



# Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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## League Executive Board

3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting - Monday 29 March 2021 – 7.00pm by Zoom

### Note of meeting

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

*Apologies:* Liz Lazenby

1. **Welcome.** MS opened the meeting and welcomed all present.
2. **Matters arising from the last meeting.** The honours proposal document issued on 22 February was approved.
3. **Equity & Diversity Group representative's report**
  - NW said that the E&D Group had finalised the survey at their last meeting, and this would be forwarded to the LEB for review prior to circulation to clubs.
  - NW confirmed that the Terms of Reference had now been completed and would be forwarded to the LEB for review prior to circulation to clubs.
  - The Group are hoping soon to liaise with Mahboob Hussain, the new E&D Manager at YCCC, and MG said that Umar Rafiq had also offered help and advice.
4. **Safeguarding Manager's report.** MG said that Lindsay Pepper and himself had difficulty in contacting officers at several clubs over the past few weeks, and they had come across some issues. During their investigations they had found that several individuals' DBS certification had expired, and MG asked if it was possible to send automatic reminders. He said that 6-12 people required a new certificate and he speaking to Gareth Davis about this. Nine web courses were taking place over the next 30 days, but seven were already fully booked with 60 people attending each. SW asked if Ray Knowles could possibly run a course on behalf of the League.
5. **Participation Manager's report.** There was no further update from the previous meeting.
6. **Umpires' representative's report**
  - TB reported that 12 umpires had now completed their Stage 2 courses and 31 more had registered for courses; and that meetings had been held with captains about the umpires' marking system.
  - TB asked if umpires were permitted to call games off due to concerns with COVID arrangements. MS said that concerns should be reported to the League, and that clubs would initially be given a warning. The issue of batsmens' running lines was discussed; these are no longer an ECB requirement, but a mown strip may be used as a guide for batsmen to run on. TB suggested that a check-list be sent to all clubs prior to the start of the season, which was agreed.

- IC asked if any guidance had been received from ECB ACO, and TB said not. MS said that SYACO need to act consistently throughout the league and that everyone should be made aware of agreed protocols.

## 7 Scoring issues

- SW confirmed that training was ongoing with 14 scorers on Play-Cricket Scorer Pro, and that he was setting up a course for 42 tablet and android users prior to the start of the season. He has arranged a training session for Premier Section scorers on Thursday 7 April to get them ready for the season.
- SW expressed concerns about scorers having to score outside at the beginning of the season, due to potential low temperatures. He recommended that one should be in the scoreboard and one inside elsewhere, although he realised that at some clubs this would be difficult. SW to investigate this further and report back. MS suggested that apart from the Premier Section it would be optional for the away team to provide a scorer, but the home team **must** do so.

## 8 Treasurer's report

- AB said that copies of the latest financial summary had been sent to the LEB. Nicholas Associates have agreed to sponsor the Premier Section and had paid £2,000 for season 2021. £500 has already received from Marshall Wooldridge for the Whitworth Cup.
- AB said that invoices to clubs for subscriptions had not yet been issued and MB asked him to raise these at the agreed rate.
- SYSCL funds have now been merged into the YCSPL account.
- On the proposed expenditure policy, AB said that he was not in favour of paying expenses for members travelling to league finals. MS asked that we follow the policy in 2021 and review at the end of the season if there are any significant issues.

## 9 Premier Section report. SW gave a report from the Premier Section committee meeting on 15 March:

- A discussion took place regarding the possibility of delaying the start of the decision. A further meeting was suggested but this had not taken place due to the ECB Roadmap being published.
- Melvyn Bond will continue to manage Play-Cricket.
- An annual meeting of Premier Section umpires was recommended.
- Jason Booth gave an update from E&D Group.
- Plans for the YSPL Presentation evening were agreed – this was subsequently well-received.
- The next meeting is scheduled for 12 April.

## 10 Senior Section report. DW said that:

- Clubs were to be given a key facts sheet on Play-Cricket requirements.
- Umpires' fees for 2021 need to be ratified by the LEB at the same levels as 2020. This was agreed. The fee for T20 matches may need to be amended depending on the structure of the competitions.
- Arrangements were in place for the distribution of balls, handbooks and team cards, and that SW, GS, Linzey Scothern and himself would be dealing with this.
- Thorncliffe CC now have access to the ground and ground preparations had commenced.
- Contact had been made with Sheffield United CC regarding playing at the Aurora Ground in 2022 and they confirmed that they only have a one-year agreement for 2021.
- David Beddows at the *Rotherham Advertiser* had said that he would not be able to provide reports this season. The website manager had agreed to cover the Premier Section, and Richard Storer, the Championship. Volunteers were required for the Senior section divisions.
- The next meeting is on Thursday 1 April.

