



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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League Executive Board

35th meeting – Monday 25 March 2024 – 7.00pm by Zoom

Note of meeting

Present: David Ward (chairman), Terry Bateman, Ashley Boothman, Gareth Davis, Chris Froggett, Mel Mahmood, Lindsay Pepper, Roger Pugh, Steve Ward, Nelson Windle

1. **Welcome & apologies.** There were apologies from Matt Summerhill, who was on holiday.
2. **Matters arising from last meeting.** RP said that the one outstanding action point was the long-awaited second estimate for photographic work. It was agreed that we would negotiate with John Hobson for coverage of finals days. **RP to follow up.**
3. **Reports from Members**
 - i. *Equity & Diversity Group representative's report.* NW provided a short report as follows:
 - the advert for new recruits is still with the YCB and will be chased up
 - once we have this then we can circulate on social media and league website to look for new members.
 - once finalised, the new group will work with the YCB to deliver areas of the ICEC report and act as a liaison with YCSPL as and when required; LEB agreed that our E&DG should be involved in this, but that YCCC/YCB should set the direction – **GD will follow up with Mo Hussain**
 - ii. *Safeguarding Managers' report*
 - LP expressed concerns about one of our clubs; it was agreed that a meeting would be set up with the club, League and YCB – **LP/GD to set up**
 - three courses have now been completed, and LP expressed her thanks to Elsecar, Whitley Hall and Wickersley with their help in hosting these
 - iii. *Treasurer's report*
 - AB had provided a financial report – attached at appendix 1.
 - AB raised the issue of subscriptions for the W&GL. YCB have waived subs for the teams in 2022 and 2023, but are charging for 2024 and have asked us to collect. DW proposed that we pay the subs for 2024 and the teams will be responsible from 2025. This was agreed. RP said that YCSPL could collect subs from the clubs in YCSPL in future, but the W&GL should collect from the others. **AB to pay the subs for the W&GL.**
 - AB also raised the issue of YCB subs for mens' teams, which the League is expected to collect. These subs have increased since the AGM. RP reiterated his earlier point that we should set YCSPL-only subs at the AGM, and add YCB ones into the invoices when known. AB said that this could cause issues with the P-C invoicing.
 - iv. *Participation manager's report.* MM said that it had been a very successful winter season, with more teams competing than ever before, and she congratulated Wickersley Vixens, who won the inaugural Yorkshire Women's & Girls' Indoor Championship. DW added that the League had donated £750 worth of balls to the W&GL for the forthcoming season.

