

## ECB Yorkshire South Premier League

### Note of 15<sup>th</sup> committee meeting

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018 – Toby Inn, Bessacar, Doncaster

#### 1 Introduction

Present were Mark Beardshall, Chris Cobb, Chris Froggett, Ray Knowles, Paul McFarlane, Roger Pugh and Steve Ward. Apologies were received from Matt Dixon, Andy Harrison and Matt Summerhill.

RP congratulated Wakefield Thornes on their brilliant achievement of reaching their third successive Premier Leagues Championship final. On behalf of the committee, he wished the very best of luck for the final.

#### 2 Chairman's report

*Sponsorship.* No money has been received from All Rounder this season. RP was in touch with Chris Taylor earlier in the season and sent an invoice as requested. Since then there has been no response to either emails or phone calls. Other leagues sponsored by AR are understood to have received at least part of their money. RP to discuss further action with MD on his return from holiday. The League have spent over £1k with AR this season but it was agreed that no more should be spent unless sponsorship received.

RP reported back on discussions he has had about sponsorship from 2019. So far, there is no firm offer on the table. RP would like to hear of any potential leads. It was agreed that RP would invite a potential sponsor to the Premier Leagues Championship final on Saturday.

#### 3 Secretary's report

*Annual presentation dinner.* The dinner will be on Friday 9 November at the Shaw Lane Sports Club, Barnsley. SW said that he wanted to push ticket sales as much as possible over the next few weeks. Paul, Ray and himself will meet to agree the menu, price and detailed arrangements. RP will then promote on the website. It was agreed that clubs must advise in advance if they cannot use any of their minimum ticket order, in order that we can fill the spaces. *[update – the menu has been agreed, the cost is £32 per head, and clubs must purchase a minimum of eight tickets – RP has posted on website and SW will follow up on SM].*

#### 4 Treasurer's report

PM had provided a summary of the accounts in advance. There is £7,247 in the bank, but this includes £6k ECB money for distribution to clubs. A further payment of at least £3k is expected from ECB, and it was agreed that the club money will not be distributed until this is received.

The committee discussed a range of cost-cutting and money-raising measures that might be needed if no 2019 sponsor is found. It was agreed that if no sponsor is found by the end of the year, an emergency committee meeting would be arranged early in the new year to agree on the way forward.

#### 5 Compliance Officer's report

RK reported that in 2018 there was one suspension for a L2 offence and there were seven cautions been administered for L1 offences. These result in four and two disciplinary point respectively being given to the clubs concerned.

RK said that an issue had been highlighted by an instance during the closing weeks of the season, that the caution administered would only cover a very short period. He and RP had agreed that the rules would be amended to ensure that cautions would last for a 12-month period.

## **6 Proposed rule changes**

The proposed changes agreed at the last meeting will be voted on at the AGM. Responses on the overseas player rule had now been received from clubs. The most popular option was for each club to be allowed one professional and one amateur; followed by one overseas player, who may be professional or amateur. Accordingly, these two options will be put to the AGM as and voted upon.

## **7 Committee for 2019.**

RP reported that Matt Dixon is to stand down from the committee due to his work and family commitments. RP will advise the Premier Leagues Management Board and will arrange for a news item on the website, announcing that MD is standing down and thanking him for his invaluable contribution over the last four years. MS will take over as vice-chairman and representative to the Management Board. RP has approached Alex Fletcher of Whitley Hall about the vacant committee position [*update – AF has advised RP that he would be very happy to be nominated*].

## **8 Representative games.**

RP reported that the feedback from the under 23s had been very positive and that we will arrange at least three more games next year. He recorded his appreciation of the work done with the teams by Chris Marples. To improve communications, next year we will seek a volunteer from the playing group to manage communications about games, availability and selections using social media (probably a WhatsApp group). In response to feedback, next year, instead of a single 50-over game against ICA, it is likely that two t20 games will be arranged.

If the YCCC game is to continue, we need to have clarity about the strength of the team that YCCC will send.

## **9 Hall of Fame**

The three nominations for induction to the Hall of fame at the 2018 dinner were discussed and approved, and suggestions made for future inductions

## **10 Review of the YSPL/SYSCL memorandum of understanding**

RP will set up a meeting with David Ward to review the MoU after the respective league AGMs. Two specific issues to be included are promotion and relegation (the committee view is that, whilst noting the points made by MS, this should be changed to a 'one up/one down' basis) and improving standards, specifically by revisiting ground and facilities standards for new clubs, and to which existing clubs should work. RP will seek views from clubs on promotion/relegation at the AGM.

## **11 Other business**

There was a wide-ranging discussion about the future direction of the League, that included discussion on MD's point about how to encourage clubs to develop young players and to help them to retain them, and innovative ideas from MB about restructuring the format of the League. RP to initially sound out Paul Bedford at ECB to find out if he has any ideas about how to achieve the first of these, and whether ECB would support restructuring proposals [*update – Paul Bedford favours encouraging young player development by creative use of ECB monies and suggested that a discussion should be opened at the Management Board, and says that restructuring ideas will be encouraged*].

## **12 Close**

The meeting closed at 9.05pm. The next meeting will be the AGM on Wednesday 17 October.