



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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Senior Section Cricket Committee

7th Meeting – Thursday 24 June 2021 – 7pm by Zoom

Notes of Meeting

Present: David Ward (chairman), Melvyn Bond, Richard Fidler, Bryan Lowe, Irfan Mirza, Richard North, Lindsey Scothern, Matt Summerhill, Graham Swallow (secretary)

Apologies: Lindsay Pepper

- 1. Promotion and Relegation 2021.** A lengthy and constructive discussion took place. DW confirmed that promotion and relegation would not affect the Premier, Championship and Division 1. MS stated that eleven 'new' teams would be joining the YCSPL in 2022. Ackworth CC & Hatfield Town CC would be joining via the transfer route and not the pyramid route, which meant that they would not be allowed entry above Division 2. MS recommended that they be placed in this division. MS had sent various options for the restructure of divisions for 2022 to the committee and it was agreed that at least two teams should be promoted from each division, and that 'option 2' would be most suitable. RF to assist with the narrative to clubs which is required by 30 June. This recommendation to be put to the LEB for approval at their meeting on 28 June.
- 2. Pyramid agreement.** It was confirmed by the YPLMB that Ackworth CC would not be allowed to gain entry to YCSPL via the pyramid agreement.
- 3. Completed ground inspections.** DW/LS/GS have recently carried out inspections at Parkhead, University Staff, De la Salle Old Boys and Stocksbridge. DW confirmed that the Parkhead facility was acceptable; the University Staff ground was excellent, but there is a need for a roller and marking equipment during games; De la Salle were asked to provide a sightscreen at the bottom end of the ground plus marking equipment and a roller. Stocksbridge have begun work on their pavilion refurbishment, but this has now been put on hold awaiting the outcome of a possible community grant. They are also required to provide ball stop fencing. DW has written to all clubs.
- 4. Suspect bowling action reported by Mexborough CC.** DW has received a report and video evidence stating that a Cawthorne 2nd XI player, was guilty of throwing during their recent match. DW stated that the umpires had followed the correct procedure, and he has written to both clubs informing them that no further action will be taken as this was the first and only report regarding this player.
- 5. Conceded Cup fixtures.** DW confirmed that there was currently nothing in the league rules regarding clubs conceding cup fixtures. To date the following clubs have done so: Tickhill & Whiston PC 2nd XI (Presidents Cup), Worsborough Bridge & Thorncliffe 1st XI (Mick Savage) and Rockingham 1st XI (T20 Plate). DW to circulate a proposal to the committee for consideration for 2022.

6. Play Cricket

- MB said he had cause for concern relating to Treeton CC administration over the last two weeks as four players are showing unregistered although one player has been registered but not entered onto the relative scorecard. In general, this is not like Treeton CC. Richard North who has a working relationship with Treeton CC will see what assistance he can offer.
- Brodsworth Main CC has found itself in difficulties after the transfer of an under-16 player from Adwick-le-Street. MB will look to reinstate the player to add him to the outstanding scorecard then remove the players registration until Brodsworth Main CC can register the player under the YCSPL rules. This was agreed with the Senior Section Committee.
- MB confirmed over 3,000 registrations and 217 transfers. MS praised MB for all his hard work and this was endorsed by the committee.

7. Equity & Diversity

- DW has forwarded correspondence to Jason Booth and South Kirkby regarding a spectator who has been reported for abuse. MS suggested that E & D policies be included in the application criteria for clubs wishing to join YCSPL.
- IM stated that the E & D Group had a meeting arranged at the end of the month and there was nothing further to report.

8. Mexborough CC – Kripal Singh. Discussion took place as to whether this player could legitimately play in the Billy Oates cup fixture v Sprotbrough CC. Although he had played some games in the 1st XI it was felt that his performances may be not to that level. DW stated that Sprotbrough had not complained and that he would speak to Mexborough.

9. AOB

- LS asked whether a club umpire whose game was cancelled could then officiate for his own club. DW confirmed that he could providing the game was in Division 3 or below.
- LS asked for clarification of club umpire status. DW said that the details are in the admin rules, and that from this year, club umpires would be transferred to 'the pool' after three years, meaning that clubs would then need to find replacements.
- MS said that only one Premier club have completed the Safe Hands SMHS which was required by the ECB by 30 September, and any club not fulfilling these criteria will lose their Clubmark status.
- DW confirmed that Rockingham 1st XI had withdrawn from the T20 Plate this Sunday, leaving Wath CC to travel to Cleethorpes CC. He thought it was unfair for the umpires to receive a match fee of £25, which was agreed, and MS suggested they each receive £50, and Rockingham CC be asked to pay. This was agreed.
- In respect of the T20 Plate finals day at Treeton CC on 18 July, it was agreed that DW should ask Treeton how they intend to accommodate the four teams.
- MB said that this week's T20 Plate morning matches on 27 June starting at 10:00 must upload the result to Play-Cricket at the end of the match, so the fixture can be generated for the afternoon day final. Contact Melvyn Bond.
- DW confirmed that a Barnsley 1st XI player had tested positive for Covid. The club have contacted the other clubs involved. Also, DW reported that an umpire was self-isolating until this Saturday.

10. Date of next meeting. Thursday 22 July – 7pm by Zoom.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm