

Yorkshire South Premier League committee meeting

15th July 2015 – 7.00pm

Note of meeting

1 Members present

I.Armiger, M.Beardshall, T.Bentham, M.Dixon, A.Harrison, R.Knowles, P.McFarlane, R.Pugh, R.Tong, S.Ward,

2 Apologies

S.Beer, M.Summerhill

3 Issues from last meeting

- RP will continue to keep in touch with Andrew Watson at YCB on the status of Clubmark Accreditation applications in relation to Clubs who have applied to join YLS.
- RP has tweaked the Constitution, and circulated it to the Committee for their comments. PM asked if the notice of resignation date for clubs was in line with YCB rules – RP to check. PM also asked about the Financial Year. RP confirmed that the Premier Leagues Management Board (YCPLMB) have stipulated that all member league AGMs be held in October. It was agreed that the Financial Year will end on September 30th with the AGM at the end of October each year. There was a discussion about banking arrangements.
- RP included a clause about YCCC registered players in the playing conditions, in order to avoid the proposed 'registration' idea.
- SW has not yet had a definitive answer from Ally Jarvis in relation to whether YLS T20 winners will automatically have a place in the T20 Competition – SW to follow up with Ally
- The CYL inspection reports have been done and issued via the CYCL.

4 Update on Premier League issues.

- Talks are ongoing on a Bradford League/CYCL merger
- Matt Summerhill has devised a standard fixture calendar for the Premier Leagues, which will be on the agenda at the YCPLMB in August.
- The Premier League Champions Play-Off semi-finals will be played at Headingley and Scarborough in 2016. The committee agreed that YLS should bid to host prestige games in the future.
- YCPLMB met with the ECB about the Premier Leagues using the Cherwell League Management System as the primary system for reports, registrations and general league administration. ECB and Cherwell are now talking about how the system will export the information ECB require for Play Cricket and interact with Total Cricket Scorer. This will enable leagues, clubs and players to use a single system. Demonstrations of the Cherwell system will be arranged.
- Following talks stalling between the SYSCL and the Pontefract & District League (P&DCL), Mark Arthur has been asked to meet with the P&DCL. The YLS committee fully support the SYSCL position that the point of entry for P&DCL into SYSCL should be no higher than Division 1.

5 Ground Inspections

- All YCPL inspections have been completed, with six of the clubs having minimal issues. There were significant issues with the dressing room facilities and outfield at Rotherham. RP proposed that the club will be allowed into the YLS on a probationary basis in 2016 on the understanding that these issues are satisfactorily addressed. This proposal was agreed by the committee. A full inspection will be conducted at Rotherham in April 2016, and if there are any outstanding issues the club will be given a deadline to address them. Current health and safety concerns are to be addressed by the club urgently. AH raised the question of SYSCCL clubs being refused entry to YLS due to similar issues and queried why Rotherham are different. This is because as an existing Premier League club, Rotherham were promised Premier League status in the 2016 reorganisation. However, action must still be taken if the required standards are not met in the future.
- Pitch inspections will be carried out at the end of the season by qualified inspectors to advise clubs on ensuring that pitches meet Premier league standards in 2016.
- A letter from Houghton Main CC about their failing the ground inspection was discussed. It was agreed that a further inspection would be made by TB, MB and AH.
- A letter from Hallam CC about the same issue was dealt with by RP and a positive response was received.
- MD expressed his concern that this issue should be dealt with consistently, and that clubs are made aware that the onus is on them to ensure that their facilities are up to the required standard. This issue will be placed on the agenda at the inaugural AGM.

6 Playing Conditions and Players Survey

- The results of the Players Survey re points was distributed. After discussion, it was agreed that a sub-committee of MB, AH and RP would consider and agree a proposal for the points system.
- RK stressed that as far as umpires were concerned it is important that playing conditions are as closely mirrored in YLN and YLS as possible.

7 Second XIs

- Following a request from the SYSCCL, it was agreed that the constitution should include the requirement that all member clubs should maintain a functioning second XI.
- Several members expressed concerns about the situation at Sheffield United. RP will meet Andy Tipple in order to obtaining assurances about the club's future and to offer to help the club in any way possible.
- In response to a question from MB, TB confirmed that the SYSCCL Cricket Committee will recommend to the Management Committee that the restriction preventing second XIs from playing in the SYSCCL Championship is removed.

8 Duckworth Lewis and Scoring

- SW will arrange DLS training for captains, scorers and umpires on the weekend of 23rd/24th January 2016. He advised that all clubs will need printers. MB suggested a possible supplier.
- SW will also arrange training for scorers on Total Cricket Scorer.

9 Funding

- RP advised that he and SW had met with DTCC fundraiser Nick Johnson about sourcing a league sponsor. YLN have secured Hunters as sponsor at £4.5k per year, and it was agreed that YLS should be looking for no less than this. Discussions are ongoing and other suggestions are welcome.
- SW will discuss monies with the Yorkshire League management committee in August, and will broach the subject of initial funding with Paul Bedford of ECB at Lords on August 11th.
- It was agreed that we should look at all options, and obtain a separate ball deal, ideally to include SYSCL.

11 Umpires

- RP advised that there were 62 applications for the new Premier Leagues panel that will service YLN and YLS. Just over half will qualify automatically, and closed observations are being conducted on others. Umpires will may choose to stand in YLS or YLN, or both, and may umpire in the Premier leagues on either a full-time or part-time basis. When not required for Premier League games, panels will be expected to stand in SYSCL or Y&DCL.

12 Trophies

- RP reported that YLN are obtaining some new trophies through the sponsor, so most of the YCPL trophies should be available to YLS. SW to do a stocktake of YCPL trophies.

13 Other business

- RP asked for volunteers to form a sub-committee to follow up RT's work on the YLS disciplinary process. RK and TB agreed to be involved.
- RP to circulate the revised constitution for approval by correspondence in order that it can be ratified by YCPLMB.
- There was a short discussion about a league tie. PM and RT to produce samples for the next meeting.
- Electronic Media Policy item to be carried forward to next meeting.

14 Dates of Meetings

- Next Meeting - Wednesday 16th September 2015 at Doncaster Town CC **(please note changed venue)**
- AGM – Wednesday 4th November 2015 at Rotherham Phoenix

Meeting Closed 9.05 pm

Roger Pugh
Chairman
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