



# Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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## League Executive Board

15th Meeting – Monday 25 April 2022 – 7.00pm by Zoom

### Note of meeting

*Present:* David Ward (chair), Terry Bateman, Mark Beardshall, Ashley Boothman, Ian Cotterhill, Chris Froggett, Maurice Gilliatt, Nelson Windle, Graham Swallow (secretary)

*Apologies:* Liz Lazenby, Matt Summerhill, Steve Ward

1. **Matters Arising from last meeting.** The minutes had been distributed to the committee and there were no matters arising. DW thanked members for submitting reports.
2. **Reports from Members**
  - a. *Equity & Diversity Group representative's report.* Report attached from NW – see appendix 1.
  - b. *Safeguarding Manager's report.* Nothing to report.
  - c. *Participation Manager's report.* No report.
  - d. *Umpires' representative's report*
    - a SYCUA meeting had been held to speak to new umpires
    - all captains' meetings have now taken place, but the attendance had been poor
    - TB stated that persons other than captains and vice-captains were completing marking cards – DW said in some instances there were reasons for this
    - TB queried fees for courses – DW asked for details to be submitted to AB
    - Umpires were not happy about challenging players prior to the game regarding clothing. TB said he spoke to captains at the end of the game if any issues. MB said umpires should speak to captains and if they do not comply, they should report the matter to the League. TB confirmed that he had spoken to the Rockingham captain and officials last Saturday regarding the inappropriate wording on a player's shirt. NW reported that Milton Samuels had a lengthy chat with the player, and that the matter would be on the E & D Group agenda for the next meeting. DW also queried the colour of players footwear. DW/MB to discuss.
  - e. *Scoring update.* Report attached from SW – see appendix 2.
  - f. *Treasurer's report.* The accounts for the period had been sent to members, and AB confirmed that it had been a busy month with payments of subscriptions, cricket balls etc
  - g. *Premier Section report.* The report of the meeting held on 20 April 2022 had been sent to members.

- h. *Senior Section report*
  - the report of the meeting held on 20 April 2022 had been sent to members
  - MG queried the number of Overseas playing in and below Division 3; DW explained there were no statistics for these players, and it was agreed they should be allowed to play whilst being monitored
- i. *Compliance Manager's report*. CF reported there were numerous players registering as overseas amateurs from Commonwealth countries, ie, not being paid. He suggested we contact Paul Bedford at the ECB for clarification.
- j. *Competitions Manager's report*. Report attached from MS – see appendix 3.
- k. *YCB Update*. No report.
- l. *Chair and ECB Update*. DW/MB had attended the recent PLMB meeting at which Paul Bedford of the ECB was present. The following were discussed:
  - it was agreed that Premier clubs should have at least three junior teams playing hard ball cricket
  - discussion took place about Category 3 overseas players
  - a review of the new General Conduct Regulations would take place in June/July 2022
  - the Premier League fixed payment would be made by 31 July, with the necessary information required by 31 May; this is to include details of any serious injuries during matches, which need to be reported on Play-Cricket
  - the YCB are in discussion with the Huddersfield League who had applied to become a Premier League, and this would be reviewed in twelve months – DW said that only three HCL clubs had Clubmark
  - the YPLN are not happy with Yorkshire Academy pulling out of YPLN at such short notice
  - the *White Rose* Premier Leagues Championship semi-finals will be held on Saturday 10 September with the final at Emerald Headingley on Sunday 18 September
  - a discussion took place regarding Umpire shortages, which is a regional and national issue; MB felt that the ECB needed to do a nationwide marketing/promotional campaign

