



# Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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## League Executive Board

13th Meeting - Monday 21 February 2022 – 7.00pm by Zoom

### Note of meeting

*Present:* David Ward (chair), Terry Bateman, Mark Beardshall, Ashley Boothman, Chris Froggett, Matt Summerhill, Steve Ward, Nelson Windle, Graham Swallow (secretary)

*Apologies:* Ian Cotterhill, Maurice Gilliatt, Liz Lazenby

1. **Matters arising from last meeting.** The minutes had been distributed to the committee and there were no matters arising. DW thanked members for submitting reports.
2. **Reports from members**
  - a. *Equity & Diversity Group representative's report:*
    - NW said that the Group had decided to re-open their survey for 3-4 weeks
    - the Group are looking to co-opt a member onto the disciplinary committee
    - they are exchanging ideas with YPLN
  - b. *Safeguarding Manager's report*
    - Lindsay Pepper has visited several Barnsley-based clubs including Darfield, Penistone, Worsborough Bridge and Barnsley WM. There were no issues with the first three, but she has concerns about Barnsley WM; both in respect of safeguarding and administration. She has some ideas about what needs to be done, but is waiting to see the Barnsley WM representative at the Safe Hands course on Monday 21 February at Phoenix.
    - MS queried the fact that Oughtibridge WM had been told to only attend one safeguarding meeting as their officer is a schoolteacher, but they had not received any confirmation or certificate from Ray Knowles. DW to follow up.
    - DW said that he had completed quite a few DBS applications for captains and vice-captains.
  - c. *Participation Manager's report:*
    - no report
    - MB asked SW to contact the Premier Section clubs for details of mens', womens' and junior teams in 2022; SW to email clubs
  - d. *Umpires' Representative's report:*
    - a refresher course for umpires was held on 19 February with 31 attending
    - a stage 3 course is being held at Phoenix for 12 umpires
    - four meetings with captains have been arranged for Championship, Div 1, Div 2 and Div 3
    - a request has been made that due to the increased cost of fuel, by about 25p per litre, that fees be increased

- e. *Scoring update:*
- SW said that two further courses were arranged – 23 February at Doncaster Town and 26/27 February at Elsecar
  - there will also be electronic scoring courses on 20 and 26 March.
  - a Premier Section. DLS refresher course would be held prior to the start of the season, possibly at Phoenix; TB suggested Wickersley as an alternative, CF thought clubs should offer facilities FOC for officials' courses and MB will enquire about Griffin Room at Shaw Lane.
- f. *Treasurer's report.* The accounts for the period had been sent to members and AB confirmed that YCB fees have been reduced for 2022.
- g. *Premier Section report.* The report of the meeting held on 7 February 2022 had been sent to members.
- h. *Senior Section report:*
- the report of the meeting held on 3 February 2022 had been sent to members
  - DW reported that the Conisbrough/Sheffield United investigation was still ongoing, but that Conisbrough had now decided not to ban SUCC as a club from their ground, but may ban some players; a player has been charged with common assault but has pleaded 'not guilty'
  - DW said that Thorncliffe 2nds and Wentworth, both in Division 7, were considering merging and were meeting to discuss
  - DW, GS and Linzey Scothern had visited Barnby Dun and reported the facilities to be very good; GS had subsequently received their transfer form, authorised by the Pontefract League, had signed it on behalf of the YCSPL, and forwarded it to the YCB
  - DW confirmed that no other applications have been received for 2023
  - DW reported that Wickersley 3rds could not now not use the Maltby ground
  - DW said that, sadly, Kilnhurst Colliery had made the very difficult decision that they were unable to continue playing, and had folded
- i. *Compliance Manager's report.* CF reported there may be issues/delays with Indian overseas players coming to the UK in 2022 due to Covid.
- j. *Competitions Manager's report:*
- MS reported that all finals venues and T20 Plate group venues are now decided
  - Rockingham Colliery 4ths will play the four remaining matches that needed rearranging at Thurgoland
  - Sheffield Collegiate 3rds & 4ths will play their April home matches at HSBC Ground in Dore
  - Wickersley 3rds have nine matches to rearrange/confirm home ground following the loss of Bawtry Road (the old Aurora Ground) and the failure to secure Maltby; MS has signposted them to Kilnhurst
  - Sheffield United 3rds have one match to rearrange/confirm home ground following the loss of Bawtry Road; this is in dispute with Upper Haugh, who have offered to host at Rawmarsh, but SUCC want to play at home on a Sunday to maintain home income; DW will speak to Andy Leiper
  - the folding of Kilnhurst Colliery leaves 11 teams (20 matches each) in Division 6
  - 28 matches have been rearranged for Sunday/Bank Holiday Monday/17 September; this is a total of 2.02% of all fixtures, although some divisions are disproportionately affected (15.45% of fixtures in Division 9)
  - MS suggested that Rockingham 4ths, Sheffield Utd 3rds and Wickersley 3rds be asked to name a home ground before he commences work on the 2023 fixtures; ie, by the end of October 2022
  - MS reported issues now the Royal London Club KO has been made open to all clubs for 2022
- k. *YCB update.* No report. CF questioned the non-attendance of the representative. DW to speak to the YCB.
- l. *Chair and ECB update.* No ECB update.

