



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

YCSPL SENIOR SECTION MEETING

41st Meeting – Thursday 20th March 2025 at 7:30pm

Zoom

Present: Richard North (Chair), Terry Bateman, Ashley Boothman, Lindsay Pepper, Jonathan Crabtree, Matthew Summerhill, Nelson Windle, Richard Fidler, Bryan Lowe and Melvyn Bond

Apologies: Linzey Scothern

1. Action Points from Last Meeting

- Alison Gresser has volunteered to help LP with safeguarding. LP to speak to her.
- The details of the W&G Safeguarding officer is to be added to safeguarding section on our website.
- MB sent model scorecard to RN. This has been sent to clubs and information regarding what will happen if not completed. This information will also be expressed to the clubs at the delegates meeting. RF and MB to come up with bullet points to break information down.
- MB confirmed that the last of the new clubs for 2025 has begun to register their players, currently over twenty have been successfully registered.
- Levies for not having a panel umpire have been sent to clubs.
- Coal Aston have confirmed that they will be bringing their 3rd and 4th teams for the season 2026.
- Team cards order has been increased, the cards have arrived and have been sorted but still waiting for bowling directives cards. These should be here in time for the delegates meeting.
- The update meeting with one of our club's took place to discuss key points – the main action points for the club now centre around their administration.
- Fixtures – Birkdale ground inspection completed so a game can be played there. 1 game outstanding - Handsworth 2 v Brookhouse. RN to follow up.

2. ED&I (NW)

- 3 more potential candidates have put their names forward since the last meeting.
- Meeting week before season starts with Roger Pugh so discuss group moving forward.
- RN reported that there is a new online EDI online course which should take 30 minutes to complete. It's recommended by the ECB that specific members of the LEB take the course – RN and LP to complete.

3. Safeguarding (LP)

- Still issues with some people with DBS – LP is working to support people.
- Junior consent form – still ongoing but it can be done online as part of membership form. This stays with club and does not need to go to game.
- ECB have just released guidance - juniors allowed to play immediately after 12th birthday in adult cricket. Senior section has serious concerns regarding the safety of junior cricketers playing at this age. To be discussed at an emergency meeting with our junior league counterparts.

4. **Play Cricket (MB)**
 - 221 transfers so far.
 - RN asked MB if we could include a check on the transfer list for parental consent, MB said one could be added.
5. **Umpires Report (TB)**
 - All umpires refresher courses have now taken place.
 - Team cards – need to be completed properly and legibly by clubs.
 - DLS course arranged.
 - Handbook meeting arranged.
6. **Overseas Player Requests**
 - Applications to play overseas players were received from Treeton, Frecheville, Caribbean & Doncaster Town. All were approved and are to be monitored, it was agreed that the DTCC player only be allowed in their 3rd Xi.
7. **ECB Video Call**
 - 26th March – new safeguarding course launched. Open to all.
 - Consent for players U18 – parental permission is not requirement for leagues and umpires to monitor. The onus is on the clubs.
 - Risk Assessment – recommend all clubs to do one. Clubs doing league final – risk assessment and emergency action plan should be checked by the league.
 - Recommend that clubs have a trained first aider at games and training sessions.
8. **Applications from New Clubs**
 - West Bretton (2 teams) and Pledwick (2 teams) want to join in 2026. Ground inspections to be arranged.
 - Waleswood and Sheffield Super Kings not replied to emails. Deadline is 31st March.
9. **A.O.B**
 - Development Fund Application from Eden Grove Parklands for contribution to a new square lawnmower - approved.
 - Rotherham Town held EGM – may be pulling first team due to financial issues.
 - MB gave share codes update.
 - Concussion – clubs will be given advise at captains meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:58pm.

Mr J Crabtree