



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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League Executive Board

9th Meeting - Monday 27 September 2021 – 7.00pm by Zoom

Note of meeting

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

Apologies: Ashley Boothman, Chris Froggett, Liz Lazenby

1. **Matters Arising from last meeting.** MS opened the meeting and members reported that the previous minutes had not been circulated.
2. **Reports from Members**
 - a. *Equity & Diversity Group representative's report.* NW said that, as from September, meetings would be held monthly. He stated that the recent E&D survey had resulted in over 250 responses, and that Tom Fletcher was to help the group to analyse these. Mo Hussain was to be asked to attend the next E&DG meeting. NW also said that an advert would be placed to co-opt additional members to increase the diversity of the group, and that an action plan would be in place by the turn of the year. MS congratulated the group on the excellent survey.
 - b. *Safeguarding Manager's report*
 - MG asked about the Tickhill issue and DW confirmed that the matter was now closed, but would be kept on record. The disciplinary committee had been unable to make further contact with relevant persons at Doncaster Town. MG had spoken to one of them who confirmed that he did want to take the matter further.
 - MG stated that the issues with three Wath and one Barnsley Woolley junior registrations have still not been properly resolved. DW confirmed that he had spoken to Wath immediately after the Senior Section meeting but Barnsley Woolley had not yet responded. MS recommended that the YCSPL should help clubs during the winter months to ease registration issues for season 2022.
 - MG hoped that a Safeguarding Refresher Course would be held at Phoenix on 10 November.
 - MG said that he required some details from Oughtibridge, and MS will respond.
 - c. *Participation Manager's report.* MS has asked LL to carry out a participation audit by mid-October, which would then be re-visited with plans for 2022. IC said that Gareth Davis had all the relevant All Stars and Dynamos statistics.
 - d. *Umpires' representative's report*
 - TB reported there have been 55 disciplinary reports during the season by 46 different umpires. He was concerned that only 27 clubs have been reported, even though there are some serial offenders. The main areas of concern were in the Championship, specifically Aston Hall, Barnsley Woolley 2nds and Whiston PC. MS believed that in the Premier Division clubs in the main play hard but fair.

- TB stated that a meeting had been held with the new umpires, which went well. He also stated that ACO umpires' courses are being set up during the winter months and was hopeful of arranging a meeting with captains.
 - DW had received a letter from the SYUA requesting changes to the number of overs and the addition of legside wides. DW had investigated all points raised and had responded to the SYUA.
- e. *Scoring Update.* SW reported that, in the YCSPL, 74% of scoring had been done electronically, compared to the ECB target of 34%. MS said that this was a great achievement. SW will talk to clubs who have not scored electronically. ECB/ACO are to re-commence face-to-face training, and SW was hoping to provide courses for young scorers during the Winter.
- f. *Treasurer's report*
- The latest statement had been forwarded to members.
 - MG asked why the costs for the MCC match had increased by £137. DW said that this was due to increased catering costs at Abbeydale.
 - DW proposed that the cost of the new YCSPL tie should be borne by the league – this was agreed.
 - As a result of the recent trophy valuation, AB had received an updated premium from *ExtraCover Insurance* in excess of £2,500. It was agreed we do not pay this, and that trophy cover should be part of each club's insurance policy. DW to speak to the insurers.
- g. *Premier Section report*
- MB said that the Premier Section had lost only one game to Covid.
 - Promotion to the Premier Division for 2022 season. MB reported that committee discussions had taken place. The decision between Whiston PC and Houghton Main was not straightforward, due to Whiston's disciplinary issues and Houghton's lack of junior teams, but despite some members feeling very strongly about the disciplinary issue, the Premier Section committee recommended that Whiston PC should be promoted because Houghton Main do not meet ECB Premier League criteria. The LEB agreed the recommendation.
 - Whiston PC. It was agreed that MS/DW & MB call a meeting with Whiston PC to discuss their disciplinary position in 2022, bearing in mind they would start the season with a 12-league point deduction. MB suggested that a 15- or 20-disciplinary point limit be put in place for 2022, which, if breached, would result in automatic relegation to the Championship, irrespective of their league position.
- h. *Senior Section report*
- Promotion to Division 3 for 2022 season. DW had spoken to Gareth Davis who was confident that Parkhead CC would receive Clubmark accreditation in 2022. With this mind DW recommended that Parkhead be promoted to Division 3, and this was agreed. DW has told Parkhead they would be relegated at the end of the season if the accreditation does not happen.
 - South Kirkby Colliery. A meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 29 September with officials of South Kirkby CC to discuss ongoing spectator behaviour and the recent report from Hallam CC. DW will chair the meeting, with the disciplinary committee and safeguarding officer present. GS will take minutes. MS has received confirmation from the YPLMB that they may be expelled from the YCSPL, if necessary, and the Pontefract League would accommodate them. MB & GS voiced concerns about the umpires not hearing any comments during the game.
- i. *Compliance Manager's report.* Nothing to report.
- j. *Competitions Manager's report*
- Cup proposals for 2022 season. The sub-committee had met and recommended that, other than in the *Viking Cricket Cup*, all cup fixtures up to and including the quarter-finals should be decided on the day. If no play was possible then the match would be decided by either a bowl out or toss of a coin. This would ease Sunday fixture congestion in the YCSPL and the Sunday leagues. The semi-finals and final would each have a reserve date. The Whitworth Cup will consist of 16 teams, 12 from the Championship and the top four from Division 1. The LEB agreed to these recommendations.

