



ECB Yorkshire South Premier League

Note of committee meeting – 8th March 2017

Held at Phoenix Sports & Social Club, Rotherham

1 Welcome & apologies

- *Present:* T.Bentham, M.Dixon, C.Froggett, A.Harrison, R.Knowles, P.McFarlane, K.Motley, R.Pugh, S.Ward
- *Apologies:* M.Beardshall, G.Davis, M.Forrester, M.Summerhill, R.Tong
- RP welcomed all to the meeting, saying that a lot of work had been done in preparation for the new season and this would be covered in the agenda.

2 Financial Report

- *Accounts.* PM distributed the statement of accounts, showing a balance of £3,297.27.
- *Balls.* The balls have been ordered for the season, and will be delivered to SW on or around 27th March 2017.
- *Clothing.* PM said that shirts and jumpers with the YSPL logo are available to order. Details are on the League website.

3 Secretary's Report

- *Play Cricket & CricHQ.* SW gave an update on the ongoing situation between ECB, Play Cricket and CricHQ. ECB have developed a new scoring app through Play Cricket, which is for tablets and smartphones only. There is currently an impasse between ECB/Play Cricket and CricHQ, who own TCS, which currently means that TCS scorecards could not be downloaded onto Play Cricket. This would need to be done manually. Negotiations continue between the two parties, and it was agreed that we would await further information before making decisions on what YSPL needs to do in 2017. A meeting with Play Cricket is scheduled for 22nd March and ECB (Paul Bedford) will attend the Premier Leagues Management Board on 23rd March.
- *Pre-Season Scorers meeting.* This will be held at the Toby Inn, Bawtry Road, Doncaster, on Sunday 2nd April.
- *t20 competition.* The draw has been made for the group stages and all clubs notified.
- *Nat West u19s t20 competition.* SW is to meet Phil Chapman to finalise arrangements for the 2017 competition.

- #### 4 Handbook.
- RP said that work on the handbook is almost complete. He has emailed to committee members for any comments and suggestions. TB suggested publicising that John Barclay will be the guest speaker at the 2017 league dinner and KM made several helpful suggestions.

- 5 Pre Season Meeting.** The meeting will be held at Phoenix SSC on 12th April at 7pm. Balls, handbooks and team cards will be distributed. The agenda will include:
- summary of changes to playing conditions
 - clarification of scoring and reporting procedures
 - pitch repairs
 - discipline
 - safeguarding young people
- 6 Captains' reports.** It is hoped to use the Play Cricket system for reporting this season. RP & SW seek and update from Chris Higginbottom of Play Cricket in their meeting on 22nd March.
- 7 Emergency fund.** There was a discussion about setting up an Emergency Fund that would help clubs in the case of fire, flood, theft, etc, to meet immediate need and enable cricket to be played before insurance claims were settled. The principle was agreed, although whether money needed to be put in a separate account is debateable. It will be necessary to put forward a basic framework for applications. RP will discuss with the treasurer and YCB before putting forward some firm proposals. We are seeking a third committee volunteer to help with this.
- 8 Overseas Players**
- The ECB guidance has been distributed to clubs, and clubs have been asked to complete a new registration form for all overseas players.
 - It was emphasised that all clubs have a responsibility to ensure that overseas players have the correct visa, particularly before making any payments to them.
 - RP said that he had concerns about the professional and amateur classifications of overseas players, and would discuss with Management Board colleagues before coming back to the committee.
- 9 Pre-Season newsletter**
- RP and KM will work together on the production of a newsletter on the same lines as last year. RP will produce a form to go to clubs seeking information on new players, changes at clubs, specific events and landmarks during the season, etc
 - SW will ask for badges from Hallam and Tickhill
- 10 Other business**
- *Umpires.* There have been a couple of new additions to the list for 2017. This will be published in the handbook and on the website. David Ward has published the umpires' appointments for the first six weeks of the season. RK said that it would be useful for umpires to know their full season appointments, which could go in the handbook. RP to raise with David. RP is to attend the pre-season umpires meeting on 2nd April.
 - *Safeguarding.* RK reiterated that clubs must ensure that all necessary officials have up-to-date DBS clearance.
 - *Generic emails.* SW will write to clubs asking for email details of necessary officials.
- 11 Next meeting.** The meeting closed at 8.10 pm. The next meeting is on Wednesday 10th May.