

**Darlington Building Society**  
**North Yorkshire & South Durham ECB Premier Cricket League**

**Minutes of Management Meeting held at the Springboard Centre, Stokesley**  
**on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2016.**

**PRESENT** – President C W West, A B Bainbridge, S Clarke, M Kirkbright, C Nicholls D Stanwix, G Smith and General Secretary D Watchman.

**APOLOGIES for ABSENCE** – D Austin, T Briddock, M Christon and S Donlan.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2016 were signed as a correct record.

**MATTERS ARISING**

**Pitch Report**

The Middlesbrough captain had responded in writing to the adverse pitch report recorded in the June minutes. The response disputed some of the statements made in the umpires report.

**Resolved: Copies of the response to be sent to both umpires for their comment.**

**FIXTURES SECRETARY**

**Pallister Cup**

Junior League South winners Whitby had qualified to play Junior League North winners Richmondshire in the champions play-off and had requested that consideration be given to the match being played on an evening and at a neutral venue central between the clubs.

**Resolved. The draw at the pre-season meeting of clubs had determined that the Junior League North winners would host the play-off and therefore that would not be altered without the full agreement of Richmondshire whose opinion would be sought.**

**RESULTS SECRETARY**

**Summary result not entered on website within 24 hrs (£10 each)**

15/6	D2 15s	Norton
18/6	D3	Yarm
30/6	D1 15s	Marion
11/7	JLN	Darlington
17/7	SD1	Middlesbrough
18/7	JLS	Middlesbrough

**Full card not on website within 3 working days (£10 each)**

23/6	Div 1 15s	Saltburn
5/7	Junior 15s	Hartlepool
11/7	JLN	Darlington
14/7	Div 1 15s	Middlesbrough
16/7	D2	Marion

**Points or result incorrect on website (£10 each)**

19/6	SD2	Yarm
20/6	JLS	Saltburn
25/6	D3	Newton Aycliffe
26/6	SD1	Stokesley
30/6	D1 15s	Sedgefield
11/7	JLS	Saltburn
18/7	JLS	Marske

**Conceded games**

15/6	D2 15s	Darlington conceded v Newton Aycliffe	£50
30/6	Div 1 15s	Saltburn conceded at Whitby	£100
3/7	SD2	Marske conceded at Darlington RA	£25
3/7	SD2	Redcar conceded at Thornaby	£25
9/7	D3	Redcar conceded at Wolviston	£50
13/7	D2 15s	Northallerton conceded v Shildon	£50
16/7	D3	Redcar conceded at home to Norton	£50
23/7	D3	Preston conceded at Blackhall	£50
31/7	SD2	Marske conceded v Yarm	£25

**Junior concessions**

16/6	Jun Cup S	Thornaby conceded at Whitby
16/6	Jun Cup N	Hartlepool conceded at Richmond
15/7	Jun 15s	Marske conceded at Whitby
15/7	Jun 15s	Middlesbrough conceded at Great Ayton
4/7	JLN	Sedgefield conceded at Wolviston
27/6	JLN	Darlington conceded at Sedgefield
20/6	JLS	Marske conceded at Normanby Hall
27/6	JLS	Middlesbrough conceded at Marske

**Resolved – In line with previous practice, no fines are issued for conceded under-17 games**

**Shildon Railway 2<sup>nd</sup> XI**

In early July Shildon Railway regrettably informed the league that they would be unable to fulfil their remaining fixtures in Division 3 due to a lack of player numbers that had severely worsened during the season for reasons beyond the club's control.

The following playing issues had occurred before the League were notified of their resignation

Division 3

- 18/6 Home to Norton - conceded
- 25/6 Away to Blackhall – fulfilled – 8 players
- 2/7 Away to Preston - conceded

Div 2/3 fifteens Group B

- 15/6 v Wolviston - conceded
- 22/6 v Darlington - fulfilled
- 6/7 v Newton Aycliffe - fulfilled

**Resolved: That Shildon's results in Division 3 be expunged and the outstanding fixtures removed from the schedule.**

**Shildon be fined £50 for each of the 3 conceded games listed above in accordance with rule, a total of £150, but no further penalties would be applied for the resignation.**

**In addition Shildon to be removed from the Hornby Cup competition, and a new semi-final to be played between Sedgefield and Wolviston, with the winners playing Thornaby in the final.**

#### **Ineligible players**

##### **Redcar, Sunday Division 2**

On 26<sup>th</sup> June, Redcar fielded 4 players from their Division 3 side the previous day in the Sunday game vs Seaton Carew. No permissions were sought.

