

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

Minutes of Management Meeting held at the Springboard Centre, Stokesley
on Wednesday 28th September 2016.

PRESENT – President C W West, D Austin, T Briddock, S Clarke, N Hutchinson, C Nicholls, D Stanwix, G Smith and General Secretary D Watchman.

D Oliver invited to attend in place of M Kirkbright.

APOLOGIES for ABSENCE – A B Bainbridge, S Donlan, and M Kirkbright.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th August 2016 were signed as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

None

FIXTURES SECRETARY

2017 Season Dates

Saturday divisions will start on 22nd April and end on 9th September.

Sunday divisions will be different and will be announced later.

NB – For those Premier clubs who could be involved in the Yorkshire Premier Leagues Championship play-offs, the semi-finals will take place on 16th September (reserve date 17th) and the final on 23rd September (reserve date 24th)

Fixtures arrangement

In view of the significant number of changes likely to be seen in the 2017 calendar it was felt worthwhile to organise a separate fixtures scheduling meeting. This would be attended by Messrs Hutchinson, West and Smith at a date to be agreed between themselves.

RESULTS SECRETARY

Summary Result not added within 24 hours (£10 each)

18/9 SD1 Guisborough

Points incorrect on website (£10 each)

24/8 SD1 Marton

Conceded games

27/8	D2	Normanby Hall conceded at Barnard Castle	£50
27/8	D3	Blackhall at Bedale	£50
10/9	D1	Stokesley at Thornaby	£50
10/9	D3	Marske at Maltby	£50
10/9	D3	Billingham at Seaton Carew	£50

Redcar

The League had worked with Redcar over the last month of the season following significant player availability problems which had affected their ability to complete second team fixtures. The League would continue to monitor the position and work with the club.

Hartlepool CC - Results Entries on Play-cricket

Hartlepool CC have used Total Cricket Scorer for a large part of 2016. When uploading results, they have done it in such a manner that the players' names do not show up in the "standard" play-cricket format.

Names should appear in blue font and are clickable, thus updating players' stats automatically, but instead the results have appeared in a black, non-clickable font and players' stats do not update from these. To correct admin work has to be done to re-select the side in play cricket and re-enter relevant parts of the scorecard to allow it to be displayed as standard.

Hartlepool have done this admin work for their own players but not for the opposition, though it was also noted that some of the home side's players were in the form of "J Bloggs" instead of the League Registered full name, so it is entirely possible their players' stats are also inaccurate in a number of cases.

Technically, a full card is entered and the points are entered correctly, all within specified league timescales, but it results in a number of queries / complaints to the Result Secretary, and makes the end of season averages inaccurate until everything is amended. Hartlepool are the only club in the League to adopt this approach.

Since the President sent out an e-mail on Sept 26th, remedial work had been done to three games by the away sides, however, three further games were identified as still being incomplete at the time of this report. The Result Secretary has now performed the necessary work on behalf of the away sides.

Resolved – The LMC expressed disappointment at this approach to result entry which had caused significant work for league officials and opponents. Hartlepool should undertake training to ensure this does not happen again in 2017, and they should also immediately check the accuracy of their own players' entries and if there are any amendments that affect averages they should be advised to Mr Donlan on or before the 6th October.

CUP FINALS

NYSD Fifteens

All finals were cancelled due to the weather on the scheduled date of August 28th.

The Div.1, Div. 2/3 and Junior finals were completed at Billingham on Sunday 18th September. Seaton Carew, however, could not play on that date therefore the Premier Div. final was completed on an evening at Great Ayton

Resolved: Due to loss of revenue arising from the original cancellation and subsequent relocation of the Premier Div. final, Billingham would be invited to host the 2017 finals day with any costs incurred in the two 2016 finals days to be covered by the League. Redcar, previously awarded the 2017 finals, had indicated their agreement to delaying hosting the event until 2018.

Nat West U19 T20 Blast

Hartlepool had lost to Shotley Bridge in the floodlit final at the Riverside on Friday 9th September. An excellent game and event.

Resolved: Formal thanks to the DCB for hosting the final.

Junior Cup Final

After two cancellations, the final had eventually been completed at Barnard Castle on September 11th when the home team defeated Saltburn.

Presentations

The president referenced the fact that during the season a grand total of 31 trophy presentations had been made and that, in all, 46 presentations had been prepared for before abandonments caused some delays. Thanks were issued to all those involved in assisting to deliver this remarkable outcome, the biggest such undertaking in the League's history.

