



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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Premier Section Cricket Committee

9th meeting – Monday 15 August 2022 – 7.30pm by Zoom

Note of Meeting

Present: Mark Beardshall (chair), Jason Booth, Alex Fletcher, Chris Froggett, Bryan Lowe, Roger Pugh, Steve Ward, Andrew Tipple (observer),

Apologies: Chris Cobb, Mick Forrester, Andy Harrison

1 Equity & Diversity update. JB provided a short update from the Group:

- the group had not been meeting during the season; the next meeting is scheduled for September
- the two main issues for the group will be the analysis of the responses to the survey and the recruitment of new members in order to make the group more representative of everyone in the League

2 Scoring update. SW provided a short update as follows:

- a level 2 scorers' course will be held on 12 November at Wakefield Thornes CC
- SW is to organise a Linear Scoring workshop in November (this is the new alternative paper-based scoring method that can be used as an alternative to electronic scoring where necessary)
- SW updated the meeting on the work on the Young Leaders project, which he is working on with Jason Booth, Jonathan Crabtree and Chris Whitaker of Cricket Leaders

3 Playing conditions 2023. There was a discussion following feedback from the player survey and the Premier Section captains' meeting. The following were agreed:

- there will be no proposal to amend the start time or duration of games in the Premier Section
- a proposal to make teas compulsory in the Premier Section should go to the AGM for vote
- bowlers' overs – there will be two alternatives for clubs to vote on; firstly, two bowlers to be allowed to bowl 15 overs, with an eight-over maximum for all others; and secondly, a maximum ten overs per bowler **(RP to draft proposal – see below)**
- the YCSPL will continue to participate in the *Viking Cricket Cup*, but would prefer a 12 noon start for all games **(SW to talk to YPLN to seek their agreement and commitment)**

4 T20 Blast

- the Group Stage game at Whiston was discussed, along with the letter from Pete Wilson; Pete's apology and honesty were recognised, but there had also been feedback from captains in league games about late opening of facilities, rabbit holes, and dog excrement on the square, and the committee decided that the

club should be banned from hosting finals and T20 days for three seasons (**RP to draft a letter to Pete Wilson for MB to advise above**)

- RP reported that the T20 Blast finals day had been a great success, and that the Elsecar club had done a great job in hosting (**RP to draft a letter of thanks to Elsecar for MB**)

5 Ground inspections

- SW had requested inspections of the grounds of clubs that could potentially be promoted into the Premier Section from Division 1 (Darfield and Upper Haugh)
- RP proposed that inspections of grounds and facilities for ECB money distribution purposes could be done on an 'exception' basis, and asked that members notify him of any clubs that committee members felt fell short of the required standards – this was agreed (**RP to recirculate G&F criteria and members to notify any grounds they feel should be visited**)
- RP asked that members notify him if they would be willing to participate in ground inspections

6 Umpiring issues

- BL reported that two courses had been arranged at Rotherham Phoenix for October:
 - Stage 1 – 16 October 9.00-16.30
 - Stage 2 – 30 October 9.00-16.30
- MB asked if course/exam fees could be reimbursed for new umpires – *RP has confirmed with David Ward that this is already done*

7 Other business

- i. AF raised the issue of ground availability in South Yorkshire, and the request from the League that clubs notify ground arrangements for third teams in 2023 as soon as possible. He asked whether:
 - there could be an easement for teams in, for example, Divisions 7-9 to play games on Sundays where ground availability was an issue
 - whether there could be some financial assistance to help clubs pay to play on the ground at Rotherham Phoenix (the ground hire fee has increased from £80 to £150)
 - whether, in the interests of participation, the YCB could help bring pressure to bear on local authorities to allow cricket to be played at Kilnhurst and for it to be continued at Harley

JB said that there may well be funding in the pipeline for development of facilities for other sports than just football, including cricket. **RP said that he would ask DW if Gareth Davis could be asked to the next LEB to follow up on an earlier discussion on this issue.**

- ii. CF asked that when we review the rules for overseas players in 2023, we clarify and simplify the definition of overseas amateurs (**CF & RP to take forward**).
- iii. MB said that when reviewing umpires' fees, we should stipulate that the full fee is payable only to umpires who have reached the relevant level of qualification. It was also suggested that, rather than impose levies in connection with umpire recruitment on Premier Section clubs, ECB monies should be retained by the League for use on umpire recruitment and incentives. (**RP to discuss with DW**).

8 Close. The meeting closed at 9.00. The next meeting will be on Monday 19 September (7.30pm by Zoom).

Draft proposal for bowlers' overs

First proposal:

To replace Playing Condition 16.iv with the following – Premier Section (and Divisions 1 & 2?). Two bowlers may bowl up to 15 overs in an innings; no other bowler may bowl more than eight.

If this proposal is defeated, a second proposal will be put to the vote:

To replace Playing Condition 16.iv with the following – Premier Section (and Divisions 1 & 2?). No bowler may bowl more than ten overs in an innings.

If this proposal is defeated, the existing Playing Condition 16.iv will continue to apply.