



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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League Executive Board

32nd meeting – Monday 27 November 2023 – 7.00pm by Zoom

Note of meeting

Present: David Ward (chairman), Terry Bateman, Chris Froggett, Mel Mahmood, Lindsay Pepper, Roger Pugh, Steve Ward

Apologies: Ashley Boothman, Matt Summerhill, Nelson Windle

1. **Welcome & apologies.** RP said that there had been apologies from AB, MS and NW.
2. **Matters arising from last meeting.** RP said that all action points had been cleared except that at 10.i (PLMB issue). DW said that the proposal to use the next meeting to discuss the response to the ICEC report would not be taken forward; we will instead work with the E&DG to produce a joint League response.
3. **Reports from Members**
 - i. *Equity & Diversity Group representative's report.* No report.
 - ii. *Safeguarding Managers' report*
 - Nine courses are now available online for booking. LP to provide a link for RP to put in the Bulletin. **RP to action.**
 - LP said that she was not happy about the £30 course fee, in particular for umpires. **DW agreed that the League will pay the fee for umpires** (approximately six in number).
 - iii. *Treasurer's report*
 - AB had provided a financial report – see appendix 1 attached.
 - DW said that the dinner had done very well financially, thanks to the raffle. There was an overall loss of £746. He complemented Andrew Payling and Alison Gressor on their work on the raffle, saying that more tickets could have been sold had they been aware that there were 350 attendees.
 - iv. *Participation Manager's report.* MM said that 17 umpires have been recruited for the W&GL.
 - v. *Umpires' representative's report*
 - TB said that two social evenings had taken place and had gone down well, with 27 people attending the second. There will be no meeting in December – the next will be on 23 January.
 - He said that there is still little information about courses available for new umpires.
 - TB also said that after a meeting and due consideration, the Association had removed one umpire from their panel, due to fixture irregularities.
 - RP said that the first meeting of the Recruitment & Retention Steering Group will take place on 13 December. One item on the agenda will be the production of an electronic 'leaflet' to support clubs' recruitment efforts.

- vi. *Scoring Manager's report*
 - SW had provided a report – see appendix 2 attached.
 - There is a lot of training going on, particularly around use of DLS for Div 1 & 2 scorers.
 - MM said that there are plenty of opportunities for scorers to practice their skills in the indoor league at S20 – SW noted this.
- vii. *Premier Section report*. RP said that there had been no meeting since the last LEB.
- viii. *Senior Section report*. DW gave a short summary of the issues covered at the last [Senior Section committee meeting](#) on 20 November.
- ix. *Compliance Manager's report*. CF said that the only current issue was the rule clarification item that would be discussed at item 6.
- x. *Competitions Manager's report*. No report.
- xi. *Chairmans'/ECB update*. DW said that the cup draws were being arranged. The K3 Dental, Whitworth and T20 competition draws were being arranged by SW at Shaw Lane on Tuesday 19 December (7.00pm); and the Mick Savage, Presidents and Billy Oates draws would be conducted by Graham Swallow on 30 November.
- xii. *YCB update*. No report.

4. Club communications

- RP referred to the issue that he raised at the AGM. YCB require information from clubs about their organisation and their participation activity, whilst various league officials require information about club officials. In order to ease the administrative burden on clubs, RP believes that we should work with YCB to produce a single return for all clubs to complete.
- RP asked that all YCSPL officials who require information from clubs should let him know their requirements, so that these can be included in the return. The intention is to issue in the New Year, when most clubs will know their officials for 2024. **Members to advise RP of their information needs.**
- It was commented that there have been several committee resignations at Oughtibridge WMCC. **RP to liaise with MS.** *MS has clarified that there have been a number of resignations, however the club now has a fully constituted new Committee in place.*

5. **Code of Sports Governance.** RP said that he had sought further guidance from ECB about the requirement for Premier Leagues to sign up to the Sport England *Code of Sports Governance* as a condition of receiving ECB funding. ECB expect that Leagues will adhere to the Tier 1 requirements in the Code. RP had circulated a link to the Code in advance, and said that only the requirement for members of a League Executive or decision-making body to serve a maximum nine-year term would cause us any issues. He said that what we now need to do is to:

- publicly sign up to the Code, which he could do through the next all clubs Bulletin
- consider what constitutional amendments were necessary to ensure compliance with the nine-year rule, and put proposals to the next AGM

This was agreed. **RP to take forward.**

6. **Dinner feedback.** RP invited any feedback about the dinner and the following comments were made:

- TB was impressed and thought all went very well
- SW said he was pleasantly surprised, but thought the speaker went on a bit too long – although he did a very good job with the photos
- in general, the venue was thought to be very good

RP said he would welcome any further feedback.