PERFORMANCE OF THE MONTH AWARDS

The awards were as follows:

July

Junior Award

F Hussain (Marske) 6-39 v Stokesley in Premier Division

Senior Award

L Beaumont (Normanby Hall) 7-25 and 42no v Billingham in Premier Division

August

Junior Award

H Spaxman (Thornaby) 52* and 3-17 v Wolviston in Hornby Cup Final

Senior Award

S Charlton (Richmondshire) 7-30 v Hartlepool in Premier Division

September

Junior Award

C Doughney (Redcar) 8-31 v Redcar in SD2

Senior Award

D Walker (Bedale) 110 and 3-3 (inc hat-trick) v Northallerton in Division 3

TREASURERS REPORT

Financials

A balance of £33,669.93 was reported with one unpaid bill of £534 due to T.I.M. for trophies.

Contingent liabilities totalled £4,082.

Invoices from Billingham Synthonia (15's finals) and Marton (Kerridge final and Yorkshire Vikings match) had been paid.

Banking

The League currently use the Yorkshire Bank but the Bishop Auckland branch had now closed.

Resolved: The Treasurer's recommendation that the account be transferred to Barclays Bank was agreed unanimously.

Umpires Cost Equalisations

Clubs have been separately provided with the umpires cost equalisation calculations, and these will be applied to the club end of season invoices to be issued by the treasurer.

2016 HONORARIA

In accordance with rule the LMC agree honoraria for the following year to enable them to present their proposals for ratification at the AGM.

Resolved: Given there had been no increases for several years the president proposed that all honoraria should be increased by £50. This was agreed unanimously by all none-interested parties and the amounts would then be - General Secretary £800, Fixtures Secretary £500, Results Secretary £500, Treasurer £500, Umpires Coordinator £750.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

Applications for grants from the League for contributions towards course fees incurred during the previous 12 months were considered with the following agreed:

UKCC Coaching Courses

Sedgefield

A grant of £250 was awarded to the club towards the cost of Level 2 courses for M Lower, K Latcham and C Whitelock.

Darlington RA

A grant of £125 was awarded to the club towards the cost of a Level 2 course for P Scott

Marton

A grant of £250 was awarded to the club towards the cost of Level 2 courses for A Morrow, D Knight and L Gettings

Umpires on the NYSD Panel

Darlington RA were awarded a grant of £100 in respect of D Eckels having completed a full season on the league umpires list.

Blackhall were awarded a grant of £100 in respect of D Newlove having completed a full season on the league umpires list.

In addition, and as agreed previously by the LMC, D Eckels, M Moore, D Newlove and B Whitton were each awarded £40 to cover their training course fees having completed the minimum requirement of ten NYSD games on the league list.

An application from Hartlepool was deferred as D Metcalfe had not yet officiated in the minimum number of NYSD matches to trigger a grant.

UMPIRES CO-ORDINATOR

AGM

It was reported that M Kirkbright would not be applying for re-election at the next AGM and that D Oliver had agreed to take over the position.

Resolved: The LMC to propose D Oliver for the position of UC at the 2016 AGM

Umpire Recruitment

It was proposed that a 2 hour introductory course be arranged for November with a view to preparing potential umpires for the Level 1 course scheduled to start at Stockton on Monday 9th January.

Resolved: Mr Oliver to arrange and advise details for issue to clubs. Each club would be required to send one representative.

FAIR PLAY AWARDS

The awards for 2016 were as follows:

Premier Division £500 Stokesley

Rest of League £250 Yarm

Resolved: To be presented at the awards evening in accordance with normal procedure.

BALIOL HOUSE CRICKET TEA AWARDS

The awards for 2016 were as follows:

Winning club - Richmondshire

Highly Commended: Darlington, Maltby, Hartlepool and Whitby

Resolved: All awards to be presented at the beginning of the next season.

DISCIPLINE

Saltburn

Following the misconduct report relating to the behaviour of J Ellison, as reported in the last minutes, the club had since notified the league that the player had been suspended for a period of 14 days commencing on 22nd August.

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 N Pratt & D Oliver relating to the behaviour of J Vickerman during the Prem. Div. match away to Barnard Castle on the 29th August. 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 14 days. 7 days from the 12th September 2016 with the other 7 days from the start of the 2017 season.

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 Darlington player this season an automatic points deduction would apply in accordance with Disciplinary Rule 7.

10 points to be deducted from the Prem. Div. team and 10 points from the SD1 team.

Umpires Match Report Cautions

K Brown Saltburn No appeal.

Fine still currently outstanding. In accordance with rule the player is not allowed to play until the fine is paid.

Shildon Railway

Following the disciplinary notices issued to the club in respect of reported social media abuse the club had suspended M Lumley for a period of 14 days from the 1st September, and formally cautioned S Nevison.

Resolved: The actions of the club accepted and clubs in general reminded of their social media obligations.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ALL CLUBS REVISIT THE ECB CODE OF CONDUCT RELATING TO THE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA (2.1.7), AS WELL AS THE LEAGUE'S SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES (Page 150 of the handbook), AND ENSURE THAT ALL THEIR MEMBERS ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE CODES AND EXPECTED STANDARDS.

