

Committee meeting - 21st September 2016

Note of meeting

1 Members present

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

2 Apologies

K.Motley, M.Summerhill, R.Tong

3 Chairman's Welcome

- RP welcomed all to the meeting and congratulated Wakefield Thornes on both becoming League Champions and reaching the Yorkshire Premier Leagues Play-Off Finals in Abu Dhabi
- he also thanked Ian Armiger, who is having a break from cricket activities after 32 years' service to the Appleby Frodingham club, for his input over the last two years

4 Financial Report

- the September statement of accounts was distributed; this showed a balance of £7,035.94, up to £6,000 of which will be distributed to clubs once the amounts of the ECB performance-related payments are known

5 Promotion and Relegation Issues

- it was confirmed that Rotherham Town and Doncaster Town are relegated to the South Yorkshire Championship, with Hallam and Tickhill being promoted to the YSPL

6 Ground Inspections

- SW has spoken to Martin Ford at ECB, who has confirmed that £3,500 is available for YLN and YLS to use for pitch inspections; this money will be split 50-50
- it was agreed that pitch inspections would be arranged at Hallam, Tickhill, Aston Hall, Treeton and Whitley Hall; the last three named clubs had average scores in the captains and umpires' markings of below 14, which is the ECB trigger point for action to be taken; SW will arrange these through Ian Powell

7 Playing Conditions

- the proposed revised playing conditions were discussed in detail, and a small number of alterations made; RP clarified that whilst there is an attempt to standardise the on-field conditions with YPLN, the clubs will be free to vote for changes irrespective of what YPLN decide to do
- a summary of changes is being prepared for distribution to clubs in order that they can vote on the proposals at the AGM

8 AGM

- the date of the AGM has been changed to Wednesday 2nd November due to the absence of WTCC and the chairman in Abu Dhabi; the meeting will be held at Rotherham Phoenix, starting at 7.15pm start
- RP and SW will finalise and distribute the relevant papers in advance, giving the required 28 days' notice

9 Review of the T20 Competitions

- a lively review meeting had taken place and the committee considered the proposals made; the alternative proposal for the senior competition will be put to the AGM
- further comments will be sought on the proposals for the u/19 competition, which PC and SW will then take forward

10 Compliance

- KM, RP & SW have reviewed the clubs' responsibilities around reporting and scoring; these will now be clarified in the playing conditions
- it is proposed that two league points will be deducted for any failures to comply with these requirements, unless good cause can be shown

11 Disciplinary Update

- RP updated the meeting on the follow-up to the incident at the play-off semi-finals in Scarborough; the matter is being dealt with internally by WTCC, and the National Cricket Conference, who are engaged by the Premier Leagues Management Board to deal with any disciplinary issues in the play-offs, will decide whether the action taken by the club is adequate

12 Overseas Amateur Players

- CF raised the issue of whether clubs could engage a second overseas player, who was not a paid player, as apparently happens in other leagues; RP agreed to discuss with Chris West from the Management Board to ascertain whether this was permissible under ECB rules

13 Other Business

- TB said that the Umpires' Association is actively seeking to recruit more umpires; the panel needs to be larger and there is an imbalance with more umpires coming from the north than the south
- RP advised the meeting that he had decided that it was necessary to make alternative arrangements to manage the League website; he would take this responsibility personally in the future, with SW providing back-up
- SW is following up some ideas to improve the League social media presence

Meeting Closed 9.05pm