



YCSPL SENIOR SECTION MEETING

Thursday 19th March 2026 at 7:00pm
Blackburn & Wincobank Conservative Club

Present: Richard North (Chair), Jonathan Crabtree, Terry Bateman, Linzey Scothern, Ashley Boothman, and Melvyn Bond

Apologies: Lindsay Pepper, Richard Fidler, Bryan Lowe, Matthew Summerhill, Rachael Roberts

1. Action Points from Last Meeting

- RN reported that £250 of the profit made from the raffle at the presentation night is to be donated to the Air Ambulance (agreed at LEB).
- RN is still to contact NW to discuss helping MB with PlayCricket.
- RR has identified three trophies from the YDCL that could be reused, one of which is the Cliff Evans Trophy. The condition and suitability of the other two need to be checked to ensure they are in good condition. Members to consider if there is a person these can be named after.

2. ED&I

- No report available.

3. Safeguarding

- One local face-to-face safeguarding course left at Wombwell Main CC.
- Moving forward, hopefully all clubs will be compliant by the start of the season.
- LP reported she has attended all four umpire's refresher courses.
- We need to be mindful of supporting everyone involved in cricket.
- LP wishes to thank Rachel Roberts for her continued support.
- LP is hoping to visit clubs this season to support and improve safeguarding at clubs.

4. Play Cricket (MB)

- MB reported that there are still a few ex YDCL clubs that have a low number of players registered. **MB to email RN a list of these clubs for him to follow up.**
- The 'About Us' Play Cricket questionnaires have been sent out, 27 clubs are still to complete their outstanding, the deadline for completion is 21.3.26.
- There have been 281 transfers this winter, currently we have a total of 4,300 registered players.

5. Umpires Report (TB)

- There were 4 refresher courses. They have gone well and been well attended.
- Discussion held with 1 of our umpires over a delicate situation. The committee agrees with actions taken by SYUA. Members discussed any clubs that could be added to the list of clubs with suitable toilet arrangements, Norton Oakes and Whiston Forge were suggested. Members to email PM any clubs which can be added to the list.
- The SYUA will be following ECB protocol when it comes to concussion guidance.
- Emergency contact was discussed for umpires at games. Umpires to be asked pre-season to give Paul McFarlane an emergency contact name and number. In case of emergency clubs to contact Paul. It would also be helpful for the emergency contact and name to be on WTU.

6. Fixtures

- RN reported that all rearranged fixtures are now on WTU and Play Cricket.

7. **New Clubs for 2027**
 - RN to send contact details for new clubs to TB and LS to visit. Sheffield Centralians to be added to the list as they are looking for promotion.
8. **League Trophies**
 - See Action Point 3
9. **Development Fund Applications**
 - 1 new application from Penistone – they are having a new pavilion, and the bad weather with construction machinery has caused significant damage to outfield. Agreed to give £250.
10. **Club Accreditation**
 - Sheffield University Staff were denied promotion last season for not meeting criteria. However, since then they have met all targets set by the YCF and as a result, will be given dispensation from admin rule 31 ii.
11. **A.O.B**
 - Still issue with the cost for 2 clubs wishing to play junior cricket at Wentworth Cricket Ground. RN and RP to draft letter to Wentworth Parish Council.
 - It was raised that the Rules and Regulations for the season need to be sent out earlier. RN pointed out that clubs have to be given sufficient time to propose changes to rules.
 - T20 regulations were discussed and potentially removing the 30 minutes before losing overs. However, this would need to be raised and voted on by clubs.

With no further business, the meeting was closed at 20:35.

Mr J Crabtree