### 3. Other issues

- a. *E & D Training Course*
  - this will take place on 6 & 8 June, when 15 League officials will attend
  - IC confirmed that he had completed an online course and would send details to NW
- b. *Premier League Accreditation & PRFP 2022*
  - DW reported that several clubs had ground issues to resolve which would form part of their criteria requirements in 2022
  - DW to forward details to AB for 2021 payments
- c. *Teas*. MS pointed out that a club had provided hot and cold drinks free of charge for the first match and then made a charge last weekend. One club did not provide anything. It was agreed that clubs be reminded of their responsibilities in the bulletin.
- d. *Play-Cricket*
  - Clean-up. This had taken place prior to the start of the season – there had been some issues and two clubs had not responded at all.
  - DW reported three complaints from last weekend's matches and scorecards were fraudulently changed - these involved Thorncliffe & Wentworth v Whiston PC 2, Monk Bretton 2 v Millhouses Works and Whitley Hall 2 v Oughtibridge. Senior Section members had been asked for their views on each one before decisions were taken.
  - GS mentioned that Melvyn Bond had sent out 80 emails last Sunday regarding incomplete scorecards on Play-Cricket.

e. *Overseas players*

- Students. CF reported that students were being registered as Category 3 exempt and suggested that we needed a rule in place for 'genuine' students. IC said that discussions were already taking place between Paul Bedford and Chris West. IC to follow up.
- Rule 38 revision. The Premier Section has proposed an amendment to rule 38 to cover replacement overseas players, including where the arrival of a club's first team overseas is delayed, clubs can use a second team overseas player in their first XI. The player could subsequently revert to the second XI without any sanction being imposed. This was agreed.

f. *Umpire shortage*

- DW said there were serious issues in both the Premier and Senior sections and had suggested that current players who wished to umpire could be allowed to officiate in Sunday fixtures to gain experience. Paul McFarlane would discuss this at the SYCUA meeting on 28 April.
- DW Confirmed there were 39 umpires on the Premier panel, 25 from YCSPL and 14 from YPLN, and that all YCSPL umpires would officiate in YPLN but only five from YPLN would officiate in the YCSPL. MG felt that we should give the YPLN a two-year ultimatum to achieve the same numbers as the YCSPL.

**4. Other business**

- A 'Player of the Month' award has been proposed for each division, with players receiving a certificate. A sub-committee of Steve Ward, Roger Pugh and Graham Swallow will manage this. This was agreed.
- The Premier Section has requested that Roger Pugh should be co-opted onto its committee. NW confirmed that the E&D Group supported this and said that Roger had met with the E&DG and had done a significant amount of education and training. MS had sent his thoughts on the subject in writing as follows, 'Having read the Premier Section report I wholeheartedly support the co-opting of Roger Pugh onto the Premier Section Committee and indeed, I believe that we should consider inviting him as an 'active observer' for LEB meetings (ie, can contribute fully whilst holding no formal role on the LEB for now). He has so much experience in the game, for me it would be silly of us not to utilise that experience at the highest level of our organisation, particularly with the strong support of the E&D Group'. IC will seek comments from the YCB, but said that everyone makes mistakes and thought that he should be given a second chance. CF said it was important we follow the correct procedure.
- TB reported that umpires' rooms which were used for storage during the week were not being cleared before matches. DW confirmed this was included in last week's bulletin.
- MG asked if the ECB Clubmark Accreditation criteria from Gareth Davis had been sent to all clubs. This was confirmed.
- NW reported that players were leaving the field of play at drinks breaks without asking the umpires permission. There was one instance where a player was off the field for ten minutes. This will also be covered in the bulletin.
- GS queried who the bulletin was being sent to and if specific items relating to players were being seen by them. DW agreed that, where necessary, the bulletin would also be circulated to players.

**5. Date of next meeting.** The next meeting will take place on Monday 23 May 2022 at 7.00pm by Zoom.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

## **Report from the E&D Group**

- 1 The survey on racism in cricket was recirculated so that we can match the impact and change that the YCCC racism issues have had within our league. The stats are currently being collated but we can confirm that over 250 have completed the second round compared to 170 last year.
- 2 We are trying to ensure that all backgrounds and beliefs are represented within the EAD Group and we are currently recruiting for the areas that we do not currently cover, such as LGBT and white backgrounds. YCB are assisting in writing the advertisement.
- 3 We are trying to connect with our colleagues in YPLN as we are aware that they now have an E&D group. This will be to share knowledge and experience.
- 4 Throughout this summer we will look to take on board the survey feedback and current landscape to help shape and finalise a strategy and plan in and around Equity and Diversity within our league.