- It was agreed that the Divisional placement of Ackworth 2nds, Hatfield Town 2nds, Stocksbridge 2nds, Eden Grove Parklands 1sts and Adwick-le-Street should be left in abeyance pending the outcome of the discussions with South Kirkby.

k. *YCB Update.* IC said that he would provide a written update.

l. *Chair and ECB Update.* SW attended the recent ECB Chairs meeting and reported that:

- a survey is to be sent to clubs regarding county and overseas players playing in the London Club Championship.
- Appleby Frodingham, Treeton, Sheffield Collegiate and Wakefield Thornes will represent the YCSPL in the 2022 National Knock-Out competition, with the draw being done before the end of the year.
- the format for the T20 Blast will be the same for 2022, and venues are being sought for area finals. The T20 Plate will have an increased number of teams, with the ECB to contact leagues.
- the 2022 ECB Performance-Related Pay will have three targets, each consisting of 33.3% of the total. These are:
 - Compliance with league survey and player registrations
 - inclusivity and diversity on league committees
 - ensuring league rules are consistent with ECB rules
- MS asked if the ECB rules should automatically be included in ours.
- SW confirmed that Conisbrough need to update DBS checks on relevant personnel, and that Gareth Davis and Ray Knowles were involved.
- SW stated that 11 clubs countrywide had not been promoted, and eight were at risk of relegation, due to non-compliance with Clubmark requirements.
- MG said that new ECB disciplinary rules would be publicised by the end of the year, and there would be a new protocol for head injuries.

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

- Umpire bounty and levy.* DW reported issues with Fishlake and Wentworth. He confirmed that Fishlake would receive £400 in 2022 for providing four umpires. Wentworth have represented that imposing the levy for failing to provide an umpire would cause them hardship, and it was agreed this be waived.
- League rules and points.* The league playing conditions are being tidied up and aligned between the Premier and Senior sections. MS proposed that we unify the points system, which been agreed by the Senior Section committee.
- Teas.* DW asked if clubs should again be asked about teas in 2022. MS said that any change to the current rule would need a proposer and a seconder.
- Committees.* GS, DW & SW to ask the members of the respective committees if they are prepared to continue in their roles in 2022 and thank them for their efforts during the past twelve months. GS to send a reminder to clubs regarding committee nominations and rule changes being received by 30 September.
- Handbook.* DW proposed that we produce a book of rules and a fixture booklet for 2022, but do not have a handbook as such. This was agreed.
- Cricket Balls.* DW has agreed a three-year 'fixed price deal' with Readers and Tiflex.
- Awards & Presentation Evening.* DW reminded the Board that Sponsors would need to be invited. TB queried the number of FOC places. DW confirmed 36 would be offered, with spouses and partners paying £30 each.

4. **Date of next meeting.** The next meeting will take place on Monday 25 October 2021 at 7pm by Zoom.

The meeting closed at 8.59pm