



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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Senior Section Cricket committee

9th Meeting - Thursday 16 September 2021 – 7pm by Zoom

Notes of Meeting

Present: David Ward (chair), Melvyn Bond, Bryan Lowe, Richard North, Lindsey Pepper, Linzey Scothern, Graham Swallow.

Apologies: Richard Fidler, Irfan Mirza, Matt Summerhill.

1. Safeguarding

- LP confirmed that the Barnsley League issue has now been passed to the ECB and the Police and is ongoing.
- As communications had come to an end, the disciplinary committee had agreed that no further action would be taken against Tickhill CC and one of their players.
- LP voiced her concerns that some clubs were not taking the duties of Safeguarding seriously, and that MG/LP were intending to hold a meeting with clubs in November, as a refresher course.

2. **E&D Group.** There was nothing to report from the group. DW stated that he was still waiting for Rotherham Town to confirm if they had reported their concerns at South Kirkby to the West Yorkshire Police, as advised by the E&D Group.

3. **Cup Competitions 2022 onwards.** At the recent review meeting it was agreed to keep all current Cup competitions, in a revised format as follows:

- Whitworth Cup – 12 Championship clubs, plus the two relegated from Championship the previous year, and 3rd & 4th in previous year's Division 1 table
- Mick Savage Cup – the eight remaining Division 1 clubs, plus all Division 2 clubs
- Presidents Cup – Divisions 3, 4 & 5 (optional entry)
- Billy Oates Cup – Divisions 6, 7, 8 & 9 (optional entry)

All fixtures up to and including the quarter-finals will be decided on the day. If no play is possible then a bowl-out or toss of a coin will take place. There will be reserve dates for semi-finals and the final. Clubs conceding cup fixtures in 2022 will be penalised with league point deductions.

4. **Conceded fixtures.** DW voiced concerns about Barnsley Woolley 4ths and Kilnhurst Colliery who have cancelled numerous fixtures in 2021, and he has asked for a commitment going forward.

5. **Parkhead CC – Clubmark.** Work is ongoing and Gareth Davis is confident that Parkhead will achieve Clubmark in April/May 2022. DW therefore proposed that they are promoted to Division 3 in 2022. This was agreed.

6. **South Kirkby CC behaviour.** DW confirmed that the club and spectator behaviour had been poor throughout the season culminating in a report from an official at Hallam CC, further to their fixture on 4 September. A

disciplinary meeting has been arranged on 29 September when they will be asked to respond to the Hallam report and all other issues.

7. **Merit Awards.** DW said there was some confusion as there was nothing in the 2021 rules. It was agreed to use the 2020 rules and revise them for 2022 onwards. These had been publicised in the latest weekly bulletin.
8. **Presentation function.** In response to a query from LS, DW confirmed that there will be one dinner & presentation evening for both sections of the League. LS stated that the cost had been fixed at £30 and the menu had been agreed, with round tables of 10 per table, where possible. LS asked GS to contact Cup finalists to return their trophies to M S Sports for engraving by 30 September, and to confirm with LS that they had done so. DW to confirm Merit Awards winners soon.
9. **Cricket ball sponsorship.** DW has agreed a new three-year sponsorship deal with Readers. Oxbridge have submitted two proposals, neither of which are acceptable and DW is waiting for a final three-year, fixed price proposal. The League would look elsewhere if this was not forthcoming/acceptable.
10. **Discipline update.**
 - DW stated that the only outstanding issue in the Senior section was that concerning South Kirkby, and that in the Premier section there was an ongoing issue concerning Treeton CC.
 - DW and the disciplinary committee have recently met with umpires' representatives to discuss possible improvements/amendments for 2022.
 - RN asked if Whiston PC had been deducted 12 league points which would then promote Houghton Main. DW confirmed that no decision has been taken due to Clubmark and Junior team issues at Houghton, and that the decision would subsequently be made by the LEB.
 - DW confirmed that Barnsley Woolley Miners 2nds had been informed that they would have their league points deducted at the start of season 2022.
11. **Play Cricket.** MB confirmed that the 'fraud/deception' issues with Wath and Barnsley Woolley registrations were still not resolved. DW asked for the details to be sent to him and he would chase. MB stated that the failure of clubs to register juniors correctly could have insurance implications. MB said that during the season, 45 fixtures have been cancelled due to Covid. He also voiced his frustration at the number of reminders he sends to clubs and suggested discussion before next season.
12. **Letter from SYUA.** In response to the letter, DW stated that a rule change would be required for umpires to be manned in the top three divisions. He also stated that clubs who provide umpires should have them irrespective of their status. He also confirmed that the average overs used in 92-over fixtures was in fact 81, and there were already many wides in Divisions 1, 2 & 3, without introducing leg side wides. DW will respond to the SYUA. This can then be put to the LEB.
13. **Other business**
 - RN queried how promotion and relegation were decided if clubs finished level on points. DW stated that the rules require reconsideration for 2022 and aligning between the sections. DW said that the league points awarded should be same for the Premier and Senior sections in 2022. This was agreed.
 - MB stated that some umpires were not keeping team sheets, and DW said they should be kept until the end of the season.
14. **Date of next meeting.** Thursday 14 October – 7pm by Zoom.

Meeting closed at 8.08pm