## **Nelson Windle**

### **Scoring report**

During the winter months I have run two official Play-Cricket Scorer Pro courses, which had 17 scorers on them, from clubs including Millhouses, Doncaster Town and Caribbean Sports. I have done numerous one-to-ones at various clubs, including Aston Hall, Barnsley, Hallam and South Kirby.

I have held a pre-season meeting for scorers in the Premier Section, and a subsequent follow-up meeting last week. At that meeting I covered many topics, including DLS, scoreboard etiquette, and the Scorers Pathway. The scorers in the Premier Section will all be working towards their qualifications this season, but the money that is earmarked for scorer education will not be spent until later in the season or Autumn 2022.

I continue to be available to all clubs in the League, and indeed I am meeting the scorer and secretary at Shiregreen on 24 April.

I checked Play-Cricket after the first weekend, and 77.19% of games in the League last Saturday were electronically scored, which is an increase in the games scored electronically last season (73.97%).

## **Steve Ward**

### **Competitions Manager's report**

- Wath 3rd XI still have four fixtures to rearrange; despite two emails to the club, there has as yet been no response
- the Presidents Cup commenced on Sunday 24 April, which is the start of a Cup competition being held every Sunday
- the Viking Cup first round 'South' games are on Monday 2 May and the 'North' games on Sunday 8 May (the Elsecar v Cleethorpes game has also now been rearranged for 8 May)

## **Matt Summerhill**

## YCB Update April 2022

- Andrew Watson has retired as MD after 26 years' service. He will be difficult to replace.
- Chris West has been filling in for Andrew since November 2021. An advert for a replacement CEO is to be advertised soon.
- In addition, a full-time administration post is currently being advertised.
- The Board are now in receipt of the 86-page Good Governance review which was undertaken following the Azeem Rafiq inquiry and a working party comprising of Club, Board and Foundation members is now in a position, following receipt of this, to consider the review's recommendations.
- The Independent Commission for Equity in Cricket have forwarded questionnaires to the Board and a number of other stakeholders of Yorkshire Cricket. The questionnaire asked for written comments and evidence relating to many facets such as Tackling Discrimination in Sport, Talent Pathways, Culture within Cricket, Good Practice, Complaints and Disciplinary Handling and Governance and Leadership.
- The County Partnership Agreement Document, between the ECB and all departments of Yorkshire Cricket, is live and being reviewed constantly. This document covers all aspects of running cricket in Yorkshire and demands certain levels are achieved based on Gold/Silver and Bronze attainment levels. The measurements relate to Governance, Inclusivity, Board Compositions, EDI, Anti-Discrimination, Safe Guarding, General Conduct regulations, All Stars, Dynamos and Women's & Girls delivery and targets, Play-Cricket platform, and financial viability plus many more aspects.
- The County's 100-page Diversity and Inclusion Action plan is now ready for publication.
- Thanks go to Gareth Davis, Johnny Younis and Dean Smith for their continued work and commitment to Cricket Development in South Yorkshire.
- Clubs needing *Clubmark* accreditation this year have all been contacted and are working towards attainment.
- There have been over 1000 sign-ups to the All Stars programme and around 400 sign-ups to Dynamos.
- ECB County Grants totalling £174,000 have been agreed committed to 19 clubs across South Yorkshire for facility development.
- 80% of all South Yorkshire Clubs are now on the ECB Safe Hands Management Scheme, 100% compliance should be achieved soon.
- 50 Women signed up to a Women's Softball Officials Course at Tickhill.
- The Chance2Shine Street Programmes are running. There are 30 attendees in Sharrow and 80 attendees in Darnall. These two programmes are amongst the highest in participation numbers in the Country.

**Ian Cotterhill**