- v. *Umpires' representative's report.* TB had provided a report – attached at appendix 2. There were no matters arising.
 - vi. *Scoring Manager's report.* SW had provided a report – attached at appendix 3. There were no matters arising.
 - vii. *Premier Section report.* RP referred to the notes of the March meeting. He also said that:
 - He would be consulting with the GMA and writing out to clubs, asking them to assess the readiness of their pitches for Premier Section cricket, on 3 April; a decision about the 20 April will then be made – GD asked to be involved in any discussions. **RP to arrange.**
 - If Premier Section games are rearranged from the 20th, Senior Section games should not be played on the grounds of PS clubs.
 - The committee were concerned about the non-payment of ECB monies – DW said that he had been assured that these were to be paid on 21 March.
 - viii. *Senior Section report.* DW said that there had been no committee meeting since the LEB, but reported back on ground inspections:
 - *Hill House School* (replacement ground for DTCC 3rds & 4ths) – DW said that it is an excellent facility, the only draw-back is that there are no showers
 - *Bullcroft Main* – (replacement ground for Sprotbrough 3rds) – no issues
 - *Wadworth* – (new club for 2025) DW said that there are no facilities for umpires and scorers, otherwise no issues – DW has advised the club that they need a couple of wooden huts as a minimum
 - ix. *Compliance manager's report.* CF reported that he had dealt with numerous queries, some of which could have been avoided by looking at guidance, and some of which appear to be 'try-ons'. A new overseas players guidance section has been opened on the website to bring together all the relevant guidance. CF has written to one club to advise that registration will not be accepted unless the required evidence is provided.
 - x. *Competitions Manager's report.* In the absence of MS, DW said that ECB have confirmed that NKO first round games will be decided by the toss of a coin if no result achieved on the reserve date of 21 April.
 - xi. *YCB update.* GD spoke on two issues:
 - *National Programmes* – he would appreciate a statement from the League expressing support for the ECB/YCB, in the wake of the recent issues. **GD to liaise with RP**
 - *Clubmark & Safe Hands* – there had been an excellent response from League clubs to the online requirements. **RP to include a 'thank you' message in the bulletin**
 - xii. *Chairmans'/ECB update.* DW reaffirmed that Alan Birkinshaw has said that the Premier Leagues championship play-offs would continue this year and that he was looking at the possibility of Scarborough or York for the final.
4. **Officials' recruitment work.** RP updated the LEB on the work that has been done. He said that a draft note detailing the recommendations to be taken by clubs was with the group for comment and would be forwarded to LEB for agreement.
 5. **Pre-Season meeting.** RP said that the Griffin Suite at Shaw Lane has been booked from 18.00 on Wednesday 10 April. He will have the handbooks available for the meeting.
 6. **Code of Sports Governance.** A meeting has been arranged to discuss proposed actions to ensure compliance has been arranged for 22 April. RP said that MS has suggested that W&GL be involved. This was agreed. **MM to obtain a representative.**
 7. **Adwick-on-Deerne CC.** An extraordinary general meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 30 April to consider that the club as wound up and the ground taken over by Whitley Hall CC. The League had been asked to help publicise this. **RP to include in the bulletin.**
 8. **Closure.** The meeting closed at 7.50pm. The next meeting will be on Monday 29 April (7.00pm).



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Financial statement year to date - March 2024

Year to date income & expenditure

<i>Income</i>	£	<i>Expenditure</i>	£
Ball sales	13,414.80	Ball costs	2145.00
Clothing sales	0.00	Banking services	25.00
Disciplinary hearing costs	167.40	Clothing	0.00
ECB monies	0.00	Communications	424.74
Handbook adverts	0.00	Cup finals days - catering	0.00
Interest at bank	158.29	Digital laptop scoring	0.00
Penalties	5,717.00	Disciplinary hearing costs	142.40
Presentation evening tickets 2023	11,158.10	Donation	0.00
Sponsorship	4,500.00	ECB monies to clubs	0.00
Subscriptions	0.00	Electronic media	1800.00
		Entertaining at cup finals/finals days	0.00
		Honoraria	1800.00
		Insurance	3091.95
		Payment refunds	0.00
		Phone & broadband costs	120.00
		Presentation evening 2023 costs	11372.64
		Presentation evening 2024 costs	500.00
		Professional Services	200.00
		Representative match costs	0.00
		Room hire	25.00
		Stationery & printing	804.75
		SYCUA	885.00
		Training costs	60.00
		Travel costs	121.20
		Trophies & medals - annual awards	5438.91
		Trophies & medals - finals	0.00
		YCB fees	0.00
		YPLMB subscription	0.00
Total	35,115.59	Total	28,956.59

Excess income over expenditure 6,159.00

Development Fund

<i>Income</i>	£	<i>Expenditure</i>	£
c/f	2,844.40	Brookhouse CC grant	400.00
less expenditure	400.00		
Available balance	2,444.40	Total	400.00

Balance sheet

Current a/c at 30 September 2023	32,027.67
Deposit a/c at 30 September 2023	24,776.69
Excess income o/expend to date	6,159.00
Development Fund expenditure	(400.00)
Total	62,563.36

Represented by

Current account	34,996.38
Savings account (inc Dev't Fund)	24,534.98
Total	62,563.36

Ashley Boothman
Treasurer
24 March 2024

Umpires' representative report

- We have finished the monthly social meetings last Tuesday. Everyone thought they were a success, so we are going to have meetings every month starting in May.
- The refresher courses are completed with an excellent turnout of umpires. Phil, Richard and Martin did a great job of presenting the course.
- Both umpires' committees asked me to put forward a number of points concerning rules (*these, with the League responses, are reproduced below*)

Terry Bateman

K3/Whitworth Playing Conditions

K3 is a Premier competition, with teams from YCSPL and YPLN. Bespoke regulations were drawn up on behalf of both Premier Leagues by SW. Whitworth followed K3 because both are Premier Section cups. The regulations should be reinstated, with date changed to 2024. Whitworth match fee should state £55.