CORRESPONDENCE

Cricket Balls

Requests received from both Grey Nicolls and Lords to send sample cricket balls for trialling.

Resolved: Previous attempts to trial balls had not been met with the required report on standard and suitability. Both companies to be advised that little or no opportunity exists to use balls other than as specified in league rules, but if they wanted to send samples they could.

Billingham Synthonia v Norton

A complaint had been received from Billingham relating to the behaviour of umpire D Metcalfe on the day of the above match.

Mr Metcalfe had arrived at the ground to find the game had been cancelled. A message had been left on his mobile phone to that effect. Billingham had refused to pay the umpires expenses as specified in league rules. Correspondence had also been received from Mr Metcalfe indicating his displeasure at the treatment received upon his arrival at the club and he had subsequently resigned from the umpires panel.

Irrespective of the claims and counter claims made by the respective parties disappointment was expressed that the issue could not have been resolved amicably.

In respect of the league programme on the day in question, every game was abandoned, but in almost every case the umpires had already travelled to the grounds for a 12.30 start as rain had only begun to fall late in the morning.

Resolved: Billingham were liable for the umpire's expenses and the amount would be included in their end of season invoice and forwarded to the umpire by the League.

Maltby v Billingham Synthonia

A complaint had been received from the Billingham's 3rd team captain about the behaviour of some Maltby players whilst Billingham were batting in the above match. The umpires match report had indicated a low mark for the behaviour of Maltby players. Further enquiries had revealed that the majority had behaved in a reasonable manner but three in particular had caused them to reduce the mark, although nothing specific had warranted a formal report.

Resolved: The complaint was not submitted in accordance with league rule 32 and therefore could not be considered as a formal protest. It was agreed, however, that a copy of the complaint should be sent to Maltby for their information.

REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET

Bede Financial Group Wilkinson Cup

The final, scheduled for 11th September at Marske CC, had been conceded by the NTSL.

NE U21 Championship

The final, scheduled for 18th September at Whitburn CC, had been conceded by the NYSD League.

The concession greatly disappointed the League, but it was noted that the match had been subject to two re-arrangements, both at very short notice with the final date then clashing with several cup finals and a full Sunday League programme on the final day of the regular season.

Under 17s

The trials night for the 2017 Joe Lumb team had been arranged for Monday 23rd January at the Emirates Riverside in Chester-le-Street.

Andy Batchelor had indicated he did not wish to continue as team manager in the 2017 season.

Resolved: Thanks expressed to Mr Batchelor for his services in the past.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Nunthorpe

The club had expressed a desire to join the NYSD League and had requested an informal meeting with league officials to discuss the way forward. They had submitted the appropriate documentation which provided authorisation from their two current leagues to enter into discussions.

Resolved: General Secretary to contact the club and agree a date and time in October for the meeting.

CLUBMARK

It was reported that all Premier Division clubs were up to date having completed the annual health check, however a couple of clubs in lower divisions had let their accreditation lapse.

Resolved: All reminded that any club desirous of playing in the Premier Division must have Clubmark accreditation in place and up to date.

SPONSORS

The president had arranged meetings with both Teesside University and Darlington Building Society to discuss the League's sponsorship agreements. Both would take place on Tuesday 4th October.

ECB

Data Cleansing

The recently produced end of season figures for Premier clubs had indicated a disappointing level of activity by those clubs over the season, with the outcomes very little changed from those evidenced in April. Because of this it was unlikely that the League would meet its ECB target in this regard.

Resolved: End of season Premier figures to be provided to all with a reminder of how important this issue was for retention of players and participation.

Club Websites

Again there appeared to have been little work done by many clubs despite repeated requests for minimal levels of information to be posted. Concern was expressed that many clubs were 'shooting themselves in the foot' by failing to promote themselves to their members and communities through the most obvious vehicle for doing so. In an age when many clubs are struggling to field teams and need more members and volunteers a vibrant and informative website was considered to be one of the most important means for clubs to self-publicise.

Resolved: To remind clubs they were asked to have the following minimum league details on their site – league logo, DBS and TU logos, GNAAS logo, and NYSD Presentation evening details. All these had been sent to clubs six months ago, but if any club wishes to receive further copies they should contact the president.

Accreditation Payments

Details of the ECB Premier Division accreditation performance targets and payment details for clubs had been issued earlier in the year – as detailed above certain targets had not been met by some clubs and this would be reflected in their end of season payments from the league.

Resolved: The performance related accreditation payments to clubs would be made via the end of season invoices and pro forma issued by the treasurer.

