



# Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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## Senior Section committee

**27th Meeting – Tuesday 20 JUNE 2023 – 7.00pm**  
**Blackburn & Wincobank Conservative Club**

### Notes of Meeting

Present: David Ward (chair), Melvyn Bond, Bryan Lowe, Richard North, Lindsay Pepper, Linzey Scothern, Matt Summerhill, Graham Swallow (secretary), Nelson Windle

Apologies: Richard Fidler

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1. **Equity & Diversity** – Nothing to report.
2. **Safeguarding** – Nothing to report.
3. **Houghton Main 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 player** – DW/RN visited Houghton Main on 3/6/2023 and spoke to the player who scored 52 not out. DW asked for sight of his visa and the person on the visa has a beard. Unfortunately, we have not been able to obtain any documentation regarding the player at Coventry Wanderers. The Houghton Main secretary confirmed that nobody knew this player who had played no fewer than eleven times for Houghton Main 2ndX1 last season.
4. **Play Cricket** – MB reported that Rotherham Town had tried to sign a player from Houghton Main and initially his transfer had been refused. Rotherham Town offered to resolve the issue but he then played for them before the transfer had been completed. After one game he then returned to play at Houghton Main. After discussion it was agreed that Rotherham Town had played an illegible player and would be deducted 12 points. Before the points are deducted Houghton Main will be asked about the transfer at the planned meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023.
5. **Discipline** – DW confirmed there has been 26 cases to date. The recent hearing with the Penistone player had now been concluded, and the Hatfield Town player had also been banned.
6. **Norton Woodseats v Sheffield Collegiate 3 & Frecheville v Sprotbrough 2** – it was agreed that Collegiate had played an illegible player in the Cup fixture. Agreed they would be expelled from this year's competition but would be allowed to enter in 2024.

It was agreed that Sprotbrough had played several illegible players in their recent Presidents Cup fixture. Agreed they would be expelled from this year's competition but would be allowed to enter in 2024.

The committee felt that comments directed to them by the Sprotbrough 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 captain in respect of the above were totally unacceptable. DW has asked for an apology from the Club and from the player himself.

7. **Laptop Scoring D1 & D2 in 2024** – DW reported that only two clubs were currently not using laptop scoring. He also stated that overall, the percentage of clubs in the SYSCL using laptops was far greater than the rest of the country. DW to write to clubs in Divisions 1/2 and the promoted clubs in Division 3 regarding the use of electronic scoring in 2024.
8. **Umpires** – DW explained that the situation was now dire with a shortage of 50 this weekend and 14 in the Premiership.
9. **Other Business**

DW stated that to date monies had been paid from the Development Fund to Whiston Forge and Coal Aston, and that he had recently received two further enquiries, one from Caribbean for roof repairs and one from Eden Grove Parklands for an outfield mower. It was agreed that monies would be made available to both clubs when the work/purchase had been completed and an invoice received.

LS stated that that he would not be available to act as Match Manager at two of this year's Finals.

DW confirmed that the inspection at Waverley CC would be carried out in July.

MB reported that Kieran Coburn, a statistician from Worcester, had been in contact requesting League information and has asked to be a member of our website. DW to follow up.

LP said that she had recently scored at Coal Aston and confirmed that the facilities were much improved.

LS stated that the second batch of cricket balls were due to be delivered on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June and he would speak with members of the committee regarding distribution.
10. The meeting ended at 8.40pm