



# Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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## Senior Section Committee

**31st Meeting – Thursday 15 February 2024 – 7.00pm**

**Blackburn & Wincobank Conservative Club**

### Notes of Meeting

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

Apologies: Bryan Lowe, Richard Fidler, Richard North

1. **E D & I** – NW said the advertisement for ‘new’ recruits had been finalised and now needed ratifying by the YCB.
2. **Safeguarding** – LP had spoken to Richard Wilkinson regarding the DBS scorers’ issue and DW confirmed that we will have to abide by the ECB regulations with each club being responsible for operating the rules correctly. It was, however, acknowledged that this would be very difficult at some grounds where the scoreboxes were not near to the pavilion.
3. **Play Cricket update**
  - MB reported that the cricket ball orders had been sent off and numbers were slightly down on last year.
  - He confirmed the issue with Barnsley Woolley Miners had now been finally resolved.
  - He discussed the amended points to be adopted for season 2024 and confirmed that these could be incorporated into Play-Cricket.
4. **Fixtures update** – excluding the Handsworth Junior SC fixture issue, there were four fixtures still to be resolved:
  - Eden Grove 2 v Scholes & Harley 2 (S&H will not play on a Sunday)
  - Fishlake v Barnby Dun (Barnby Dun will not play on a Sunday)
  - Sheffield Collegiate 4 v Upper Haugh 2 (no response from U Haugh to Collegiate’s suggestions)
  - Wath 3 v Scholes & Harley 2 (S&H will not play on a Sunday)
5. **Handsworth Junior SC fixtures**
  - MS said that due to their ground issue the 1<sup>st</sup> XI have ten fixtures to rearrange and the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI eight. He thought this could prove very difficult as they were reliant on clubs showing goodwill and offering to play on Sundays or Bank Holidays, and not all were able or willing to do so.
  - It was agreed that a decision on the awarding of points for non-fulfilled fixtures would be made at a later date.

6. **Handsworth Juniors CC disciplinary points** – it was decided that the disciplinary sanction would remain, as previously agreed.
7. **Ground inspection at Bullcroft & Hillhouse School** – DW to make arrangements for LS, GS, and himself to inspect the grounds and facilities.
8. **Doncaster Town 3rds & 4ths – change of venue** – DW reported that DT intend to use Hillhouse School for their ‘home’ matches in 2024.
9. **Umpires update**
  - DW/LS confirmed that three ‘new’ umpires would each begin the season with a mentor.
  - DW said that two Premier umpires had decided not to stand in 2024.
10. **Wadworth CC application** – the Bassetlaw League have given permission for Wadworth to speak to us. DW/LS/GS to inspect the ground and facilities.
11. **Doncaster Town 3rds & 4<sup>th</sup>s overseas player** – DT are looking to engage an Australian female to play for them this season. Agreed we accept and monitor.
12. **Other business**
  - LS said that he needed 130 handbooks for the umpires’ pre-season meeting on Monday 8 April.
  - MB confirmed the YCB AGM would be held at Headingley on 19 March, and confirmed that Ashley Boothman and himself would attend.
  - GS reported that despite reminders being sent 12 clubs had still not completed and returned their club information forms which were due by 9 February.
  - GS informed members that the YCB had changed the pricing and levels for their affiliation fees for 2024. Each club must pay £30 for each Saturday team and any senior Women’s teams up to a maximum of £150 per club. Additionally, they must pay £30 for any Sunday or Midweek team.
  - LP reported that she would be attending the Mental Health Awareness course at Cawthorne on 5 March.
  - It was agreed that the next meeting scheduled for Thursday 14 March will be cancelled.

**Closure.** The meeting ended at 8.10pm.