The game ended as a rain-affected draw, with Redcar gaining 11 points and Seaton Carew 10.

**Resolved: The match be awarded to Seaton Carew who get 20 points from the game.**

**Redcar be deducted all points gained in the game & fined £25**

##### **Rockliffe Park – Sunday Division 2**

Rockliffe Park notified the league of an ineligible player fielded in unusual circumstances in their Sunday Division 2 game v Whitby on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. The club inadvertently played an individual under a false name. It was his first game for the club and the player had been introduced under the false name by a fellow player. When this came to their attention the club immediately notified the League and took disciplinary action against the player who made the false introduction, suspending him for three weeks.

**Resolved: Rockliffe Park have been deducted the 6 points gained in the game. Whitby won, so no extra points are required to be allocated. Given the club's prompt and commendable actions in bringing this matter to the League's attention, no fine was imposed.**

#### **Norton, Division 2 15s**

On 6<sup>th</sup> July, Norton played Harry Linton in their Division 2/3 Fifteens game v Wolviston. The player had made 9 Premier Division appearances, the allowance is 6 at the group game stage. Norton won the game on the night.

**Resolved: The game be awarded to Wolviston. Norton to be fined £25**

#### **Junior Cup South**

The semi-final of this competition Saltburn v Stokesley was due to be played on 16<sup>th</sup> June. Stokesley arrived at the ground with a full team, to be informed that the game had been called off due to weather earlier in the day. The umpires had been properly informed, but only a message was left for the Stokesley Junior contact, no actual conversation took place.

**Resolved: The match be replayed, with the venue reversed to Stokesley. Correct procedure re cancellation of games had not been followed by Saltburn.**

#### **Nat West u19T20 Blast, NYSD South Group**

The game between Saltburn v Stokesley in this competition was due to take place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July. Both umpires (Tom Briddock and Les Smith) were present, and the Saltburn players and officials were present, but no-one from the visiting club. At 6.30pm, everyone left the ground.

Stokesley offered no explanation, other than the fixture had escaped the attention of the club.

**Resolved: Match awarded to Saltburn. Stokesley should make arrangements to reimburse Saltburn for the umpire expenses incurred. Could Saltburn please confirm when this has been done.**

### **Junior Leagues**

A number of instances have recently occurred where games have been rained off, and home clubs have not offered rearrangements to the visiting clubs within the specified timescales as stated in the handbook. In these cases, the matches have been awarded to the visiting team

4/7 Norton v Barnard Castle – match awarded to Barnard Castle

4/7 Middlesbrough v Maltby – match awarded to Maltby

4/7 Saltburn v Guisborough – match awarded to Guisborough

In addition on 4/7 the Stokesley v Marske game was rained off. Stokesley offered dates, but Marske were unable to accommodate rearrangement. – match awarded to Stokesley

### **Error**

In the June minutes, a fine was levied to Bishop Auckland for their Division 3 game on 4<sup>th</sup> June for non-input of the result within 24 hrs.

In fact Billingham Synthonia were the home side, and the fine should have been theirs.

### **NYSD U19 COMPETITION**

With the semi-finals scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> August, the qualifiers would be known following the last group games on 29<sup>th</sup> July. The production of final group league tables was being delayed as some results had not yet been entered on the website.

**Resolved: All U19 teams would be reminded of the need to enter results on the ECB Website, and that this must be completed by the 29<sup>th</sup> July.**

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

#### **Financials**

A balance of £30,538.84 was reported with one unpaid bill of £186 due to Thornaby for hosting the NYSD v MCC match.

Contingent liabilities totalled £2,556.60 made up of PQS scheme £1,910, 2015 15's prize vouchers £375, and women's cricket unspent budget £271.60.

#### **Sponsors**

£2,500 from the Darlington Building Society and £3,500 from Teesside University had been received and these amounts are included in the above balance.

Also included is £1000 received from the "Best Tea" sponsor.

#### **Annual Subscriptions**

It was reported that all annual subscriptions had now been paid

#### **GNAAS**

Sums of £ 135 and £155 had been paid into the GNAAS account relating to the previous collections made.

