



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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League Executive Board

8th Meeting – Monday 23 August 2021 – 7.00pm by Zoom

Present: Matt Summerhill (chair), Mark Beardshall, Ian Cotterhill, Chris Froggett, Maurice Gilliatt, David Ward, Nelson Windle.

Apologies: Ashley Boothman, Terry Bateman, Graham Swallow, Steve Ward

1. Matters arising from last meeting.

- The club umpires at Rockingham must be DBS-accredited to umpire in the YCSPL.
- *Recording of Juniors on P-C.* MG said that a club had written to Melvyn Bond in a detrimental manner about the issue of juniors not being logged correctly.

2. Reports from members

- Equity & Diversity Group representative's report*
 - There have been 250 responses to the survey and the deadline for completion is extended to Monday 6 September. Clubs to be reminded again via the bulletin. Tom Fletcher is to help analysis of data.
 - A 'face-to-face' meeting will take place in September.
 - The Group would like to widen the representation amongst their members – an advertisement is to go out.
- Safeguarding Manager's report.* A complaint from a parent of a club player was made about comments made by opposition players about one of her sons, in front of other players. The club concerned were asked to investigate by MB and MG, but after several emails the required information has not been forthcoming. MG to inform the chairman of the club concerned that the matter will now be investigated by the disciplinary committee and send the details to MG to send the details to them.
- Participation Manager's report.* No report.
- Umpires' representative's report.* YPL umpires will be used on Championship games and below on 11 September, and there may be some changes over next last few weeks for key matches.
- Treasurer's report.* AB had provided a summary. MS said that £11.5k Fixed Fee and Performance-Related payments from the ECB was shown in the income but as this had been overpaid, and the second payment in January 2022 will be reduced accordingly. Will liaise with YPLN re reimbursement from sponsorship for balls for the final. The clubs' fixed fee payments are normally distributed at £500 per Premier League club. It was asked that the £6,000 earmarked for this purpose be clearly identified in the accounts in order not to create the impression that our available balance is higher than it in reality is.
- Premier Section report.* MB said that there were no major issues, and noted that the Whitworth Cup final was cancelled and the new date set for 5 September (still at Wath CC). The *Viking Cricket Cup* will be hosted by Woodhouse Grange on the same day, and the finalists are Appleby Frodingham and Driffild.
- Senior Section report*
 - *Covid cancellations.* DW said that 39 games had been called off due to Covid so far, which is less than 3.5% of all games.

- *New clubs.* Several clubs have shown interest in joining the League in 2023.
- *Points deductions.* Caribbean SC 2nds have been deducted 18 points for playing two first team players in a second team game.
- *Overseas players.* MS to clarify with ECB the Category status of Afghan refugees.
- *Complaint of sexual harassment and bullying on 14 August.* The club concerned have carried out a full investigation and the disciplinary committee have decided no further action required but the issue will be placed on record.
- *Complaint about spectators.* A complaint from a club on 22 August about racist remarks from spectators at an opposition ground on 14 August is now being investigated by the disciplinary committee.

h. *Compliance Manager's report.*

- CF said that he had received enquiries from two clubs regarding overseas players, which he had followed up with ECB. It is imperative that we adhere to the criteria when accepting overseas player registrations.
- *Ground inspections.* The Premier Section grounds committee to inspect the grounds below before the end of the season to ensure clubs who may be promoted meet the ground and facilities criteria. Any clubs failing to meet the criteria will be given until the start of the 2023 season to complete the work. If the criteria is not achieved they will automatically be relegated at the end of the 2022 season. An inspection is also required at Hallam to check on improvements made there.
 - *Championship clubs:* Houghton Main and Whiston PC
 - *Division 1 clubs:* Darfield, Green Moor, Rotherham Town and Shiregreen

i. *Competitions Manager's report.*

- The 2022 season will commence on 16 April (Easter Saturday) and as there will be no Spring Bank Holiday Monday, the extra date used for Premier League fixtures will have to be a Sunday.
- De la Salle have withdrawn their application to join the League; this will mean that three clubs will be spared relegations.

j. *YCB update*

- IC asked that clubs who hire out grounds or hire grounds be reminded of the need for third party liability insurance. DW to contact Marshall Wooldridge to see which clubs they have contacted. Clubs will be reminded that they need to review their insurance policies.
- There is a code of conduct for YCB employees who are involved in cricket teams.

k. *Chair and ECB update.* MS provided an update on the recent ECB Chairs meeting – appended.

3. **Other Business.** The following issues were raised:

- *Whiston Parish Church disciplinary issues.* DW updated the Board on the hearing that took place on 18 August. As Whiston PC now have reached 15 disciplinary points this season, a 12-league point deduction will be applied at the point either at the end of this season or the beginning of next, whenever it will have most impact. There is a further 12-point deduction suspended until 30 September 2022. Whiston PC to be asked to meet the LEB regarding their poor behaviour.
- *Racism allegation.* No apology has as yet been received from the club that accused DW and the Senior Section CC of institutional racism. DW to seek legal advice.
- *Overseas players.* Ian Cotterhill to check what will replace Cat 3 exempt players and when.

4. **Date of next meeting.** The next meeting will take place on Monday 27 September 2021 at 7pm by Zoom.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Feedback from ECB Chairs meeting on 28 July

Project 31: What the ECB looks like post Covid

- Diversification of Income Streams
- 30% of broadcast income on Grassroots
- Compliance with Safe Hands mandatory and non-negotiable; in the event of non-compliance, there will be a timescale given to put right; if not met, clubs will not be allowed in a Premier League

Player Categorisation

- Removal of Cat 3E - young players will be categorised differently as long as not on an international pathway
- Audits done on Premier Leagues' overseas players – no issues for YCSPL
- Managed migration 2022: No changes and approved by Home Office
- Clubs must be Safe Hands compliant to get a Tier 5 license
- Yorkshire timetable for SHMS update for clubs (*we need to check compliance in YCSPL*)
- Injury logging on play-cricket (*clubs have been asked to comply – we will need to check*)
- There appears to be general increase in disciplinary issues nationally

ECB protocols to be aware of:

- Anti-discrimination
- Suspect bowling
- Overseas player categories
- Live-streaming (draft)
- General conduct regulations to follow

Other

- Leagues to be asked three questions to answer about national competitions
- There is a growth in women on PL Boards but there needs to be more succession planning
- A female officiating pathway is to be formed