



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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Senior Section

**25th Meeting – Thursday 13 April 2023 – 7.00pm
Blackburn & Wincobank Conservative Club**

Notes of Meeting

Present: David Ward (chair), Melvyn Bond, Richard Fidler, Bryan Lowe, Richard North, Lindsay Pepper, Linzey Scothern, Graham Swallow (secretary), Nelson Windle

Apologies: Matt Summerhill

1. **E D & I**

- NW reported that a meeting was scheduled to take place next week. Still no new additions to the group.
- DW reported that he attended the ECB Boundary training course at York, and said that future courses for up to twenty people would hopefully be arranged locally.

2. **Safeguarding**

- LP confirmed that Worsbrough Bridge had voiced their concerns regarding Live-Streaming and had suggested that they should vote against this.
- LP to attend a Safe Hands course being organized by Barnsley MBC.
- Issues ongoing with some umpires' DBS renewals.

3. **Play Cricket**

- MB reported many concerns regarding the registrations of potential amateur/student overseas players. DW agreed to arrange a meeting with Roger Pugh, Chris Froggett, MB and himself to resolve. It was suggested that they be made Category 3.
- MB reported that players can now make themselves 'inactive' on P-C which then prevents them from having to pay any outstanding debts. He confirmed that the responsibility is with the clubs.
- 3,083 players now registered on P-C.
- MB confirmed that Nawaz (Sheffield Utd) was now banned from all cricket until 2060 after refusing to complete a risk assessment which was requested by the ECB after their recent investigation.

4. **Fixtures.** DW reported that there had been 77 rearranged fixtures and that the Rotherham Town fixtures were still to be resolved.

5. **Upper Haugh v Handsworth** – agreed that if no agreement is reached between the clubs, then the game will be regarded as cancelled, and four points awarded to each side.
6. **Wickersley 3 v Higham** – this fixture needs to be rearranged as the Thorncliffe ground is not available due to a social event.
7. **Aston Hall overseas student** – it was agreed that the original decision remains. The club can register the player as a category 3 but cannot play him in addition to the other overseas in the Premier division or Division 1.
8. **Non-Turf pitches** – these will be allowed as a last option but the grounds must have all suitable facilities.
9. **Brodsforth inspection** – DW/LS had recently carried out an inspection of the ground and facilities which were found to be good with a decent clubhouse and bar and all the necessary equipment.
10. **League applications** – Applications have been received from Parkhead 2s and Hallam 4s. A request has been received from Sheffield Transport but they only want to bring one team. Waleswood have made an enquiry but have not followed it up, Sheffield Centralians have applied after the cut-off date and been informed that they will not be considered for 2024.
11. **Development fund.** Aston Hall funding request for a defibrillator not agreed.
12. **Overseas rule - Divisions 1 & 2**
 - DW/MB have dealt with this and DW will speak to Aston Hall.
 - Agreed that Rockingham would not be allowed to play their 2nd Overseas in their 2nd XI but he could play in the 1st XI if/when their other overseas is not available, and can register him as a category 3.
 - Also agreed that Tickhill can register their player as category 3.
 - Agreed that the three Sheffield University Staff players and the Bradfield player be allowed to play and will be monitored.
13. **Other business**
 - As a result of the recent very wet weather DW has prepared a statement, currently being vetted by members of the LEB, for distribution to clubs, allowing them to cancel fixtures from 10am on Friday. It was agreed that those commenting on social media do not understand that it is not possible to rearrange Saturday's fixtures so that all 127 teams play on the same date.
 - RN queried that Whiston Forge had not been paid monies agreed from the Development Fund. DW confirmed that the LEB had agreed this and he was responsible for the delay.
 - RN asked about the Communications group and their function. He suggested using WhatsApp instead of emails for sending out invoices/reminders.
 - It was noted that Dearne and Wombwell Main did not attend the recent Pre-Season meeting.

Close. The meeting closed at 8.30pm