

Committee meeting – 18th May 2016

Note of meeting

1 Members present

I.Armiger, M.Beardshall, T.Bentham, M.Dixon, C Froggett, A.Harrison, K.Motley, R.Pugh, S.Stoker, M.Summerhill, R.Tong, S.Ward.

2 Apologies

R.Knowles, P.McFarlane.

3 Issues from last meeting

- The ground inspections for SYSCL Championship clubs need to be arranged. For consistency the same team should do them all, but as there will be only five or six they can be done in one day. RP will liaise with David Ward about arrangements. Any volunteers to be take part to contact RP.
- It was generally agreed that the YSPL has made a very pleasing start, with only very minor teething problems.
- One significant issue has been around Total Cricket Scorer. The original problem was that YSPL scores could not be obtained; this was quickly resolved, but the service is still not particularly good, and failed altogether last weekend.

4 Financial report

- RP reported a balance of in hand £2717.44, after debits and credits have been cleared.
- The loans from league officials will be repaid later in the year.
- The ECB Premier Leagues funding criteria will be met, which will enhance the funds later in the year.
- RP confirmed that committee members should not be out of pocket, and can claim expenses for attending meetings (public transport costs or car mileage at 16.5p per mile).
- MB asked about expenditure on umpires' observations. RP said that these were the fees and travelling expenses for observations of umpires who had applied to join the new joint panel, towards which YPLN have agreed to pay half.

5 Disciplinary Matters

- The informal report from the Sheffield & Phoenix United v Rotherham Town game was dealt with by means of a letter from RP to the chairmen of the clubs, reminding them of their captains' responsibilities. RK was consulted as juniors were involved.
- The committee agreed that whilst games are being played in a competitive spirit, this has been the only informal disciplinary report to date.

6 Sightcreens

- The requirement for two sightcreens at each end is not yet being met at Appleby Frodingham and Sheffield & Phoenix United. The committee considered progress reports from both clubs and agreed that it was reasonable to allow them more time. The issue will be reviewed at the end of June.
- MS confirmed that it is mandatory for all SYSCL Championship clubs to have two sightcreens at each end.

7 Duckworth Lewis Stern

- Although there are some issues with DLS around procedures and understanding the software, it was agreed that the system had already proved to be a good method of determining results of games affected by the weather, producing several results that would otherwise not have been achieved.
- SW and KM will arrange to do a background session for interested parties.

8 U19s t20 Competition

- Treeton's request to withdraw from the competition due to lack of players in the relevant age groups was agreed.
- SW will distribute the cricket balls to the host clubs, the cost of the balls will be taken out of the money that will be forthcoming from ECB.
- RP agreed to remind clubs in his next letter of the need to let Phil know of their team's nickname.
- IA mentioned the difficulty that he has experienced with the date of the competition, as it clashes with exams. This will be considered in future scheduling.

9 Electronic Media

- SS has undertaken numerous improvements to the website and continues to work hard to keep it up-to-date.

10 Umpires/ground Reports

- AH asked that RP mention the reports in his chairman's blog, to explain their importance and what the reports are used for. RP agreed to do this.
- Arrangements are in place to review the reports. RP will feed back at the July meeting

11 Trophies

- An initial proposal was discussed. This will be revised to take into account feedback and recirculated to the committee for approval.

12 Other Business

- MS said that work needed doing on the Play Cricket site in respect of juniors and overseas players. SW & MS to undertake this.
- RP will be out of the country from 5 June to 12 June. MD will act as chairman during this time if needed and SW write the chairman's blog for 13 June.
- MB is managing the YSPL team for the t20 game against Yorkshire CCC at Abbeydale on 28 June. He asked that committee members email him any nominations for the YSPL team.
- After discussion, it was agreed that games could not be postponed due to the involvement of South Yorkshire clubs in the Football League play-off finals on 28/29 May.
- Approaches have been received to trial other cricket balls. Arrangements will need to be made for any trials towards the end of the season in games where no championship or relegation issues are at stake.
- SW will write to clubs where individuals have not yet complied with the DBS requirements to ascertain whether the process has been started.
- KM expressed concerns that a small number of scorers appeared not to be taking their responsibilities seriously. RP & SW will follow up.

13 Next meeting

The next meeting will be at Rotherham Phoenix at 7.00pm on Wednesday 20 July.

Meeting Closed 9.10pm

Roger Pugh
Chairman