### 3. Other business

- a. *Teas 2022.* GS reported that, so far, 60 clubs have responded to the request for their intentions on providing teas, 42 say they will be providing teas - 18 will not. Whiston PC have arranged meetings to discuss.

- b. *Cricket ball order update.* The clubs' ball and equipment order has been made using Play-Cricket. This amounts to Tiflex balls (£13,611.00), Readers balls (£2,868) plus other equipment (£38,685.45) – total £52,296.00.
- c. *Houghton Main meeting*
- DW & MB met HMCC and confirmed that the two main reasons why HMCC had not been promoted were that they do not have Clubmark and do not have three junior teams playing in hardball cricket; both are part of the ECB criteria for playing in an ECB Premier League
  - HMCC had now produced a club development plan with assistance from G Davis of the YCB; they were advised that they would now be measured against this plan and needed to put concerted efforts in recruiting juniors
  - HMCC said that their club was in a deprived area and recruiting juniors had been an historical problem
  - HMCC said that they now had around 18 juniors in a number of different age groups; MB had suggested that they should go into other local schools at, for example, Cudworth, Darfield and Thurnscoe
  - It was also agreed that HMCC should have discussion with Darfield about helping with juniors
- d. *ECB fixed fee and performance-related payments.* The date of the sub-group meeting to make proposals on distribution of ECB money is to be confirmed.
- e. *Handbook update.* GS said that the handbook was progressing well and that all clubs apart from Wentworth had now provided updated club details for 2022. GS was still chasing a few individuals for their GDPR authorisation and for several adverts.
- f. *Delegates pre-season meeting and ball drop.* This is arranged for 24 March 2022 at Rotherham Phoenix. (7.00pm)
- g. *Venue for next LEB meeting.* It was agreed that this should be by Zoom
- h. *Trophies.* MG had commented at length by email to DW that the YCSPL should not be purchasing Premier Division championship and T20 winners' trophies on a yearly basis. MB suggested that new permanent trophies should be bought for 2023 and this was agreed.
- i. *David Sharp.* DW had received an email from Paul McFarlane asking the LEB to allow David Sharp to umpire in the YCSPL Senior Section in 2022, and to act as a mentor. DW confirmed that he had not apologised either to the League or the individuals affected by his previous actions, and mentoring would not be considered due to his behaviour. SW thought that if he were accepted, we would lose Ray Knowles as an official and as an umpire. After lengthy discussion it was agreed that DW should write to Paul McFarlane and ask for the relevant apologies before anything else is considered.
- j. *Live-streaming.* TB said that several umpires were concerned about live-streaming by clubs and asked that they carry out the correct and proper procedures before doing so. He suggested that opposing clubs and umpires should be notified by the Wednesday prior to the fixture. He also said that some clubs were using the system to refer to match-day decisions before completing report cards. SW reported that the ECB were now not charging clubs a fee for live-streaming in 2022. AB said clubs should refer to the League Live-Streaming policy on the website, and MS said clubs should respect the wishes of opponents if they were not in favour of it being used. MB said clubs should be encouraged to use it, but only in the correct way.

4 **Date of next meeting.** The next meeting will take place on Monday 28 March at 7pm by Zoom.

Meeting closed at 8.39pm