



ECB YORKSHIRE SOUTH PREMIER LEAGUE

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Note of committee meeting - 16th September 2016

1 Members present

I.Armiger, M.Beardshall, T.Bentham, A.Harrison, R.Knowles, P.McFarlane, K.Motley, R.Pugh, M.Summerhill, S.Ward

2 Apologies

S.Beer. G.Davis, M.Dixon, R.Tong

3 Issues from last meeting

- YCB advise that there will be no problem with Wakefield Thornes retaining Clubmark status; confirmation is awaited on SYSCL clubs but no issues are anticipated.
- YCB have made the following rule changes:
 - Rule 9.3 “ ... clubs wishing to resign from any League or Association should give notice in writing before **30th June** in the year previous to the season in which they intend to play in that League or Association” (previously 30th April).
 - Additional part to 9.3: “A list of clubs who are promoted or relegated into another league within the pyramid structure will be given to YCB at the end of the season. Transfer forms will not be required.”
- It was agreed that the YLS T20 Competition will consist of a group stage comprising four teams per group and on a straight knock-out basis. The winners of the SYSCL T20 competition will join the three group winners on the YLS finals day. Clubs will be asked for expression of interest in staging ‘prestige games,’ and the four clubs that host the group stage and final will be chosen from this list, subject to their meeting the required facilities criteria.
- MS suggested that YLS should host the KO cup final, as the Premier Leagues play-off semi-finals will be held at Headingley and Scarborough. RP to speak to Rob Richtering .
- A bank account has been opened with HSBC. £1,500 has been loaned to the League from three officials towards start-up costs, pending other income being received. YCB have agreed to grant the League £2,000 for start-up costs, on the basis that leagues exporting clubs also make a contribution. RP to speak to other leagues. The current account balance is £2,751.50.
- MB and TB inspected the facilities at Houghton Main, and gave the club guidance on meeting Premier League criteria. RP has forwarded their report to Houghton Main.
- RP to include grounds and facilities standards in his presentation at the All Clubs meeting.
- RP has met with Andy Tipple about the issues at Sheffield Utd CC. There are ongoing talks between SUCC and Rotherham Phoenix about a merger between the two clubs. This could be in place for the 2016, with the 1st and 3rd teams playing at Bawtry Road, and the 2nd team at Phoenix. RP to maintain contact and offer help.
- SW has sourced printers for scorers at a cost of £30 each.
- It was agreed to wait until ECB agrees its’ new Disciplinary Procedure before working on YLS procedures.

4 Update on Premier League issues.

- The merger between the Bradford and Central Yorkshire leagues has been agreed, and will take place from the 2016 season. The Bradford League will not be an ECB-accredited Premier League until 2017, but will participate in the Yorkshire Premier Leagues play-offs in 2016.
- Discussions continue about the Pontefract & District League joining the pyramid through SYSCL.
- SW fed back on the August Premier League Chairmen's meeting. The following monies will be available from ECB in 2016, subject to ratification from the Regional Assembly in October, and payable to League in October and December 2016:
 - £500 to each club
 - £1,000 to League for admin costs
 - £500 if the League signs up to Get the Game On
 - £100 for every 10% increase in player registration on Play-Cricket with email details
 - £100 for each club using a Live Score service
 - £500 for reporting on Pitch Marks, Fair Play and Umpires
 - £1000 for holding a Nat West U19s T20 competition
- It was agreed that the U19s competition is worth pursuing, and we need a volunteer to administer it.
- MB commented that it seemed unfair that the club money was reduced from £750 to £500 because we have reduced overs from 110 to 100, which is as a result of the player survey and player retention initiative. RP to write to Paul Bedford at ECB.
- RP confirmed that the members of YLS in 2016 will be Appleby Frodingham, Aston Hall, Cleethorpes, Doncaster Town, Barnsley, Rotherham Town, Sheffield Collegiate, Sheffield United, Treeton, Wakefield Thornes, Whitley Hall and Wickersley OV. He has written to the chairmen of the five CYCL and SYSCL clubs, congratulating them and welcoming them to the League.

5 Funding and Sponsorship

- Following the YCB grant to YLS, TB suggested that CYCL, SYSCL and YCPL each be asked for a donation per club to the YLS for the remaining start-up costs. RP agreed to contact the leagues about this.
- RP spoke about the sponsorship negotiations with *All Rounder*. It is clear that they want to tie in any sponsorship with a ball contract, which is not acceptable to the league. It was agreed that sponsorship of YLS should not come on the back of increased ball costs for clubs. RP has written to *All Rounder* on this basis. He will also contact Greene King, who are expanding their business in the catchment area of the league.
- It was agreed not to make a decision on the level of subscription at this stage.
- It was agreed that the League Handbook should be of pocket size similar to that of YCPL.

6 Cricket Balls

- Clubs have trialled various balls in the last month, and the feedback was useful.
- It was agreed to use the Oxbridge Windsor Ball in 2016, at a cost of £16 including VAT.

7 YLS Constitution

- Two changes were agreed to the latest version of the Constitution, covering promotion of clubs from SYSCL and specification of child welfare DBS requirements. RP to reword and circulate revised document for clearance by correspondence. The issue of child welfare to be covered at the All Clubs meeting.

8 Playing Conditions

- It was agreed that further clarification of the rule on late starts is needed – RP to reword.
- It was agreed that the proposed clause on points awarded for rearranged games will be withdrawn.
- Minor rewording of rules on duration of play, intervals, point scoring and separating teams in the table will be also incorporated in a revised version to be issued with the notes of the meeting.

- Any necessary rewording on player registration will be made once the revised ECB regulation is available.
- MS said that the KO Cup will be a joint competition with YLN and the preliminary round will be regionalised. The preliminary and first round matches draws will be conducted pre-season, and public draws will be held immediately after games thereafter.
- There was some discussion about players arriving after the start of a game. This can now be clarified; Law 2 states that a fielder who arrives more than 15 minutes after play has started, will not be allowed to bowl until he has been on the field for at least the length of playing time for which he was absent. There is no restriction on when a player who has arrived late can bat.
- MB raised the issue of no time being allowed for the teams in the second game to practice on the pitch in the National T20 competition. RP to raise with ECB.

9 Ground, Facilities and Pitch Inspections

- Ground and facilities inspections will be undertaken at Kexborough and Whiston PC in 2016.
- Martin Ford (IOG) is to arrange inspections of pitches at new Premier League clubs and YCPL clubs who have had below par marks in 2015.
- Ground and pitch markings will be monitored on an ongoing basis in 2016 and inspections made where markings are poor.

10 Electronic Media

- SW to meet with SB about the YLS website.
- SW to apply for a Play Cricket site in line with ECB requirements.
- It was agreed that all minutes and documents will be available on the YLS site, including financial reports.

11 Dates of forthcoming meetings

- All Clubs meeting: 4th November 2015 Rotherham Phoenix CC
- Committee meeting: 19th January 2016 Doncaster Town CC

12 Other business

- No games will be arranged on 22nd May 2016 in order that players can attend the Headingley test match on club players' day.
- YLS ties to be ordered by PM and sold to committee and clubs at £10 each.
- SW to liaise with John Fuller of Cricket Yorkshire about publicity.

Roger Pugh
Chairman
September 2015