## **UMPIRES CO-ORDINATOR**

Leading statistics up to the end of June derived from the umpires reports on Fair play and Pitch & Facilities Marking were tabled for discussion along with a summary of umpire performance from captain's reports. Also circulated was an up to date table showing average umpires expenses.

### **Teas**

At a meeting held with James Dykes, the sponsor of the awards, the following was agreed:  
The awards would be entitled The Baliol House Cricket Tea Awards, and there would be five – the club judged to be best overall, and the following four highly commended. The awards would consist of an inscribed plaque for exhibiting in the clubhouse.

## **ECB NATIONAL CLUB T20 AREA FINALS**

The Area Finals will take place at Stockton on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August. Macmillan Cup winners Richmondshire will represent the NYSD League in the competition and will play Clitheroe in the second semi-final starting at 1:00pm. In the other semi-final at 10:00am, Stockton will play Drifffield. The winners will go forward to the Regional Final on 21<sup>st</sup> August. The committee wished Richmondshire every success in their endeavours.

## **CUP FINALS**

### **Macmillan Cup**

The final had been completed at the third attempt on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July. Thanks were extended to Darlington CC for hosting the original finals day and coping so well with the two subsequent attempts to complete the match.

### **Kerridge Cup Final**

To be held at Marton on Sunday the 31<sup>st</sup> July between Barnard Castle and Marske. There would be a pre-match lunch at which the annual Hall of Fame inductions would be made.

### **Junior Cup Final**

This would take place between Barnard Castle and Saltburn on Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> August at Vere Road. The president had been allocated to make the presentations at this match but would not now be able to do so following the change of date. He asked for a volunteer to undertake the role for this important match.

## **PROMOTIONAL GROUND VISITS**

The current league tables were reviewed and Darlington RA, Bedale and Rockliffe Park were identified as possibly needing promotional ground & facilities assessments before the end of the season.

**Resolved: The Secretary to organise dates – preferably on the same day – for the facilities committees to visit.**

## **THORNABY**

A complaint had been received from the Maltby CC CWO relating to the behaviour of Thornaby player R Davidson during the Maltby v Thornaby Div. 2 15's Group C match on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July. The complaint had been sent to Thornaby for their attention and also to the League CWO for his advice. Thornaby had subsequently notified the league that the player had been suspended for 14 days starting on 13<sup>th</sup> August, the timing arranged to coincide with the next meeting between the two clubs.

**Resolved: Maltby to be advised of the action taken by Thornaby.**

**Whilst welcoming the action taken by Thornaby, on the advice of the League CWO, the club to be reminded of their, and their players, responsibility with regard to young players. It was also noted that no apology had been offered by either club or player.**

## **DISCIPLINE**

### **Sedgefield**

A misconduct report had been submitted by umpires G Abbott & G Spalding relating to the behaviour of A Shepherd during the Div.1 match away to Redcar on the 18<sup>th</sup> June.

In accordance with procedures laid down in league rules, Sedgefield had been asked to consider taking their own disciplinary action and had since notified the League that the player had been suspended by the club for a period of 28 days commencing on 4<sup>th</sup> July.

**Resolved: The Committee considered that the action taken, which was in line with recommendations, was appropriate and no further action was required by the Disciplinary Committee.**

### **Whitby**

A misconduct report had been submitted by umpires M Eland and I Oliver relating to the behaviour of C Lyth during the Div.1 match at home to Redcar on the 25<sup>th</sup> June.

In accordance with procedures laid down in league rules, Whitby had been asked to consider taking their own disciplinary action and had since notified the league that the player had been suspended by the club for a period of 14 days commencing on 10<sup>th</sup> July.

**Resolved: The Committee considered that the action taken, which was in line with recommendations, was appropriate and no further action was required by the Disciplinary Committee.**

**As this was the second suspension issued to a Whitby player this season an automatic points deduction would apply in accordance with Disciplinary Rule 7.**

**10 points to be deducted from the Div.1 team and 10 points from the Div.2 team.**

### **Wolviston**

A misconduct report had been submitted by umpires A Pagan and T Montgomery relating to the behaviour of A Shahid during the Div.3 match at home to Yarm on the 25<sup>th</sup> June.

In accordance with procedures laid down in league rules, Wolviston had been asked to consider taking their own disciplinary action and had since notified the league that the player had been suspended by the club for a period of 14 days commencing on 4<sup>th</sup> July.

