



ECB Yorkshire South Premier League

Note of committee meeting – 20th September 2017

Held at Phoenix Sports & Social Club, Rotherham

1 Welcome & apologies

Present: M.Beardshall, M.Dixon, M.Forrester, C.Froggett, A.Harrison, P.McFarlane, R.Pugh, M.Summerhill, S.Ward

Apologies: R.Knowles, K.Motley

2 Fixture secretary report

- MS said that there was an alternative for the playing season:
 - start on 21 April and play thro' to 8 September with fixtures on the second May Bank Holiday
 - start on 14 April (as SYSCL) and play thro' to 8 September without Bank Holiday fixtures
- It was agreed that the clubs would be consulted on the two alternatives at the AGM
- Either way, the play-off dates will be on the 15 & 22 September.

3 Treasurers report

- After payment of £6,000 to clubs, there will be £2,422 in the bank.
- The S&PUCC fine is still not paid – RP to advise the club that if not paid by 30 September it will be increased by £100.

4 Ground issues

- Hallam – CF & RP met with representatives of Hallam CC on 12 September to discuss feedback on the playing area and the pavilion plans:
 - the club are aware of the disappointing markings this season; three new pitches are being laid and the club continue to work with the football club to ensure that the outfield is as good as it can be
 - the club have been told by ECB that if they can raise £80-£90k themselves they will be given the balance of the money needed for the project
 - RP to keep in touch with the club and ask for a funding profile after the end of October
- Tickhill – RP to write to the club to advise that next season's markings will be monitored and considered before the club is accepted back into the YSPL.

5 SYSCL liaison meeting

- The committee's view is that the award of league points for clubs who provide umpires cannot be allowed to influence promotion to the YSPL – RP will write to David Ward accordingly.

6 Presentation dinner

- the dinner will take place at Shaw Lane Sports Club, Barnsley on Friday 27th October

- the cost is £30 per head
- SW, PM & RK are liaising with the venue and will promote to clubs
- RP to publicise via the website and blog

7 Proposed new rules and rule changes

- The changes to the constitution were agreed and will now be submitted to the AGM for ratification.
- The changes to playing conditions were agreed, but with two additional amendments to rule 19:
 - clubs to be allowed to register a second overseas player, of which a maximum of one can be a professional, others to be amateurs – RP to check that this does not contravene any ECB rules
 - no transfers to be allowed for YSPL-registered players between our clubs after March 1st in any year
RP to draft amendments for committee approval before being submitted to the AGM for ratification.
- RP to recirculate the revised disciplinary procedure for committee approval and adoption in 2018.

8 Committee positions

- The existing committee members all confirmed that they wished to stand for re-election in 2018.
- If the amendment to para 10 of the constitution is approved, Matt Dixon, Paul McFarlane, Matt Summerhill and Ray Knowles will be elected unopposed to the offices of vice-chairman, treasurer, fixture secretary and compliance officer respectively.
- In any event, there will be one committee vacancy, and there are two new nominations – Chris Cobb (Treeton CC) and David Ward (SYSCL/YLUA).
- All re-standing committee members (except Matt Dixon and Matt Summerhill, if the amendment to para 10 of the constitution is passed) plus the two new nominations, will stand for election, which will be conducted by secret ballot at the AGM.

9 Under 19s competition

- There have been suggestions that the format of the 2018 under 19s competition could be extended – this will be discussed at the AGM.

10 Hall of Fame

- The detailed proposals were agreed and will be taken forward.

11 Disciplinary issues

- There has been one incident reported by umpires since the last meeting; this involved two Aston Hall players and was dealt with by the club (both players were each banned for four weeks of which two weeks were suspended to the end of the 2018 season).

12 Other Business

- *Play-off hosts.* Next year it will be the YSPL turn to host a play-off game; learning from this year's experience, we must ensure that we have a first choice ground and a second choice, in different parts of our geographical area, both ready to accommodate the game, allowing a late switch if necessary.
- *Representative games.* Following very positive feedback by the players involved, RP has spoken to both the Bradford League and the YPLN about representative u23 games next season – both agreed in principle; the MCC game will continue.
- *Promotion and relegation between YSPL & SYSCL.* Following feedback received in the last few months, this issue will be placed on the AGM agenda to seek views.

13 Next meeting

- The meeting closed at 9.30 pm; the next meeting is the AGM, on Wednesday 18th October (7.00pm start).