias. After discussion it was agreed that in future we should:

- invite nominations from clubs via the bulletin
- seek nominations from match officials
- ask Phil, Roy and Jason to nominate a squad
- ask three committee members to look at the names put forward and endorse a squad from which the team will be selected, allowing for drop-outs

SW said that the next game will be that against the MCC at Abbeydale on Thursday 1 August at Abbeydale, and that MCC would have a strong squad. AH suggested that we seek to play further u/21 games against other leagues. RP to follow up.

7. **Houghton Main update.** RP said that a date had not yet been fixed for the meeting. HMCC had been asked for suitable dates but had only suggested one so far. He will go back to them if he does not hear by the end of the week. Items to be discussed will include:

- overseas player playing before he had been registered
- player playing under a false name in the Whitworth Cup
- Lindsay Pepper's report on the scoring facilities
- administrative failures

It was reported that the player whose registration with Tickhill for 2024 had not been approved because he had played in 2023 at HMCC under a false name is now back at HMCC, playing under a different false name. RP to seek further information.

8. **Other business**

- SW said that he would organise a Zoom meeting for officials from the League, Cawthorne CC, and the four competing clubs, about the arrangements for the T20 finals day.
- Gareth Davis will be asked to organise the Whitworth Cup semi-finals draw after the conclusion of the game at Church Fields on Sunday.
- AH raised the issue of the distribution of ECB funding. He felt that this should be used to reward excellence rather than meeting minimum standards, and targeted at initiatives designed to increase participation, for example, All Stars and Dynamos, women's & girls' participation (not just teams). CF supported this principle. RP to write proposal for discussion at next meeting.
- RP said that the representative shirts organised by SW and Andrew Tipple are available at £26 each if league officials and committee people want them. He would seek approval for them to be given to Phil, Roy and Jason.

9. **Closure.** RP thanked everyone for their input, and closed the meeting at 9.15pm. The next meeting is arranged for Wednesday 24 July (7.30pm by Zoom).