



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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Premier Section Cricket Committee

5th meeting – Monday 20 September – 7.30pm by Zoom

Note of Meeting

Present: Mark Beardshall (chair), Jason Booth, Alex Fletcher, Mick Forrester, Bryan Lowe, Andrew Tipple (observer)

Apologies: Chris Froggett, Steve Ward

1 **Welcome.** MB welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 **Promotion to the Premier league**

- MB gave a short summary of the current situation in respect of the promotion from the championship for 2022 – see attached note. He said that the LEB had asked for a recommendation from the committee which would go before their meeting next Monday, 27 September. He felt that it was a very difficult decision, and that neither alternative was ideal. He clarified that if Houghton Main were to be promoted, the YCSPL would have to justify to ECB why a club had been promoted that did not meet PL criteria in respect of junior teams; also that no teams below the two could be considered for promotion because they would not be 'within one win of the second-placed side'. He then invited comments from members.
- After a discussion in which all gave their views, and into which thoughts from CF was fed, the overall consensus of the committee was that:
 - Whiston PC should be promoted, because they had achieved second place by virtue of performances on the field, and their 12-league point deduction should be imposed at the start of the 2022 season. The committee strongly believe that Whiston's disciplinary record must be addressed by the club, and recommend that they are promoted on a probationary basis; with the proviso that if, in the 2022 season, they reach a further 15 disciplinary points (not including the suspended 12-point deduction), which would be the point at which a further 12-point deduction would be triggered, they will be relegated from the Premier Division at the end of the season, irrespective of league position. This probationary requirement to be reviewed at the end of 2022. MB and David Ward to meet with the Whiston PC chairman to ensure that this is fully understood.
 - Houghton Main should be thanked for their input so far, but told that at present they do not meet ECB Premier League criteria in respect of junior teams, so should not be admitted into a Premier League (a club in East Anglia has been expelled for failing to meet the criteria). However, we recognise that they are a good club, and that we would like them to be in the Premier League, and that we would like to work with them to agree milestones for them to meet over the next 12 months, to 'put their house in order'. This would then enable them to be admitted for 2023, should they finish in a promotion position. AF said that he would be happy to talk to Houghton Main, to advise them about help available and action they could take.
- MB said that this recommendation would be communicated to the LEB.

3 **Other business**

- *Rule changes.* MB summarised the rule changes that have been put forward by the league – see attached.
- *Equity & Diversity Group.* JB said that the E&DG survey was now completed, and that Tom Fletcher was helping them to analyse the results. An advert is to go out shortly, seeking new members that will make the group more diverse. The group will next meet in October, when Mo Hussein, the new YCB Diversity officer, will attend.
- *Hall of Fame.* Suggestions for suitable people to be considered for induction into the Hall of Fame are being sought. After discussion, two additional names will be added to the list for consideration by the honours committee.

4 **Closure.** In closing the meeting, MB said that it had been, overall, a very successful first season for the YCSPL. He said that Appleby Frodingham were worthy and popular champions; umpiring standards had been raised; the new disciplinary procedures had at times been a little perplexing, but they are bedding down; and that the Senior Section Head, David Ward, had, in particular, been very supportive.

5 **Next meeting.** No date has been set for the next meeting, which will probably be after the AGM.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.