



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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Senior Section Cricket Committee

2nd meeting – Thursday 4th February 2021 – 7.00pm by Zoom

Note of Meeting

Present: David Ward (chairman), Melvyn Bond, Richard Fidler, Bryan Lowe, Irfan Mirza, Richard North, Lindsay Pepper, Linzey Scothern, Matt Summerhill, Graham Swallow (secretary)

- Welcome.** DW opened the meeting by welcoming Irfan Mirza, the Senior Section representative from the Equity & Diversity Group.
- Plans for 2021.** DW confirmed that we are still planning for a full season, and that the ECB remained non-committal, but optimistic. He reported that Mark Beardshall, Chris Froggett and himself were due to meet to discuss contingency plans in the near future, and that promotion and relegation was an essential requirement.
- Equity & Diversity Group.** IM said that a letter had been issued about the aims, objectives, and roles of the group. He said that Milton Samuels had been appointed chair of the group; Milton and Nelson Windle will share the representation on the LEB, with Jason Booth and Shaaiq Choudhry the Premier Section representation.
- Cricket ball orders.** MB is currently collating requirements from clubs. DW confirmed that he had spoken to *Readers*, who were due to carry out a review on 1 March, but would not have a problem with supply. He was waiting to hear back from *Oxbridge*. LS agreed for balls to be delivered to him prior to distribution, hopefully at the delegates meeting in March.
- Sponsorship update.** DW confirmed there had been no recent developments, but that Steve Ward was due to meet *Solly Sports* in the coming days.
- Handbook update.** GS said that the club directory had been sent to clubs at the beginning of December with a completion and return date of 31st January. 12 clubs had failed to respond by that date but all had subsequently done so. He confirmed that the directory and fixtures, including 40 plus rearranged matches had now been completed and checked, and that pages for League officials, umpires, etc, were being developed. GS intended to ask clubs who provided advertisements last year if they were prepared to continue at a cost of £50 (A6 page) with a £25 subscription discount. Of the 12 last year it was unlikely that *M&S Sports* and *Davick Electrical* would continue. It was agreed that *Marshall Wooldridge* and *Viking* should be included, as sponsors, at no cost. RF asked about the layout of the directory within the handbook and GS confirmed that each page would show club details, contacts and their fixtures. RF asked if clubs would be able to print this info for their own use.
- Play-Cricket.** MB confirmed that the merger went well, but currently 50 plus players were unregistered. He also stated that the administration section needed updating, and that umpires' details need amending. He agreed that the SYSCCL and SY Alliance sites would subsequently need to be archived but need to remain in the short term.
- Ground & facilities criteria.** DW said that this was now complete and ready to submit to clubs, but he thought it would be best to defer this until after the start of the season, with a return date of 31st July 2021.

9. **Thornccliffe CC.** GS had spoken to Richard Berry who had confirmed that Friday 5th February was the closing date for bids from interested parties. He would obtain the intentions of the successful bidder and update us further in due course. He was very hopeful that cricket would continue, as previously.
10. **Outstanding fixtures.** MS said that the fixture list was now complete, with all rearrangements agreed. He mentioned there may be issues at Handsworth as result of them playing at a multi-sports complex. DW said that Sheffield United were having problems with the university, and that they would now need planning permission before erecting a portakabin at the Aurora ground. He will ask why this has only just come to light.
11. **Whitworth Cup raffle.** DW stated that as *Davick Electrical* had ended their sponsorship it could now cost the league £1,200 to continue. It was agreed that due to the current COVID situation and the uncertain timescales for Cup fixtures, we should not hold this in 2021. DW to notify clubs.
12. **Other business**
 - DW Confirmed that an application had been received from Barnby Dun CC for season 2022, although the Pontefract & District League had rejected their request to leave, and they had now lodged an appeal with YPLMB. Applications were also due from Ackworth CC and Hatfield Main CC.
 - BL stated that the 'new' umpires course had gone live on 1st January and to date there had been 22 candidates; 19 male and three female. He confirmed that they had completed the Stage 1 course but that no Stage 2 courses were currently available due to the COVID restrictions. The umpires' association were currently in contact with the ECB ACO to seek an update.
 - LP reported a problem where a male had contacted a sixteen-year old female and asked her to score for his club in 2021. This was believed to be a 'spoof' request, as there was a considerable distance between the female and the club. Her parents had been contacted, and Ray Knowles had been notified. She suggested that in future Steve Ward forward emails to committee members before submitting info to clubs. LP confirmed that all *Safe Hands* courses were currently online, there were no face to face courses, and that DBS checks were being dealt with via Ray Knowles and Gareth Davis.
 - IM asked about teas for 2021 and DW confirmed that any revised decision would be dependent on COVID rules.
 - LS confirmed that the ECB ACO had appointed Graham Hudson as an instructor for Stage 2 courses. He also said that the umpires' association had now formed various sub-committees.
 - RF recommended that the umpires association be put on the new website. Due to a current social media issue MS suggested that we should have an enquiries@yocspl.co.uk address, where any future questions/issues could be sent and dealt with by designated persons.
 - GS confirmed that he had sent an email to clubs with a letter from Chris Froggett about overseas players in 2021. The Tier 5 qualification rules had been increased from 24 to 36 months due to current playing restrictions.
13. **Date of next meeting.** Thursday 4th March (7.00pm)

Meeting closed at 8pm