



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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Senior Section committee

29th Meeting – Monday 20 November 2023 – 7.00pm
Blackburn & Wincobank Conservative Club

Notes of Meeting

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

Apologies: Linzey Scothern, Matt Summerhill

- Sheffield United CC.** Philp Atkins, Malcolm Clench and Luqman Asad represented the club. Luqman gave his account as to why the scorecard had been changed, citing the fact that the scores did not tally in the summary and both scorers used a scorebook and were both young. Rotherham Town had objected to the score being changed to 223 which enabled SUCC to gain points they would not otherwise have had. Luqman said he had called MB about the problem and had been told to sort it. DW said that SUCC had had previous problems with scorers and SUCC replied that their regular scorer did not turn up on the day in question.

Clench said that SUCC had suspended Luqman indefinitely from the 1st XI captaincy and for one month from other activities. DW referred to the General Conduct Regulations and confirmed that section 10 included the falsification of results and carried a penalty at the Leagues discretion.

After discussion it was agreed that Luqman should receive a four-week ban commencing in April 2024, plus a further eight weeks suspended until the end of the 2024 season, SUCC 1st XI will be deducted 12 points for 2024 and their 36-point suspension for poor administration will be extended to the end of the 2025 season.
- Safeguarding.** LP reported issues with a Wombwell player which the committee felt should be dealt with by the club. Further courses were being arranged at Whiston PC in February 2024 and Whitley Hall in March 2024.
- Equity & Diversity.** Nothing to report.
- Whitley Hall 3rds ground availability.** The club had enquired about using the Green Moor ground but nothing had been decided. DW to follow up.
- Elsecar 3rds & Wickersley OV 3rds – Wentworth facilities.** DW reported that it was likely there would be no facilities available at Wentworth in 2024 and both clubs were aware of this.
- Wath 3rds ground availability.** No ground identified for 2024.
- Upper Haugh 3rds.** It was confirmed that the new ground would be Hooton Pagnell.
- Sprotbrough 3rds.** It was confirmed that the new ground would be Bullcroft Main. BL to inspect in due course.

9. **Doncaster Town 3rds & 4ths ground.** It was confirmed they will now be playing at Finningley, as in 2023.
10. **Frickley Colliery application for 2025** – clearance received from the Pontefract League, ground and facilities form sent for completion.
11. **Fixtures 2024** – MB is waiting for Elsecar 3rds to confirm their ground for 2024 on Play-Cricket.
12. **New teams for 2024.** Hallam 4ths and Parkhead 2nds are both confirmed
13. **Application for new club for 2025.** Waverley CC have applied to have two teams in the YCSPL. The ground was inspected in 2023 and a further inspection is required.
14. **Hatfield Town – development fund request.** To be discussed further.
15. **Thornccliffe & Wentworth – development fund request for Wentworth.** Not being considered until further information is made available.
16. **Play Cricket**
 - MB queried the change of overs and finishing times as discussed at the AGM and it was pointed out that this only applied in rain affected matches.
 - He confirmed that two scorecards had still not been locked after the end of the season, one relating to Barnsley Woolley and one for Handsworth Junior SC.
 - He reported that Houghton Main's secretary had resigned.
17. **Discipline update.** DW reported that the issue with the Handsworth Junior SC player had been concluded. He had received a 24-week ban with a further 48 weeks suspended and had been banned from the YCSPL. Handsworth Juniors had been deducted 24 league points for 2024.
18. **Other business**
 - DW had asked for photographs from Brookhouse regarding their development fund request.
 - RN queried if the development fund would be 'topped up'. DW confirmed this would be done when the ECB monies were received.
 - It was agreed that the Cup final venues for 2024 would be:
 - Mick Savage Trophy – Darfield CC
 - President's Cup – Whiston Parish Church CC
 - Billy Oates Memorial Cup – Mexborough Athletic CC

The meeting closed at 9.20pm