Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

# YCSPL SENIOR SECTION MEETING

**Thursday 1st October 2026 at 7:30pm**
**via Google Meet**

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

1. **Action Points from Last Meeting**
   - RN explained that all action points would be covered during the meeting.

2. **ED&I (NW)**
   - NW informed the meeting that as there hadn't been a meeting recently there wasn't anything to report.
   - MS reported that there was a situation arising that could involve the EDI.

3. **Safeguarding (LP)**
   - LP reported that Safe Hands courses are now arranged with venues around the county and that these will be advertised shortly.
   - RN reported that the YCF had sent him a list of clubs (both Premier and Senior Section) who are currently not complaint of the Safe Hands System. Non-compliant clubs who are in the vicinity of Safe Hands courses will be written to.
   - LP reported that currently there are 2 cases ongoing.

4. **Play Cricket (MB)**
   - MB reported that there are still two scorecards that cannot be locked off yet. It was decided to lock one off as it involved a team that is to fold at the end of the season.
   - MB informed the meeting that he is to meet with SW to hand over the management of the Play-Cricket website.
   - RN led the committee in thanking MB for all his hard work over the years with Play-Cricket not just for YCSPL but for other leagues too.

5. **Umpires Report (JC)**
   - RN reported that the YCSPL will be meeting with the SYUA on the 21st September.
   - JC informed the meeting that pathways are being put together for umpires aspiring to progress through the levels, ultimately to umpire in the Premier League. Those meeting the criteria we will recommend. This will be in place for the start of the 2027 season.
   - JC also reported that a dress code policy will be brought in for 2027 for arriving at games and carrying out umpiring duties.
   - Five refresher courses have been booked for 2027 (three at Elsecar and two at Tickhill). Booking for these courses opens late November early December.
   - JC reported that for 2027 there will be a new set of laws, which will see seventy three law changes, the vast majority won't affect our level.
   - The first winter course for new umpires has been booked at S20 'The Boundary' on 21st November.

6. **Rule Changes for 2027**
    - JC expressed a concern about the T20 rule change, RN explained that only finals day would have three games in a day.
    - MS explained the demotion request deadline is too early as clubs may not be in a position to make a request. It is recommended to change to 30th September.
    - The committee agreed to put forward a suggestion for a powerplay in the Presidents Trophy and Billy Oates Memorial Cup. RN to add to list.
    - It was agreed to set a deadline for clubs wishing to add extra teams into the league.

7. **Grounds and Facilities Criteria**
    - RN reported that the Grounds and Facilities document will be updated throughout the to reflect that the Premier Section now includes Division 1 and 2. The criteria for entry to Senior Section mid divisions will be looked at.

8. **Teams for 2027 (Teams for Re-election/Clubs wishing to add teams)**
    - Wath 3 X1 – recommend to accept into league but on probation (due to the number of matches conceded in last 2 seasons). If they concede 3 games next season, we will not be re-electing them for 2028.
    - Sheffield Colleague 5 X1 - recommend to accept into league but on probation.
    - Doncaster Town 4 X1 – RN to follow up.
    - Spotbrough 4 X1 – recommend to not accept them.
    - Barnsley Woolley Miners 4 X1 – RN to follow up. If we accept, they will be on probation.
    - Hallam 6 X1 - recommend to accept into league but on probation.
    - RN to write to clubs wishing to add extra team to confirm they are applying.
    - Barnby Dun 2 X1 – recommend to accept.
    - Wadworth 2 X1 – need confirmation it is going ahead. Otherwise, recommend to accept.
    - Green Moor 2 X1 – RN to contact
    - Stockbridge 3 X1 – RN to contact

9. **TWCC 2 v Waverley 2**
    - RN informed the meeting that Waverley had appealed the panel's decision that they had breached Rule 16, this appeal had been heard and the decision upheld.

10. **Senior Section Committee 2027**
    - RN asked members who would be happy to continue in their roles for the 2027 season. The following said they would continue: Richard North, Jonathan Crabtree, Linzey Scothern, Lindsay Pepper, Terry Bateman, Ashley Boothman, Nelson Windle, and Matthew Summerhill.
    - Rachael Roberts had given her intention to join the committee for 2027.
    - RN reported that Richard Fidler and Melvyn Bond would be standing down.
    - RN to follow up with BL

11. **A.O.B**
    - RN reported he'd received an email from TWCC regards issues with Wentworth cricket ground, only one team will be allowed to rent the ground in 2027. Gareth Davis is to work with RMBC to see if there is anything that can be done.
    - MS reported that fixture emails will go out in the next couple of days with a deadline of 1st November for clubs to respond.
    - AB reported that the YCSPL is due to make a loss of £5,000 - £7,000, AB suggested that subscriptions would need to rise. The committee agreed that all other options including sponsorship should be explored first.

- LS reported that we are still waiting for some trophies to be returned. RN to write to clubs to remind them to return the trophies in question.
- RN thanked everyone for their hard work and supporting him throughout the year.

With no further business, the meeting was closed at 21:13.