**Resolved: The Committee considered that the action taken, which was in line with recommendations, was appropriate and no further action was required by the Disciplinary Committee.**

### **Darlington**

A misconduct report had been submitted by umpires M Moore and M Nicholls relating to the behaviour of A Harwood during the SD1 match away to Middlesbrough on the 26<sup>th</sup> June.

In accordance with procedures laid down in league rules, Darlington had been asked to consider taking their own disciplinary action and had since notified the league that the player had been suspended by the club for a period of 14 days commencing on 18<sup>th</sup> July.

**Resolved: The Committee considered that the action taken, which was in line with recommendations, was appropriate and no further action was required by the Disciplinary Committee.**

### **Marske**

A misconduct report had been submitted by umpire K Foster relating to the behaviour of C Drinkel during the Div.3 match at home to Sedgefield on the 25<sup>th</sup> June.

Before being notified by the league of the umpires report, Marske had taken their own disciplinary action and had notified the league that the player had been suspended by the club for a period of 14 days commencing on 27<sup>th</sup> June.

**Resolved: The Committee considered that the action taken was appropriate and no further action was required by the Disciplinary Committee.**

#### **Shildon Railway**

A misconduct report had been submitted by umpire J Dykes relating to the behaviour of B Upton during the Div.2 match at home to Newton Aycliffe on the 16<sup>th</sup> July.

In accordance with procedures laid down in league rules, Shildon had been asked to consider taking their own disciplinary action and had since notified the league that the player had been suspended by the club for a period of 28 days commencing on 29<sup>th</sup> July.

**Resolved: The Committee considered that the action taken, which was in line with recommendations, was appropriate and no further action was required by the Disciplinary Committee.**

#### **Richmondshire**

A misconduct report had been submitted by umpires D Oliver and B Noor relating to the behaviour of T Bulcock during the Macmillan Cup Final against Middlesbrough played at Darlington on the 14<sup>th</sup> July.

In accordance with procedures laid down in league rules, Richmondshire had been asked to consider taking their own disciplinary action and a response was awaited.

**Subsequent to the LMC meeting the DRC had been advised by the club that they had suspended the player for a period of time up to and including the 13<sup>th</sup> August – the suspension period covering 7 matches in total, which included a 3-day Minor Counties match. Having due regard for disciplinary regulation 7.3 in relation to ECB registered cricketers the DRC had confirmed the action taken was acceptable.**

#### **Normanby Hall**

A misconduct report had been submitted by umpires T Briddock and D Allison relating to the behaviour of J Leech during the Div.2 match at home to Darlington on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

In accordance with procedures laid down in league rules, Normanby Hall had been asked to consider taking their own disciplinary action.

**Subsequent to the LMC meeting the DRC had been advised by the club that they had suspended the player for a period of 14 days commencing on the 31st July and the DRC had confirmed that the action taken was acceptable.**

#### **Umpires Match Report Cautions**

M Rix	Redcar	No Appeal and fine paid.
S Berry	Redcar	No Appeal and fine paid.
I Hussain	Great Ayton	7 day suspension imposed by the club
S Bell	Darlington RA	No Appeal and fine paid.
L Prosser	Hartlepool	No Appeal and fine paid.
G Upton	Shildon Railway	No Appeal and fine paid.
C Veazey	Normanby Hall	No Appeal and fine paid
C Witherley	Normanby Hall	No Appeal and fine paid
N Khan	Billingham Synthonia	Review requested by the club

#### **Social Media**

There had been a couple of further instances of social media indiscretions which had been brought to the attention of the committee. Both had been dealt with by deletion of the comments and full and unreserved apologies issued.

**Resolved: All clubs be reminded of the League's social media protocol, particularly the 'two strikes and you're out' policy whereby, depending on the nature of the indiscretions, clubs would be given one warning and if a further instance occurred it would result in formal disciplinary action.**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## **REGISTRATIONS**

### **REGISTRATIONS CONFIRMED**

#### **Amateur Transfers**

Nilesh Choudhari	Darlington RA	to Rockliffe Park
Mahender Singh Yadar	Houghton	to Rockliffe Park
Harshal Deshmukh	Norwood	to Marton
Muhammad Arslan Riaz	Yarm	to Great Ayton
Nick Goldsmith	Worsley	to Stokesley
Max Cowey	Saltburn	to Guisborough
Nathan Walton	South Hetton	to Blackhall
Syed Munnavar Adil Ahmed	Hartlepool	to Wolviston
Mukhtar Ahmed	Redcar	to Rockliffe Park
Josh Cartledge	Newcastle & Hartwell	to Stokesley
Antony Peace	Hornden	to Blackhall
Jonathan Coates	Guisborough	to Maltby
Gary Cunliffe	Hartlepool	to Blackhall
Neil Russell	Redcar	to Guisborough