## 11 Compliance Manager's report. There was no further update from the previous meeting.

- 12 **Competitions Manager's report.** MS confirmed that:
- Four fixtures were to return to their original date, due to changes in ground arrangements.
  - A lengthy discussion took place regarding the T20 competitions, due to the possibility of not being able to commit to three games on a matchday due to restricted numbers. It was agreed that MS will look at other options.
- 13 **YCB Update.** IC has provided a written update – see appendix.
- 14 **Chair and ECB Update.** MS confirmed that:
- The deadline for the signing of the Pontefract & District League MoU was 31 March, and IC confirmed that it would be signed by that date.
  - DW had forwarded the amended disciplinary regulations to members for review. These were agreed.
  - Sponsorship update – see above re Nicholas Associates Group.
  - Details of the recent ECB Chairs meeting had been distributed.
  - Cohesion was an important part the ongoing operation of the LEB and the Premier & Senior Section committees. MS suggested that all parties should meet every six months.
- 15 **Other Business.** The following points were raised:
- DW confirmed that a site visit would be required in respect of De La Salle Old Boys application for 2022, with several potential issues to be raised and resolved.
  - MG and Melvyn Bond had attended the South Yorkshire Area Council meeting and MG provided an update. Gareth Davis has arranged a Teams meeting for Wednesday 31 March to discuss the ECB Roadmap and any other issues, and to answer any questions.
  - Adwick-le-Street CC had emailed concerns re players not being able to share cars – MS to seek advice from GD.
  - The draft League Electronic Media Policy was circulated to members and was approved.
  - Discussion took place regarding a YCSPL tie, and the LEB agreed we should proceed. GS had provided some suggestions and members had offered their preferences. The preferred supplier was Tie Weaver, who had previously provided the SYSCL tie, and who could provide the numbers required and a suitable alternative for the female members.
  - MS had received an email from Steven Nuttall of Cawthorne CC questioning the LEB decision to commence the season on 17 April, and this had been distributed for comment. After discussion, it was agreed that the season should commence on 17 April.
  - SW suggested a pre-season Zoom meeting of clubs to outline arrangements for distribution of balls, handbooks and team cards, and to update clubs on any relevant issues. He recommended Wednesday 7 April for this meeting.
  - MS recommended that a representative of the E&D Group should be on the panel for future disciplinary hearings, and that a written summary of each hearing should be published on the website.
- 16 **Date of next meeting.** Monday 26 April 2021 at 7pm by Zoom.

Meeting closed at 8.58pm

## Update from YCB (SY Team)

- Guidance and updates sent to **120** clubs via Head of Region Gareth and League networks:
- Club receiving 1-1 support from CCDMs
- 40 Clubs have received over **£1500** return to cricket grants – region of **£80,000** of grant support
- 12 Clubs in SY have had **£3000** funds for runs support and this is still open with clubs still applying: **£36,000**
- Chance To Shine programme is back in full flow with **110** schools receiving Chance to shine cricket in the curriculum feeding in to:
  - All Stars centres
  - Dynamos Cricket
  - W&G development centres
- Disability Development centres: ECB Disability Club Champions: Each club to receive £500 in support
  - Bawtry
  - Higham
  - Aston Hall
- All Stars Centres:
  - Number of Centres: **50** (3 have girls only all-stars)
  - SY club Hallam have **130 sign ups - 33 are girls**
- Dynamos Cricket :
  - Number of Centres: **40** ( 5 Dynamos specific Girls only centres)
  - SY Club Tickhill CC have 40% sign up to the program being girls
- W&G Updates
  - Softball entries: **34** clubs in running softball opportunities
  - Leagues: 16 clubs & 20 teams in the SB league
  - Super 8s: **7 clubs entered in hard-ball super 8s**
  - YWCL entries: **6 Teams** in Yorkshire Women's Div 1 & Div 2 leagues
  - Amna ran a International women's days zoom call talking around the women's experience in the game with 50 participants coming on the call with 7 guest speakers.
- Chance shine street which is a BAME program working in deprived areas initiative to re start in Sheffield on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April
  - Sheffield has two programs in Sharrow which is identified as a key area on the IMD index and also due to high levels if South Asian & BAME communities, local leaders are trained to deliver this program supported by Johnny Younis, ages 8 -12
    - Girls program Saturday morning 10am average 16 girls
    - Boys program Saturday morning 11am average 20 boys
- Coach Education:
  - All Stars & Dynamos Activators:
    - Dates: TBC (But will be in April)
  - Foundation 1 Women's @ Bradfield CC on the 2 days 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> of May
  - Introduction to coaching: 14+
    - Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> of June @ Frecheville
    - Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of June @ Rockingham
- BAME development & Support
  - Gareth is working with the E&D group with the E&D action plan supporting
    - Links to initiatives
    - Strategy
    - Roll out of player survey
    - Mahboob Hussain appointed by Yorkshire Cricket as new ED & I manager