



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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Senior Section Cricket Committee

13th Meeting – Wednesday 1 March 2022 – 7pm
at Blackburn & Wincobank Conservative Club

Notes of Meeting

Present: David Ward (chairman), Melvyn Bond, Richard Fidler, Bryan Lowe, Richard North, Lindsay Pepper, Linzey Scothern, Matt Summerhill, Graham Swallow (secretary)

Apologies: Irfan Mirza

1. **Equity & Diversity.** Nothing to report.
2. **Safeguarding**
 - i. LP reported that the Conisbrough/Sheffield Utd investigation is still ongoing, although the player concerned has now been charged with common assault.
 - ii. LP confirmed that two delegates from Barnsley WMCC had attended the recent Safeguarding course.
3. **Live Streaming.** It was agreed that clubs should be reminded of their responsibilities at the delegates' meeting, with a link to the guidance to be forwarded to clubs prior to the start of the season. It was agreed that mobile phones and mobile phone watches should not be allowed on the field of play.
4. **Umpires update**
 - i. BL reported that a refresher course with 31 attendees had been held recently.
 - ii. He queried the inclusion of DoBs on match cards and DW said that this must be uniform across the whole league, including the Premier Section.
 - iii. He was unsure as to the number of mentors, as this depended on the number of 'new' umpires, which was expected to be around eight.
5. **Teas update**
 - i. GS said that all clubs have now responded apart from Wentworth, with 42 agreeing to provide teas, and 20 saying they did not wish to; this equates to 82 teams providing teas and 45 not. It was agreed that GS should email the results per division to clubs.
 - ii. RF asked about clubs being affected by Ramadan, and it was agreed that requirements should be agreed prior to the date of the fixture.

6. **Thornccliffe.** DW reported that Thornccliffe have recently been given access to their ground for the 2022 season. They have agreed to amalgamate with Wentworth as one club from 2022 and their seconds will play their games at Wentworth. Thornccliffe firsts will continue to play at Lound Side, Chapeltown.
7. **Wickersley fixtures.** Wickersley thirds will now play their home fixtures at Thornccliffe in 2022.
8. **Sheffield United fixtures.** The outstanding fixture will now be played at Upper Haugh, and SUCC will be charged for the use of the ground.
9. **Clubs without home venues for 2023** – DW has contacted the clubs concerned about Rockingham fourths, Sheffield United thirds and Wickersley thirds, and asked them to provide details of their 'home' ground for 2023 by the end of October 2022.
10. **Handbook update** – GS reported that the handbook was around 95% complete. He was still awaiting artwork for the Nicholas Associates advert. There were approximately 10 out of 175 club GDPR replies outstanding; whilst all umpires except one have responded.
11. **General Conduct regulations.** DW has recently received the new regulations from ECB, and confirmed that all Premier leagues should be consistent in respect of disciplinary hearings and appeals. He stated that a disciplinary chairman and a disciplinary officer, who would be the initial contact for clubs, would need to be appointed. The maximum amount payable for an appeal would be revised to £150 for all divisions. These revisions would be mandatory for the Premier leagues in 2022.
12. **Play-Cricket.** MB reported that amendments to the website were taking place up to 7 March. He stated that Under 13's could now 'open' their own accounts or do so with their parent's assistance. MB has cleaned up the Premier divisions, with the Senior section to follow. The database will also be cleaned up at the beginning of April. A total of 3,257 players are currently registered.
13. **Ball Drop.** LS confirmed that the Tiflex balls were due to be delivered around 18 March with Readers at a similar time. Both would be available for distribution to clubs from 5pm on 24 March, prior to the delegates' meeting, along with handbooks and match cards. GS to email clubs with the details.
14. **AOB**
 - i. RF queried the possibility of betting coming into grass roots cricket because live streaming. MS asked if there had been any update from YCB. DW said there had not.
 - ii. MS said that some clubs may be struggling with the state of their ground due to the recent storms and adverse weather and suggested GS contact clubs and ask them to report any issues. This was agreed.
 - iii. GS had received an email from Frecheville asking if they could engage a West Indian overseas player who plays for Barbados and has played a One Day International. GS has replied to them saying that overseas players are not allowed in division 3.
 - iv. LS could not offer any update from Magna re menu cost for 2022 Presentation Evening but hoped to have details for the sub-committee meeting on 22 March.
15. **Next meeting.** The next meeting is due to take place on Thursday 31 March 2022.

Meeting closed at 8.17pm