



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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Senior Section committee

30th Meeting – Monday 15 January 2024 – 7.00pm

Blackburn & Wincobank Conservative Club

Notes of Meeting

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

Apologies: Bryan Lowe, Richard North

1. **E D & I** – NW said that he had been in a meeting with Milton Samuels and Jason Booth earlier in the evening and that they were currently seeking new recruits.
2. **Safeguarding**
 - LP was very concerned, as were all members of the committee, that the ECB had decided to withdraw the need for DBS checks for scorers. She stated that DW would discuss at the PLMB meeting later in the week.
 - She confirmed that two courses were booked for February and March at Whitley Hall and Whiston PC and that a further one was being organized by the Pontefract League.
3. **Cup Draws** – DW confirmed that all the Cup draws had now been completed and it was hoped to bring them forward to an earlier date in future.
4. **Request for fixture changes 2024** – MS stated that the season could be extended to Saturday 21 September. He confirmed that 10 fixture rearrangements were still outstanding after the deadline. DW reported that Ridgeway CC has withdrawn their application to join the YCSPL.
 - It was agreed that the Oughtibridge 2 v Thorpe Hesley & High Green fixture could start at 11am.
 - It was agreed that the Coal Aston 2 v Rotherham Town 2 fixture would be switched from 7 September to 21 September.
 - It was agreed that the Caribbean fixture could be played on the same date as the festival with no teas or be moved to 21 September at Higham. DW to contact clubs.
 - It was decided that Warmsworth 2 and Whiston Forge's request to change the date of a fixture due to a wedding should not be accepted.
 - It was decided that Frecheville 2 request to change the date of a fixture for a stag do should not be accepted.
 - Handsworth Junior 2 v Hatfield Town fixture on 24 August. MS suggested it be moved to 21 September at Hatfield Town.
5. **Frickley Colliery CC application** (*where will they be placed*) – DW confirmed that Frickley Colliery will complete their Clubmark application by April 2024, that they had nominated two umpires, and therefore could be placed in division 2 in 2025.

6. **Sheffield University Staff 2 application for 2025** – no issues, application accepted. In addition:
 - DW confirmed that the Waverley CC had been provisionally accepted but a further ground inspection was required in the coming months.
 - MS had received an unofficial approach from Wadworth CC who are currently playing in the Bassetlaw League.
7. **Ground facilities at Wentworth** – DW reported that no facilities will be available for 2024 including toilet facilities. Thorncliffe & Wentworth CC are looking into the possibility of hiring a Portaloo for the season. DW to speak to Elsecar and Wickersley.
8. **Umpire training and courses** – Three refresher courses are being held, two at Elsecar and one at Tickhill. To date only two 'new' umpires have been recruited.
9. **Play Cricket** – MB reported ongoing scorecard issues with a refugee player at Barnsley Woolley despite several emails and reminders. DW to follow up. He confirmed that all fixtures were now available on Play Cricket and MS asked for an email to be sent all clubs to ask them to check their fixtures.
10. **Cricket Ball orders** - MB reported that the order forms had been sent to clubs.
11. **Handbook update** – GS reported that the Club contact form was being finalised and would send to clubs for completion shortly.
12. **Other business**
 - DW said that Mel Mahmood had requested that start times for Cup fixtures be delayed when they clashed with Sunday W & G matches.
 - MB reported that Maurice Gilliatt and himself had attended the quarterly management meeting at Headingley in December, and that MG had now resigned. It was agreed that Ashley Boothman be asked if he would be prepared to take up this position.
 - MS voiced his concerns over the nine-year term which had been placed on Premier League committee members by the ECB, and queried when this period started. DW said that Roger Pugh had consulted with Paul Bedford about this and it will be discussed at LEB.
 - LS asked GS to provide him with numbers of team cards, etc, by clubs from the YCB.
13. **Close.** The meeting closed at 8.25pm