### **DE-REGISTRATION OR WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION**

#### **Overseas Amateur**

Ulrich Boshoff	Marske	Withdrawn
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### **REGISTRATIONS CONFIRMED**

#### **Overseas Amateur**

William Elliott	Marske
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#### **Amateur Player Special Registration**

Harshal Deshmukh	Marton
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#### **Substitute Professional Registration (Overseas)**

Darren Paul Hill	Stokesley
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(D Mulholland certified unfit until 16<sup>th</sup> September)

#### **Paid Employee Registration**

Alan Vanham	Saltburn	Bar Person & Tennis G/man
Harvey Spaxman	Thornaby	P/T Bar Person
Colin Thompson	Saltburn	G/man
Peter John Bentley	Darlington	G/man

## **REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET**

### **Scarborough Festival Match**

The League had been invited to play an inter-league game against the Yorkshire ECB Premier League to open the Scarborough Cricket Festival on Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> August.

**Resolved: A coach would be hired to take both players and spectators to this prestigious game – details would be sent to clubs shortly.**

#### **Bede Financial Group Wilkinson Cup**

The senior league side were scheduled to play the North East Premier League in the semi-final before the end of July but no dates had yet been offered by the opponents.

Subsequent to the meeting, and in an effort to make progress, the NYSD had offered to host the game if the NEPL were having difficulty, but the NEPL had then advised they were withdrawing from the competition. The NYSD will now, therefore, meet the NTSL in the final at Marske on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September

#### **Bede Financial Group North East U21 Championship**

The NYSD side had defeated the NTSL by 2 wickets in an exciting semi-final played at Lanchester. The final is scheduled for September 4<sup>th</sup> at Whitburn and the opponents will be the NEPL.

#### **Joe Lumb Competition**

The league side had not qualified for the semi-final

#### **ECB**

#### **Annual Chairman's Meeting**

The annual meeting of ECB Premier League chairmen had been held at Lord's on the 21<sup>st</sup> July and the president had attended on the NYSD's behalf. A summary was given to the meeting and the meeting notes distributed to committee members.

**Resolved: The meeting notes to be distributed to clubs with these minutes to keep them fully informed of ECBPL developments.**

#### **SEASON 2017**

Clubs would be contacted shortly with a 'mini player survey' questionnaire in which they would be asked to collate player views on certain NYSD specific factors. The survey would need to be returned by clubs in time for the September rules review meeting.

#### **PERFORMANCE OF THE MONTH AWARDS**

The June awards were as follows:

#### **Junior Award**

Adam Beaumont 174no for Normanby Hall v Guisborough on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **Senior Award**

Mike Layfield 154no for Richmondshire v Normanby Hall in the Premier Division on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **HALL OF FAME**

It had been decided that there would be 6 new inductees to the Hall of Fame at the Kerridge Cup final on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July. These would be Peter Armstrong (Preston); John Ashworth (Barnard Castle); Stewart Clarke (Guisborough); Gordon Lake (Stockton); Randall Orchard (Richmondshire) and Susanne Wilkinson (Hartlepool).

Any nominations already made, but not included in the above, will be held on file for future consideration.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr Bainbridge raised a couple of issues:

### **League Cups**

He expressed concern that several league cup matches had been played over 20 overs instead of 24 when there had apparently been no good reason to reduce the overs being played.

The committee agreed this was of concern.

**Resolved: If the format remained the same in 2017 all club captains would be reminded that it is not allowed within the rules for them to be involved in the decision as to the number of overs played – it is entirely the decision of the umpires.**

### **Coaching in Clubs**

He expressed concern that clubs who paid for coaching courses for their players were losing their 'investment' if those individuals subsequently decided to join another club.

It was pointed out that there is a procedure in place that allows clubs to protect their investment when their players were supported in obtaining qualifications. This had been advised to clubs on several occasions in recent years, but if any clubs want further information then they should contact the general secretary.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th August at the Springboard Centre starting at 7:30pm.