Cricket Unleashed

It was reported that, following the re-structure of their recreational game department, the new personnel, as detailed in the August minutes, were now in place, and the ECB's new 5-year strategy for the recreational game would begin to be rolled out across the country in the next few months.

PRPF Returns October 2016

The end of season returns to the ECB covering fair play, pitch marking and umpires marking were now ready for submission to Lord's in early October.

DCB

The DCB had expressed a desire to hold a course for fast bowlers in the u15 to u17 age groups during November in the Stockton area and had asked the NYSD to canvas its clubs. Currently 8 clubs had put forward 24 players for the course which would be solely administered by the DCB – those clubs who had nominated would hear direct from them.

YCB

It was intended to hold L1 and L2 Coaches Education Courses in the Middlesbrough area if sufficient interest were forthcoming. All clubs had been circularised with the details although the response to date had been modest.

Resolved: Any club who have missed the e mail providing details and would like to know more should contact the president asap.

YORKSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUES CHAMPIONSHIP

The first ever YPLC semi-final had been held at Headingley on the 17th September. Great Ayton had represented the NYSD having finished as the leading Yorkshire team in the Premier Division, but had lost the game against the Bradford League champions, Pudsey St Lawrence, by the narrow margin of 7 runs in an absorbing contest.

Resolved: Thanks to be sent to Yorkshire and the YPLMB for their organisation of a unique competition which had aroused significant interest.

PRESENTATION EVENING 2016

All clubs were provided with posters and tickets at the pre-season meeting of clubs in April.

ACTION POINT: All clubs are referred to Appendix A for instructions and deadlines concerning the presentation night.

HALL OF FAME

It was proposed that John Glendenen be this year's marquee induction at the presentation evening and this was confirmed unanimously.

AVERAGES AND AWARDS

Qualification criteria and requests for award nominations had been issued to all clubs.

NB - Any queries and nominations for awards are required no later than 6th October.

NYSD PLAYER SURVEY

The response to the survey had been encouraging with only 5 clubs failing to reply. Almost 1,000 player responses were received – a national record in terms of survey responses from one league.

Resolved: Copies of the outcomes to be distributed with the minutes.

RULES REVIEW

A meeting of the rules review sub-committee had been separately held to formulate proposals based on the results of the survey and copies of these had been previously provided to all members of the LMC for consideration. A finalised set of rule proposals was agreed and would be issued to clubs in the normal manner by mid-October.

IT and the NYSD

Over the next few months the ECB is likely to launch significant new capabilities and enhancements to play-cricket and player comms and the president outlined the need for a dedicated person to deal with technological matters on the League's behalf, including updating and modernising the website amongst a number of other things.

Resolved: This requirement to be advertised. The position would carry an honorarium and would not involve attendance at meetings.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

League History

It was pointed out that the League's historical records had not been updated since the centenary year, and with the 125 anniversary on the horizon it would be beneficial to attempt to have records updated.

Resolved: Stephen Brenkley had offered to co-ordinate the updating of records with all clubs to be contacted over the close-season for updated information. This offer was accepted.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th October at the Springboard Centre starting at 7:30pm

PLEASE SEE APPENDIX A ATTACHED BELOW RE PRESENTATION EVENING INSTRUCTIONS TO CLUBS

APPENDIX A

LEAGUE PRESENTATION DINNER

FRIDAY THE 18th NOVEMBER 2016

INSTRUCTIONS TO CLUBS

Summary reminder:

Venue: Marton Hotel & Country Club

Timings: Dinner served 7.30pm prompt

Carriages: Midnight

Ticket price: £30

Main guests: Andrew Gale – Yorkshire CCC Captain and Tom Binns – of BBC Comedy Playhouse fame

MC: Dave Callaghan – BBC Radio Leeds

Ticket Ordering Arrangements

Please ensure that Derek Watchman has your **initial estimate of numbers** actually attending from your club **by Monday 7th November**. It would be easiest if orders were placed by e-mail although postal details will be accepted if the former is a problem. (please copy in the president).

Don't worry if you feel you may be one or two out if you are waiting for people to get back to you – minor adjustments after the 7th will be allowed – we need to have your best estimates by that date.

In terms of **EXACT** numbers of attendees, **if these subsequently become different from the estimate, then we need to know your final figure by Tuesday the 15th November**.

Please use the following e-mail addresses when sending in your orders – derekwatchman@hotmail.co.uk and copy in cwcpress@btconnect.com

Payment for Tickets

As in previous years we would request that clubs send a remittance for their overall number of tickets to arrive in David Stanwix's hands **by Thursday the 17th November at the latest**.

(NB - Full member clubs with three senior teams are required to purchase a minimum of ten tickets, full member clubs with two senior teams eight tickets, full member clubs with one senior team six tickets and affiliate member clubs four tickets - although there is no upper limit on the number of tickets that may be ordered).