



# Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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## Senior Section Committee

Thursday 19th February 2026 - Blackburn & Wincobank Conservative Club

### Note of Meeting

Present: Richard North (chair), Terry Bateman, Melvyn Bond Lindsay Pepper, Rachael Roberts, Linzey Scothern

Apologies: Ashley Boothman, Jonathan Crabtree, Richard Fidler, Bryan Lowe, Matt Summerhill, Nelson Windle

#### Action points from last meeting

- At the LEB, RN raised the query of some of the presentation night raffle profit going to a charity, he confirmed that this will happen.
- RN also raised the concerns about the cost of the refreshments at the AGM at the LEB.

#### E&DG (NW)

- **No report available**

#### Safeguarding (LP)

- LP reported that there is a problem with the Safe Hands System as people attending courses aren't showing on it.
- Three courses are still available for new or existing safeguarding officers to book onto.
- There is a helpdesk for the level two online course.

#### Play-Cricket (MB)

- MB reported that Pledwick and West Bretton have registered the vast majority of their players.
- There is a total of 223 players whose registrations need removing from the ex YDCL teams.
- MB has sent out an 'about us' questionnaire for the new clubs to complete; four are still to respond. This will be extended to all clubs at the end of February.

#### Umpires report (TB)

- TB reported that the SYCUA now has two new DBS verifiers in T.Bateman and B.Moorhouse.
- The new guidance on concussion has been released; the only big change is one step of the concussion checks has been removed.
- The SYCUA have asked that late September starts be brought forward; RN stated that clubs would be offered the chance nearer the time but it would not be compulsory.
- Umpires are being told of the GMA's guidance on safe boundary edges. **RN to agree of wording from the league at the LEB.**

#### Fixtures

- RN reported that three fixtures still need rearranging, it was agreed to give two of the fixtures another week to rearrange.

- It was agreed that the third, Sheffield Collegiate 3rds v Penistone must be played on the original date as Div 2 games cannot be rearranged under Admin Rule 41.
- Two of our clubs are being priced out of playing cricket at the Wentworth cricket ground. This would be a big loss to two developmental teams. **RN and RP to draft a letter to Wentworth Parish Council.**

#### **New club applications**

- RN informed the meeting that we have had five applications to join the YCSPL so far. These are from Askern, Darton, Stainborough, Thurnscoe and Waleswood. Thurnscoe have indicated that they are struggling to find an umpire before the deadline.

#### **New League trophies**

- LS reported that there is a need to purchase three new trophies for the winners of the three new divisions. RR is to look whether there is an old YDCL trophy that could be reused. RN and LS to visit MS Sports early season.
- RN asked members to think of prominent members of the league past or present who a trophy could be named after.

#### **Development Fund applications**

- RN reported that only one application had been received, this was from Thorpe Hesley for funding towards a new mower. This was discussed but agreed that it is a project that doesn't meet our criteria.

#### **Overseas player application**

- RN stated that we had only one application for the meeting, from Barnsley Woolley, it was agreed that the conditional permission be granted.

#### **League Ambassador**

- RN reported that at the recent LEB it had been agreed that Linzey Scothern should be appointed as a new League Ambassador.

#### **A.O.B.**

- RN stated that Sheffield Collegiate had raised that current league rules restrict them from signing an overseas player for their third XI. After some discussion, it was agreed that this rule should not be relaxed and should be extended to cover all divisions, not just the top four. **RN to report this to the LEB.**
- RR asked if the ex-YDCL clubs had been informed about supplying teas to officials, RN confirmed that he intends to write to them. **RN to write to these clubs explaining the expectations of tea provisions.**
- RN reported that Stocksbridge have been given planning permission for a new pavilion with building works to start in spring.
- LP reported that the Bentham family had asked her to pass on their thanks for help provided by the league for Terry's wake.

With no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:20pm.