Early feedback from our umpires' recruitment and retention work was that complexity is a real issue for umpires, and may well contribute to difficulties in recruitment and retention. We decided therefore that, wherever possible, the rules of all our cup competitions should align with the ECB generic 40-over rules, thus removing some of that complexity. In respect of the K3 Dental cup, Steve Ward, the organiser, has obtained the agreement of YPLN to that approach. As far as fees are concerned, the umpires' fees for all competitions (unchanged from last year) are now published on the home page of our website (Fees & subscriptions) and will be in the handbook.

Playing Conditions 7 (toss, nomination of players)

Team cards now state 'age group' rather than 'date of birth'. Given this issue has been debated for several years, what has prompted the change and why has it come about? Has it been approved by DW?

I have amended league rules to stipulate 'age group' in response to David Ward's request, made for GDPR reasons; ie, that the date of birth is personal information that we cannot justify recording – all we need is the age group.

Playing Condition 12.ii.b (adverse weather)

Delaying a decision for up to three hours is unacceptable, given travelling times and distances. It would also prevent umpire reappointment to another match, should the scheduled one be cancelled. 12ii b needs to be removed.

This rule is aimed at situations where the home club believe, in the morning, that whilst play is currently not possible, the ground may be playable before the relevant cut-off time. In some circumstances they will be right and others wrong, but this clause may alleviate unnecessary travelling and waiting on the ground for both umpires and visitors. The alternative is that everyone has to travel and wait around, which would preclude taking another appointment anyway. If a club contacts an umpire and says they are going to delay making a decision, the umpire should advise the club of how much notice they will need to travel to the ground and change, before they can start play. We understand that even then, the umpires may arrive on the ground, overrule and decide that play is not possible, but that could be the case even if they travelled in the morning and waited around on the ground for a couple of hours or more.

Playing Condition 5.v (duration of play) and Playing Condition 13.v (time lost)

If a match loses more than 30 minutes to weather, the second innings will be shorter than the first. The side batting second would have less time/overs to chase the same score as the side batting first. This creates an unbalanced contest. It could also make the second innings meaningless or contentious. Weather-interrupted matches would have to end on time, even if play could to continue until a result had been achieved. Many matches in these divisions have only one or no umpires. Clubs are already discussing ways to manipulate 5v and 13v. Strict application of 5v and 13v (ending the match on time) is likely to create umpire conflict with the side batting second. Failure to apply 5v and 13v (not ending the match on time) is likely to create umpire conflict with the fielding second. Cut-off times, in weather-affected matches will only be fair when accompanied by a mechanism to decide a result ie D L S or countback.

Melvyn Bond has drawn attention to this issue, having realised some point-recording issues as a result of the voting at the AGM. David Ward has therefore circulated Senior Section clubs with two alternatives and is currently receiving responses. We will advise you soonest of any resultant rule change.

Scoring manager's report

It is coming to the end of the training period now, and has been a busy few weeks. The Premier Section scorers enjoyed a training day on Saturday, with over a dozen scorers attending. A couple will join me in a Teams meeting before the season to go through the agenda, as they were unable to attend.

Two DLS sessions have been held for the Division 1 and 2 umpires, with over 30 umpires attending. Three have asked for one-to-ones, which will be done soon.

There will be one more session for the Division 1 and 2 scorers on DLS. This will be at Wickersley OVCC on Thursday 11 April.

I have been inundated with requests from clubs in all divisions to speak to their scorers re electronic scoring, and I have a Roadshow at Peniston CC on Saturday.

Steve Ward