



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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Senior Section Cricket Committee

4th Meeting – Thursday 1 April 2021 – 7pm by Zoom

Note of Meeting

Present: David Ward (chairman), Melvyn Bond, Richard Fidler, Bryan Lowe, Irfan Mirza, Richard North, Lindsay Pepper, Lindsey Scothern, Matt Summerhill, Graham Swallow (secretary)

- 1. Balls, team cards & handbook arrangements.** DW confirmed that arrangements were in hand for the distribution to clubs. Delivery of handbooks to umpires would be made separately.
- 2. Completion of team cards for Umpires.** The chairman of SYACO has requested that players dates of birth are not shown on match cards, simply their age group. MS said that he did not agree with request. Agreed that DW speak to Paul McFarlane, as ultimately the aim is to protect the junior players.
- 3. Sponsorship.** DW confirmed that in addition to sponsorship from Readers and Marshall Wooldridge, Nicholas Associates Group Ltd had now agreed to sponsor the League's Premier Section. In addition, Oxbridge will provide a quantity of balls for their sponsorship. DW had asked Oxbridge to review the situation for 2022, bearing in mind the increased numbers.
- 4. Match Reports for the Press.** David Beddows at the Rotherham Advertiser and Doug O'Kane at the Barnsley Chronicle have both said that they will be unable to format match reports during 2021. DW confirmed that two people have agreed to provide the reports for the Premier and Championship divisions, but he was looking for volunteers for divisions 1 to 8, and he would advertise this on social media. MS suggested that it would be good if reports could be put on the website throughout the following week, for example, Monday – divisions 1 & 2; Tuesday – divisions 3 & 4; etc. RF asked if using the local universities was a possibility, as he had contacts there. It was agreed he would follow up and that an ex-gratia payment could be made, if necessary. MB said that some of the information required would be available on Play-Cricket. RN asked if scorers could possibly be involved.
- 5. Fact sheet for clubs on Play Cricket registration.** DW said that MB, Steve Ward and himself had been working on a fact sheet which would be sent to clubs next week. He suggested that each club should have its own contact, who would be responsible for passing it to the correct person. MB pointed out that this person may not have admin rights.

- 6. Overseas player registrations & players normally resident in the UK in division 3 and below.**
MB said that there was one Category 3 and one Category 3 Exempt player currently on the system. He asked if they would or would not be allowed to play on 17 April due to quarantine rules. DW said that the responsibility was with the club and the player, and that MB should register each player. MS pointed out that the ECB have confirmed that clubs would be in serious trouble if they breach these rules, and this also applies to players. He also said that no player would be allowed to move between England and Scotland before 29 April, and ultimately they would require a transfer to do so.
- 7. Scorers at matches.** At the recent LEB meeting Steve Ward was asked to investigate the potential issues with both scorers not being able to be in the scoreboard at the beginning of the season. Steve had suggested that the away scorer be elsewhere indoors but realised this could be a problem for some clubs. Premier Section clubs must have two scorers at matches; it is optional for the away team to provide a scorer in the Senior section, but the home team **must** do so.
- 8. Play Cricket.** MB confirmed there had been over 100 new registrations since the merger, and 19 players from three clubs have not yet transferred over to the new P-C website. MB said that players' disciplinary sanctions will be shown on P-C soon.
- 9. De La Salle Old Boys application.** DW has sent out the email from De La Salle and said that an inspection of the ground would be required after 12 April to assess the possible issues regarding sightscreens and changing facilities, in order that they can then carry out any necessary remedial work.
- 10. Other Business**
 - LP reported that there were still safeguarding issues with Dearne CC, Maltby CC and Kilnhurst CC.
 - DW said that Maltby second XI will not be fulfilling their fixtures in 2021 due to a lack of player availability. DW to acknowledge their email and confirm that they would be welcome to rejoin us should their situation improve.
 - DW had received notification from Andy Leiper at Sheffield United CC to say that the sightscreens had been removed from the Aurora ground due to their poor condition. He would follow up and report back asap.
 - An email has been received from Adwick-le-Street CC saying that their second XI juniors would have travelling issues due to guidance not allowing players to travel together. MS confirmed that this would not change before 17 May. Although the committee had some sympathy it was felt that parents should assist during this period. DW had looked at their early fixtures and would speak to Paul Bishop to advise.
 - MB advised that the Eden Grove complex would not be allowed to open until 21 June at the earliest, and they were actively looking for an alternative ground. He said there was a doubt about their second XI fulfilling its' fixtures due to on loan players not returning to the club.
 - DW confirmed that the LEB had received an email from Cawthorne CC requesting that the commencement of the season be delayed due to their ground not being fit and players not being up to match fitness. This was discussed at the recent LEB meeting and Cawthorne had been notified that the season would commence on 17 April.

- BL asked about line markings for batsmen to use when running. DW said that these were not now a requirement under the latest ECB roadmap. However, he did think that a mower line could be helpful. DW said that nothing had been put forward re the 17" lines for umpires.
- MB pointed out that some clubs may have problems with car parking.
- RN said that some clubs, including his own, were receiving multiple external emails from the ECB and YCB. DW explained that all external emails were sent to clubs by Steve Ward and internal emails by Graham Swallow. DW to speak to Gareth Davis to resolve this duplication.
- DW said that a pre-season meeting of all clubs had been arranged for Wednesday 7 April at 7pm to confirm arrangements and answer any questions.

11. Date of next meeting. Thursday 29 April – 7pm by Zoom.

Meeting closed at 8.17pm