



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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League Executive Board

14th Meeting – Monday 28 March 2022 – 7.00pm by Zoom

Note of meeting

Present: David Ward (chair), Terry Bateman, Ashley Boothman, Chris Froggett, Maurice Gilliatt, Matt Summerhill
Steve Ward, Nelson Windle, Roger Pugh (note-taker)

Apologies: Mark Beardshall, Ian Cotterhill, Graham Swallow

1. **Matters Arising from last meeting.** The minutes had been distributed to the committee and there were no matters arising.
2. **Reports from Members**
 - a. *Equity & Diversity Group representative's report.* NW said the Group had a meeting arranged for 31 March and that the survey had been relaunched. MS asked whether any new members had been recruited, and NW said that this subject would be discussed at the meeting this week.
 - b. *Safeguarding Manager's report.* There was nothing to add to the report made at the Pre-Season meeting last week – see attached.
 - c. *Participation Manager's report.* No report.
 - d. *Umpires' representative's report*
 - TB said that two captains' meetings had been held and that two more were planned
 - there had been a productive meeting of the YPL umpires at Castleford on 26 March
 - TB said that it had been pointed out that umpires' fees were not included in the handbook, and MS said that it was not intended that fees would be published in League rules – **RP to publish the fees in an 'Important Information for Clubs' item on the website**
 - MS asked if there had been any developments in the D. Sharp case; DW said that DS had been asked to put his case forward in writing on 6 March, but nothing had been received, so no action had been taken
 - e. *Scoring update*
 - SW said that he had held two courses at Rotherham Phoenix, that had been well-attended, particularly by young scorers, which was very encouraging
 - he has also had several meetings with individual clubs to help them become ready for the season
 - SW is working with a young scorer at Upper Haugh, who wants to help him with some 'book scoring' training

- f. *Treasurer's report*
- the latest accounts summary had been sent to members – TB raised a couple of queries that AB responded to
 - 33 clubs are still to pay for balls – a further reminder will be issue on 31 March
- g. *Premier Section report.* There had been no PS meeting since the last LEB meeting. MG asked if, as this committee met so infrequently and there was no feedback from it, it should be subsumed into the Senior Section committee. DW said that there was less to discuss than in the Senior Section, and there was no point in meeting for the sake of it. It was also pointed out that the notes of the last PS meeting, in February, had been circulated to LEB members.
- h. *Senior Section report.*
- DW said that the Barnsley & District League had banned the SUCC player involved in the incident last season until the court hearing in August
 - DW said that the SS meeting scheduled for this week had been cancelled
- i. *Compliance Manager's report*
- CF said that five overseas professionals had so far been registered and three amateur registrations were being considered
 - CF said that there was a concern about overseas students being able to play for clubs; once they had completed their first year, registration was not an issue, but in their first year, they did not meet residence requirements and could not play
 - it was agreed that we should not be preventing students from playing in these circumstances – **DW to speak to Paul Bedford at ECB.**
- j. *Competitions Manager's report*
- MS said that he had given Wath a list of grounds that might be available on their 3rd team home dates in order to help them over their ground difficulty
 - Two Wickersley 3rds fixtures are still to be rearranged, along with the Rotherham v Oughtibridge Division 1 fixture (due to rugby commitments at Clifton Lane); DW said that Rotherham are in discussions with Kexborough about using their ground and are waiting for the latter to get back to them
 - MS said that he had received comments about the need for early notification of promotion/relegation arrangements, but that he was uncomfortable about releasing anything early given the YCB 30 June deadline for applications to change leagues – **RP to clarify the reason for the apparent delay in the next bulletin**
 - AB queried the situation with Adwick-le-Street in 2022 – MS said that the club were hoping that former first team players would return to the club for 2022 and that they would run two teams, in which case the first team would need to be accommodated at an appropriate level
- k. *YCB Update.* No report.
- l. *Chair and ECB Update.* DW spoke about the new General Conduct Regulations (GCR), saying that they will not have a major impact on the League. The GCR have now been adopted in place of our old disciplinary regulations; a disciplinary chairman and officer are in place as required under GCR; and the new Charge Letter, suitably adopted for the League, will be issued to clubs to notify reported breaches and the appropriate penalties. DW said that the intent is to achieve consistency in penalties applied across leagues.
3. **Pre-season meeting.** The meeting was felt to have gone well; no adverse feedback had been received.
4. **Distribution of ECB monies**
- DW thanked CF and the sub-group for their report and recommendations – he thought that it was very helpful to have stated the principles used up front.

- DW referred to the three ECB Performance Criteria (plan to recruit more umpires, more diversity on league committees over a three-year period, and use of Play-Cricket for recording serious injuries). It was agreed that whilst the focus of the requirements in the document is on what clubs can achieve, these criteria need to be highlighted what goes to clubs.
- TB asked whether provision of teas should included as one of the criteria for receiving money, but it was pointed out that since clubs were given the option of whether to provide teas, it would be unfair to retrospectively attach any financial consequence to the decisions made.
- AB asked about the Senior Section Development Fund, and it was clarified that the decisions on payments to be made would be entirely within the jurisdiction of the SS committee, in line with the principles in the document. Payments to and from the fund would need to be clearly shown on the balance sheet, with the available balance, but no separate bank account need be maintained.
- The proposals in the document were agreed unanimously – **RP will now prepare a draft explanatory document for issue to clubs.**

5. Other business

- Fines for non-attendance at the Pre-Season meeting.* DW asked for approval for an amendment to the Administrative Rules to specify a £50 fine for non-attendance at the meeting. MS said that clubs were only expected to attend two meetings a year, and that it was reasonable that failure to attend either without prior apology and good reason should result in a fine. This was agreed – **RP to arrange the amendment.**
 - Handbook.* MG was pleased that the fixtures had been shown in the traditional manner by date, but felt that the font size used was too small. It was pointed out that this had been increased slightly, but the intent is to provide a pocket-sized booklet.
 - League Facebook site.* SW recorded thanks to Andrew Tipple for his work in revitalizing the Facebook site with contributions from club, which had proved a great success.
6. **Date of next meeting.** The next meeting will take place on Monday 25 April at 7pm by Zoom. DW said that he would like the May meeting to be face-to-face – **SW to ask Wickersley to host, with Whiston Forge as a possible alternative.**

Meeting closed at 8.03pm



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Safeguarding Manager's report to the Pre-Season meeting

- During the close season more than 40 people have attended one of two Safe Hands courses run by Ray Knowles and his wife Sue
- Over the past two years more than 100 people have attended either a webinar or a face-to-face course
- More courses will be organized for the end of the 2022 season and the beginning of 2023 for those whose Safe Hands certificates will have expired
- The course is free and follows a slightly different format to previous courses
- Following the course, a video is forwarded to all attendees with all the topics discussed
- To date, there are 58 nominations from 29 different clubs within our league going through the DBS procedure, these include captains, vice-captains, umpires, coaches, and various other positions. The list is taken from the ECB Disclosure list, so clubs are reminded to activate these nominations ASAP.
- It is also good practice that all club chairmen are aware of Safeguarding issues as they are ultimately responsible for all aspects of running their club
- If anyone is interested, Lindsay Pepper has details of First Aid courses