



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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Senior Section Cricket Committee

**14th Meeting – Wednesday 20 April 2022 – 7pm
Blackburn & Wincobank Conservative Club**

Notes of the meeting

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

Apologies: Bryan Lowe, Irfan Mirza, Richard North, Lindsay Pepper

1. **Safeguarding** – Nothing to report. MS queried as to whether all outstanding clubs had now achieved Clubmark status. DW said that he would check with Gareth Davis.
2. **Stocksbridge club umpires** – DW reported that Stocksbridge did not understand the correct procedure required for an umpire to officiate. DW would ask Paul McFarlane when he would be available to clarify. DW to ask the SYCUA if persons still playing but wanting to become umpires could stand in Sunday fixtures to gain experience.
3. **Overseas players** – the situation at Parkhead, Shiregreen, Sheffield United and Sheffield University staff is to be monitored.
4. **Fixtures**
 - Wath 3rd XI outstanding fixtures – MS Confirmed that four fixtures were still to be rearranged, 4 June, 9 July, 23 July, and 6 August. He also stated that the Wickersley 3rd X1 fixtures were now all resolved.
 - Rotherham Town v Oughtibridge 7 May 2022 –the fixture will be played at Clifton Lane on 7 May with a 2pm start.
5. **Play-Cricket**
 - MB reported that all clubs were given notice of the clean-up on 6 March and a further reminder had been sent informing them that some details would be removed from the system. MB said that two clubs did not bother at all and had not responded despite being contacted. DW had chased both clubs.
 - DW said that issues had occurred with the completion of the captain's reports, which now need be completed in three days, and included Division 3. He said that the appropriate rule would be enforced after a couple of weeks.
 - MB also reported issues with various scorecards from the first weekend's fixtures.

6. **Umpire shortage** – DW reported that the shortage of umpires was becoming very difficult, with numbers, availability and transportation being the main problems. He stated that 101 members were on the WTU list but that 130 plus were required each week. He said that there were 39 Premier League umpires, 24 from the YCSPL and 15 from the YPNL. MS suggested these numbers should be equal and the YCSPL should not have to cover their shortage. He had some ideas regarding the shortage issues and would report back to members in due course.
7. **Teas** – Parkhead had queried if they were required to provide teas for Sunday cup fixtures, and an umpire had reported that Sheffield United had not provided any hot drinks.
8. **Other business**
 - DW had received a complaint from Thorncliffe & Wentworth further to their fixture with Whiston PC 2nds, for whom a bowler had bowled more than the permitted 13 overs and had taken two wickets during the excess overs. Whiston stated that their scorer was new, and scoring for the first time; the T&W scorer was a junior; and there were no umpires. At 3.55am on the following morning, Whiston's 1st XI scorer changed the scorecard by moving the overs to another bowler, but not changing the runs, wickets, etc. A ball-by-ball check was done during the meeting which confirmed the mistake, but members agreed that both captains were responsible, and they had not raised anything during or after the game. The result therefore should stand. DW will contact Whiston to ascertain why the scorecard was changed.
 - DW reported that a Rockingham CCC player had worn a shirt last Saturday that had a slogan across the front. This infringes admin rule 43.vi. Clubs to be reminded of this new rule change on clothing.
 - GS gave a brief update on the ongoing Conisbrough/Sheffield United situation.
 - RF mentioned that Rob Staton of Radio Sheffield will be doing a two-hour sports show during the summer months and had asked if anyone would be interested in doing a piece. Alex Fletcher and Andrew Tipple were suggested.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Next meeting – Thursday 19 May 2022.