



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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Premier Section Cricket Committee

11th meeting – Wednesday 7 December 2022 – 7.30pm by Zoom

Note of Meeting

Present: Roger Pugh (chair), Mick Forrester, Chris Froggett, Bryan Lowe, Steve Ward, Andrew Tipple (observer)

Apologies: Mark Beardshall, Alex Fletcher, Andy Harrison

1. **Welcome & apologies.** Apologies were received from Mark Beardshall and Alex Fletcher; Andy Harrison subsequently apologised.
2. **Matters arising from last meeting.** RP confirmed that all actions from the previous meeting had been carried out, and there were no matters arising.
3. **Equity & Diversity update.** No report. RP said that the November meeting was cancelled due to a bereavement. A meeting is scheduled for 19 December.
4. **Scoring issues.** SW reported that:
 - i. There has been an update to DLS (version 5) which is to be incorporate in the latest release of Scorer Pro. **This version should now be adopted in in YCSPL.**
 - ii. A Premier Section scorers meeting is to be arranged for 25 Martch (venue to be confirmed). Attendance will be compulsofry for all PS scorers.
 - iii. Three 'scorers roadshows' are being arranged, which are aimed at new scorers, in particular young people, and will cover both book and electronic scoring.
5. **Allocation of ECB monies.** RP said that he has been working on a document to detail payments of ECB monies to the 2022 Premier Section clubs, but was still awaiting detailed information about participation initiatives. The outline the principles used is as follows:
 - i. *pitch and outfield markings* (25% of relevant pot for each) are based on scores during the season – for pitches, a full share is awarded where the average mark is at least 15/20 and a half for 14/20; for outfields, a full share is awarded where the average mark is at least 3.5/20 and a half for 3/5
 - ii. *facilities* (10% of pot) – the only issue raised in respect of PS clubs was the away dressing room at Hallam, where, despite the much-welcomed improvements, there is still; a protruding beam and the room is still a bit cramped (half share awarded)
 - iii. *All Stars/Dynamos* (10% of pot) - must run, and must achieve at least 80% of the participation achieved in the previous season – full share where fully met and half share where narrowly failed
 - iv. *Junior players in senior cricket* (10% of pot) – over the course of the season, the average number of games played by any players under 21 years old in the club's first and second teams together, must be at least five per game played – full share where fully met and half share where narrowly failed

- v. *Womens' & girls' participation* (10% of pot) – must have a womens'/girls' section and at least one soft or hard ball team playing in a recognised competition.
- vi. *Match officials* (10% of pot) – action taken to meet the requirements of Admin rule 52 and the recruitment and training of match officials in general – information provided by David Ward on percentage compliance with rule 52 – full share for clubs with over 50% compliance and half share for clubs with 25-50% compliance (Wakefield Thornes awarded 50% on the basis of support for umpire training and provision of new umpire facilities at Field Lane)
- vii. In addition, the 10% deduction for failing to field the stipulated number of junior teams has been applied to Houghton Main CC.

6. Cup final venues

- i. It was agreed that the T20 Blast and Plate finals would be at Aston Hall and the Whitworth Cup final at Tickhill. Barnsley WM, Doncaster, Elsecar and Treeton will host the T20 Blast group stage days.
- ii. RP has spoken to Steve Ward at Aston Hall about the need for additional parking, which the club believes can be provided. **SW will follow up.**
- iii. Concern was expressed about arrangements for scorers and spectators standing in front of the scoreboard at Tickhill. Scorers are often positioned on the clubhouse balcony adjacent to the entrance to the bar – this is unsatisfactory; scorers need to be separate from spectators. At a previous meeting, concerns had also been raised about the cost of a cup of tea on the ground. **SW will follow up on these issues with Tickhill.**
- iv. CF said that, whilst he did not disagree with the allocations above, for the future, clubs that fail to meet the pitch and outfield standards relevant to item 5 should not be allocated cup finals or T20 group stage days. **This was agreed.**

7. Cup draws. SW said that he had now received nearly all responses to the poll about the draws for the cup competitions:

- i. In the former Viking Cup, there was no clear consensus from the clubs in YPLN, but in the YCSPL, the majority were in favour of the draw being made through to the final. **This was agreed.**
- ii. In the Whitworth Cup, the majority of clubs were in favour of the draw being made on a round-by-round basis. The first round draw has already been made, and the quarter- and semi-final games will now be made immediately after one of the games in the preceding round. **This was agreed.**
- iii. SW said that he is arranging to do the draw for the former at Barnsley on 12 December, and has invited representatives of YPLN and the new sponsor, Ollie Beukes of *K3 Dental*. SW said that he wanted this to be the launch of the new sponsorship. RP said that he needed a logo and some information about the company, and a quote from Ollie Beukes about why he wanted to sponsor, in order to provide website publicity for the website. **SW to arrange.**
- iv. SW said that he wanted to remove the first-round zoning and make the competition open. RP said that comments had been made both in the player survey and previously that the reason that clubs liked the competition was that it gave them a chance to play different clubs and visit different grounds. This move would further facilitate that. **The proposal was agreed, subject to its agreement by YPLN.**

8. Vacancy on committee. RP said that there had been one expression of interest that had, as yet, not come to anything. The position would be left vacant and efforts would be made to obtain a Championship club represented who could be co-opted.

9. Other business

- i. *Fixtures*. MF said that the Lincolnshire League had been asking about the 2023 YCSPL fixtures. RP to ascertain when they will be released.
- ii. *L&B*. The [notes of the November meeting](#) are now on the website.

10. Close. The meeting closed at 8.30pm. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 15 March – arrangements to be confirmed nearer the time.