7. **Overseas player rules.** CF said that following feedback at the AGM about the proposed rule change in relation to replacing overseas players who have to return home earlier than planned to prepare for or play in a specified competition (rule 38.b). Differing points of view have been expressed, including concerns that the rule could be used strategically by clubs to arrange a second overseas player for the end of the season, and others that such

replacements should be allowed. The intent is only to allow a replacement where the return home is earlier than planned. The change reflects the changes in the way cricket is being played across the world. CF and RP have produced revised wording to cover this as follows:

- b. engaging a replacement overseas player, other than in 38.ii above, only where all the following circumstances apply;*
- where a team's registered overseas player has to return home earlier than had originally been agreed between the player and the relevant club at the time when he was registered,*
 - where the return was requested by his club in the country in which he normally plays, in order to play or prepare for a first class, A List or T20 competition sanctioned by the governing body in an ICC Full member country,*
 - where the replacement player will be registered by the end of business on 14 August and*
 - satisfactory supporting evidence of the above is provided to the Compliance Manager and approved by the Head of Premier Section*

This wording was agreed. **RP to include in the rules revisions.**

8. **Other business.** No other business was raised.

9. **Closure.** The meeting closed at 8.25pm. The next meeting will be by Zoom on Monday 29 January (7.00pm).



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Financial statement November 2023

Year to date income & expenditure

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Ball sales	£ -	Ball costs	-
Clothing sales	£ -	Banking services	5.00
Disciplinary hearing costs	£ 167.40	Clothing	-
ECB monies	£ -	Communications	£ 86.38
Handbook adverts	£ -	Cup finals/finals days-Catering Costs	-
Interest at bank	£ 50.22	Digital Laptop Scoring	-
Penalties	£ -	Disciplinary hearing costs	142.40
Presentation evening tickets 2023	£ 10,966.10	Donation	-
Sponsorship	£ 1,000.00	ECB monies to clubs	-
Subscriptions	£ -	Electronic media	1,800.00
		Entertaining at cup finals/finals days	-
		Honoraria	-
		Insurance	-
		Payment Refunds	-
		Phone & broadband costs	-
		Presentation evening 2023 costs	11,214.99
		Presentation evening 2024 costs	500.00
		Professional Services	200.00
		Representative Match(s) costs	-
		Room hire	25.00
		Stationery & printing	265.00
		SYCUA	-
		Training costs(Rule 59,60)	-
		Travel costs	24.00
		Trophies & medals Annual Awards	1,645.00
		Trophies & Medals -Cup finals/finals day	-
		YCB fees	-
		YPLMB subscription	-
Total	12,183.72	Total	15,907.77

Excess income over expenditure (3,724.05)

Development Fund

Income	£
c/f	2,844.40
ECB monies	-

less expenditure -
Available balance 2,844.40

Balance sheet

Current a/c at 30 September 2023	32,027.67
Deposit a/c at 30 September 2023	24,776.69
Excess income o/expend to date	(3,724.05)
Total	53,080.31

Represented by

Current account	27,524.00
Savings account(Inc Development Fund)	24,826.91
2,844.40	
Total	52,350.91

Expenditure	£
Grant/Donations	-
Total	-

Ashley Boothman
Treasurer
20 November 2023

Scoring Report

A Level 2 Education Day was held at Wakefield Thornes last month, with three scorers from this League amongst the many candidates. A further Level 2 Education Day is scheduled for the end of February, due to the demand.

Two scorers from our League will be having their Personal Development assessment for Level 2 on Saturday 9th December, and one scorer will be attending the Level 3 Education Day in Derby, in January 2024.

Four sessions have been arranged for the YCSPL Women's & Girls' League, to educate their scorers on both paper and electronic scoring. These are on the following days, times to be confirmed:

- Sat 20th January at Whiston Forge CC
- Sat 10th February at Millhouses CC
- Sun 25th February at Shaw Lane, Barnsley
- Sun 10th March at Tickhill CC

Four sessions have been arranged for scorers in Division 1 and 2, to go through the DLS procedure. Once confirmation all the sessions have been finalised, I will notify all the relevant clubs. It is hoped that captains will attend also.

The proposed sessions are as follows:

- Mon 29th January at Warmsworth CC
- Tues 30th January at Shaw Lane Barnsley
- Wed 7th February at Rotherham Rugby Club (tbc)
- Thurs 8th Feb at Aston Hall CC

The sessions will be from 7pm onwards, hopefully for an hour or so.

As well as the above, the following courses have been registered with ECBACO this week, and once confirmation has been received, the courses will be advertised. These are:

- Sat 13th & Sun 14th January – Club Scorer course at Shaw Lane Barnsley (two days)
- Sun 21st January – Pro Scorer course (laptop scoring)

Both the above courses are accredited by ECB ACO.

Clubs continue to make contact with me to arrange Roadshows for their Club, and to arrange one-to-one sessions with their scorers.

Steve Ward